

The City of Boston



EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAYOR MICHELLE WU

Executive Order Relative to Boston Police Operation Division Positions

WHEREAS, the Boston Police Department's Operations Division serves as the City's primary agency for receiving, transmitting, and dispatching emergency and non-emergency calls for law enforcement, emergency, medical, and other public safety services, and for supervising employees who perform those functions;

WHEREAS, the Boston Police Department seeks to ensure that all Operations Division civilian positions are properly classified within the City of Boston as public safety first responders to comport with the extensive regimen of training, education, and certification necessary to carry out these roles;

WHEREAS, the Boston Police Department seeks to ensure that civilian positions in the Operations Division are fully staffed with trained, certified employees dedicated to fulfilling their crucial public safety functions;

WHEREAS, the Boston Police Department wants to maintain an Operations Division that is an attractive place to work and that provides pathways to career advancement for civilian personnel;

WHEREAS, the City of Boston seeks to confer upon Boston Police Department Operations Division civilian employees recognition, dignity, and respect for their devotion to an exceptionally difficult and demanding profession;

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WHEREAS, the City of Boston understands that the designation of Operations Division civilian employees as public safety employees requires a change in state law to become effective, but believes that this is nonetheless an important step for the City of Boston to take at the municipal level;

WHEREAS, the City of Boston recognizes that the second week of April each year is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, a time to celebrate and thank telecommunications personnel across the Nation who serve our communities, citizens and public safety personnel twenty four (24) hours a day, seven days a week.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Executive Officer by order of the City of Boston pursuant to St. 1948, c. 452, s. 11, and every other power hereto enabling, I hereby order and direct as follows:

1. I, Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston, with the full support of and upon the recommendation by Police Commissioner Michael Cox, hereby declare that the City of Boston recognizes all Boston Police Department Operations Division civilian employees as first responders whose role and functions are based in public safety rather than solely clerical or administrative.
2. To this end, I hereby order every City cabinet, department, agency, and office to take all necessary steps to implement this Executive Order.



Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

Date: April 14, 2023