

BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS** CALEA STD. REF.

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**NOTE:** In any civil action against any individual, agency or governmental entity, including the State of New Hampshire, arising out of the conduct of a law enforcement officer having the powers of a peace officer, standards of conduct embodied in policies, procedures, rules, regulations, codes of conduct, orders or other directives of a State, County or local law enforcement agency shall not be admissible to establish negligence when such standards of conduct are higher than the standard of care which would otherwise have been applicable in such action under State law. (R.S.A. 516:36).

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**I. POLICY:**

This policy sets forth the prohibitions concerning members of the department belonging to organizations which would represent a conflict of interest with their employment by the Police Department.

**II. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to delineate those organizations in which membership would be prohibited.

**III. PROCEDURES:**

**A. Memberships**

No member of the department shall be a member of any organization which advocates the violent overthrow of the government of the United States, the State of New Hampshire, or any unit of local government, or participate in any organization which has a purpose, aim, objective, or any practices which are contrary to the obligations of a law enforcement officer under these rules and regulations, and NH RSA 648:2.