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PLEASE POST PROMINENTLY - READING LIST ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Police Department Appointing Authorities; Police Chiefs
FROM: Regina Caggiano, Director of Civil Service
DATE: March 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Reading List for Statewide Police Captain Examinations

STATEWIDE POLICE CAPTAIN

EXAMINATION DATE — MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

This reading list will pertain to the Human Resource Division Written Examinations for Statewide Police Captain that are administered in 2026.

All candidates are responsible for reading all the texts and other materials listed below and on all pages of this announcement. Please note carefully which edition and/or date of publication are listed for each item. All chapters, appendices, glossaries, etc., are included unless otherwise noted. All examination questions will be based on these materials.

READING LIST FOR CAPTAIN

Criminal Law: Massachusetts Police Manual 2025 (2025). Scheft, John S.; Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC.

- **Chapter 3**
- **Chapter 5**
- **Chapter 7**
- **Chapter 9**
- **Chapter 12**
- **Chapters 15-17**
- **Chapter 23**
- **Chapters 27-28**
- **Chapter 32**

Criminal Procedure: Massachusetts Police Manual 2025 (2025) Scheft, John S.; Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC.

- **Chapters 10-11**
- **Chapter 16**
- **Chapter 19**
- **Chapters 22-23**

Juvenile Law: Massachusetts Police Manual 2025 (2025) Scheft, John S.; Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC.

- **Chapter 8**
- **Chapter 10**
- **Chapter 17**
- **Chapter 20**
- **Chapter 22**

Supplement: Massachusetts Police Manual 2026 (2026). Scheft, John S.; Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC.

- **Section 1. Procedure**
 - **Ethics:** pg. 1-1
 - **Community Caretaking:** pg. 1-2 – 1-3
 - **Difficult Gun Decision:** pg. 1-4 – 1-5
 - **Frisks During Traffic & Pedestrian Stops:** pg. 1-7 – 1-12
 - **Use of Force:** pg. 1-12 – 1-14
 - **Out-of-State Jurisdiction:** pg. 1-16 – 1-18
 - **Response to Emotionally Disturbed Persons (EDPs):** pg. 1-19 – 1-22
 - **Search Warrant:** pg. 1-23 – 1-25
 - **Exigent Circumstances:** pg. 1-25 – 1-26
 - **The Emergency Aid Doctrine:** pg. 1-27 – 1-28
 - **Electronic Evidence:** pg. 1-31 – 1-36
- **Section 2. Criminal Law**
 - **Assault with a Dangerous Weapon:** pg. 2-2 – 2-3
 - **Annoying & Accosting and Trafficking:** pg. 2-6 – 2-7
 - **Domestic Violence & Harassment Prevention Orders:** pg. 2-7 – 2-13
 - **Firearms:** pg. 2-13 – 2-22
 - **Eviction, Constables, & Police UOF:** pg. 2-27 – 2-28

Note: Exclude all forms and worksheets

Police Administration: Structures, Processes, and Behaviors 10th Edition (2021) Swanson, Taylor, Territo, Liederbach. Pearson. ISBN 9780135728338

- **Chapter 4**
- **Chapter 6**
- **Chapters 8-15**

Essential Leadership Lessons from the Thin Blue Line (2021) Crisp, Dean. Torchflame Book. ISBN: 9781611533798

Entire text

Note: Check back on the Civil Service Exams webpage for Situational Judgement Test (SJT) Preparation Guide coming (May) and Experience and Education (E&E) preparation Guide coming (August)! Click [here](#) to view the examination schedule.

PUBLISHERS OF READING LIST TEXTS

Law Enforcement Dimensions, 7 Central Street, Suite 100, Arlington, MA 02476; (781) 646-4377;
<http://www.ledimensions.com>

Pearson Education, Inc./Prentice Hall, 200 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675; (800) 947-7700;
www.pearson.com

Note: The paperback version of Police Administration: Structures, Processes, and Behaviors is available as a rental and can be purchased after the rental period is over.

Torchflame Books: an imprint of Light Messages Publishing, Durham NC 27713;
www.torchflamebooks.com

Please note that the Human Resources Division does not recommend specific retailers for the purchase of reading list texts. For local vendors, contact the publishers at the telephone number or website listed, or check with the Chief of your department or local union representative for assistance. Many local retailers will be able to special-order any text not carried in stock.

Any questions regarding the reading list may be directed to Nick Kartvelishvili, Test Development Program Manager at Nika.Kartvelishvili@mass.gov. A copy of this reading list is posted on the Human Resources Division website at www.mass.gov/hrd/readinglists.