

Residents and Businesses of Pittsburgh:

Under the rules and regulations of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, Pittsburgh police officers can make themselves available to work off-duty assignments for a wide range of businesses, community activities and appropriate private events. This “secondary employment” is a voluntary activity on the part of individual officers, and is premised on the off-duty officer’s law enforcement powers. These powers are conferred by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police which, under all circumstances, is the primary employer of the off-duty officer. In an effort to ensure the fairness and uniform application of these rules and regulations as they apply to the officers as well as the public, we are implementing new procedures applicable to all secondary employment.

Effective April 7, 2007, any entity or individual wishing to employ off-duty Pittsburgh Police Officers for secondary employment must be approved by the Bureau of Police. To receive approval, the entity or individual must submit a fully executed Secondary Employment Application Agreement to the Bureau’s Office of Special Events. A link to the application can be found at the end of this notice.

An Application Agreement must be submitted by all prospective “Secondary Employers” of Pittsburgh Police Officers, and must be approved by the Bureau. This includes those Secondary Employers that have employed off-duty officers in the past.

To avoid an interruption in service, Secondary Employers must submit the fully executed Application Agreement by April 1, 2007. After April 9, 2007, off-duty Pittsburgh Police Officers will be prohibited from working details for any entity that has failed to receive Bureau approval to act as a Secondary Employer.

Upon completing and submitting the application, the Secondary Employer will receive additional information related to these new procedures. In the meantime, any questions can be directed to the Office of Special Events at 412-323-7825.

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