

**ORDINANCE NO. 374
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 374.1)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 374 ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER "SHERIFF'S RESERVE CORPS" TO PROVIDE TRAINED AUXILIARIES AND RESERVES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR CIVIL DEFENSE OR DISASTER DUTY AND PROVIDING FOR THE TRAINING, DUTIES, AND CONTROL OF ITS MEMBERS AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SUCH MEMBERS AS DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SHERIFF'S RESERVE & VOLUNTEER CORPS: hereinafter called "Corps," is hereby established as a voluntary organization composed of persons appointed by the Sheriff of Riverside County, said persons to serve as a unit of the Riverside County Emergency Council pursuant to the provisions of County Ordinance No. 533.3, or any other ordinance establishing an emergency council or disaster council for the County of Riverside, and to state laws which relate to civil defense and disaster service. The members of the Sheriff's Corps may assist the sheriff in performance of his duties.

Section 2. DIVISION OF FORCES. To facilitate organization and maintain efficient administration of the forces the sheriff may establish or disband such general and specialized units as he deems necessary and appropriate.

Section 3. SHERIFF TO HAVE CONTROL. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, and rules and regulations of the state, regional and local disaster councils, the control of the forces shall be vested in the sheriff. He may appoint as members thereof any person whom he deems to be qualified, and may reject any application for membership. He shall provide for the training of personnel in general law enforcement activities and such other activities as he may deem appropriate, and, for that purpose, may assign such members to various tasks, duties, training or other activities. The sheriff shall develop and maintain written operational procedures and instructions to govern the conduct of the forces and its activities.

Section 4. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT. No person shall become a member of the forces until he is able to meet the requirements prescribed by law and the sheriff. When so qualified and selected, he shall then be sworn in by the sheriff or a commissioned sheriff's representative, as a member of the forces, and may be registered as a disaster service worker upon forms prescribed by the Emergency Council of the County of Riverside, and take the oath prescribed therefor.

Section 5. DUTIES OF THE CORPS. In order to effectuate the purpose of the Corps, the Sheriff may, by order, establish rules and regulations to govern the Corps and its duties, providing however, that such rules and regulations do not conflict with those provided by the California State Disaster Council. He may change such orders from time to time.

Section 6. IDENTIFICATION. An identification card, badge, and/or such other insignia or evidence of identification as the sheriff may prescribe, may be issued. Each member must surrender all county property issued to him upon the termination of his membership.

Section 7. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP--RESIGNATION. The membership of any person in the Corps may be terminated at any time by the Sheriff for cause satisfactory to himself; and any member may resign from the Corps at any time upon notifying the Sheriff of his resignation.

Section 8. MEMBERSHIP LIMITS. The sheriff may diminish or expand the forces as he deems necessary and appropriate.

Section 9. FALSE PERSONATION. It shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not to exceed six (6) months or by fine not to exceed one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars, or both, for any person, not a member of the Corps:

- a. To wear, carry or display a Corps identification card, badge, cap piece or insignia;
- or
- b. In any manner, to represent himself to be connected with the Corps.

Section 10. UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT. The necessary uniforms and equipment for members, and the proper use of such uniforms and equipment, shall be prescribed by the sheriff.

Section 11. INJURY ON DUTY. Force members shall be entitled to medical and hospital treatment and compensation for injury and death as "Disaster Service Workers," or as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of California.

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