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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 77-195

June 27, 1977

***1 In Re: Auxiliary Police Officers, Training Required**

Honorable L. E. Stevens

Chief of Police

Inman, South Carolina

Dear Chief Stevens:

You have inquired whether or not auxiliary police officers of Inman are required to be trained at the Criminal Justice Academy. It is my understanding that Inman has a population of less than 2500.

Act 687 of 1976 authorizes appointment of auxiliary police officers by a chief of police (municipality) and provides that Act 1186 of 1970 shall apply to such officers.

Act 1186 of 1970 (requiring police officers to attend the Criminal Justice Academy within one year after date of appointment) contains an exception:

‘The provisions of this article (Act 1186 of 1970) shall not apply to any municipality having a population of less than two thousand five hundred persons or which does not have at least five full-time police officers.’ (Emphasis added).

In view of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that auxiliary police officers of the City of Inman retain full police authority even though they might not have attended the Criminal Justice Academy within one year after appointment.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman

Deputy Attorney General

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