
INTERPRETIVE RULE

NOW COMES the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to N.C. General Statute 17C-6 in a public meeting on May 8, 2026, hereby makes the following interpretive rule. G.S. 17C-2(3) sets out a definition for "Criminal Justice Officer(s)." The Commission hereby interprets the above to include and be limited to the following:

SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

means an appointee of a criminal justice agency or of the state or of any political subdivision of the state who, by virtue of his or her office, is empowered to make arrests for violations of the laws of this state. Specifically excluded from this title are sheriffs and their sworn appointees with arrest authority who are governed by the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS:

- Assistant Chief of Security (DOP)
- Correctional Asst Supt Programs I, II, III, IV
- Associate Warden for Programs
- Assistant Region Director – Institutions
- Chief of Emergency Preparedness
- Chief of Intelligence
- Chief of Security
- Chief of Special Operations
- Confinement Response Violation (CRV) Facility Director
- Correctional Deputy Prison Warden
- Correctional District Manager – Institutions
- Correction Enterprise CEO
- Correction Enterprise Director I, II, III
- Correction Enterprise Manager I, II, III
- Correction Enterprise Supervisor I, II, III (CES I, II, III)
- Correctional Assistant Superintendent I, II, III, IV, V
- Correctional Associate Warden for Operations
- Correctional Captain I, II, III
- Correctional Case Manager
- Correctional Facility Director
- Correctional Facility Superintendent I, II, III
- Correctional Food Service Manager I, II, III
- Correctional Food Service Officer I, II, II
- Correctional Food Service Supervisor I, II, III
- Correctional Housing Unit Manager I, II, III
- Correctional Lieutenant I, II, III
- Correctional Officer I, II, III
- Correctional Prison Warden
- Correctional Programs Supervisor
- Correctional Sergeant I, II, III
- Criminal Analyst
- DCC Asst. Chief of Special Operations
- Deputy Secretary of Institutions

Director of Intelligence Operations
Director of Operations – Institutions
Emergency Preparedness Logistics Officer
Emergency Preparedness Operations Specialist
Female Facilities Operations Manager – Institution
Lead Criminal Analyst
Operations Specialist
Region Director – Institutions
Regional Program Manager – Institutions
Special Operations Chief
Special Operations Director

STATE PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICER POSITIONS:

Assistant Judicial District Manager
Assistant Judicial Division Director
Chief of Emergency Preparedness
Chief of Special Operations
Chief Probation/Parole Officer
Community Supervision Chief Deputy Secretary
Community Supervision Deputy Secretary
Confinement Response Violation (CRV) Facility Director
Criminal Analyst
Asst. Chief of Special Operations, Division of Community Supervision
Deputy Director, Division of Community Supervision
Director, Division of Community Supervision
Emergency Preparedness Logistics Officer
Emergency Preparedness Operations Specialist
Judicial District Manager
Judicial Division Director
Lead Criminal Analyst
Operations Specialist
Probation/Parole Officer
Probation/Parole Field Training Officer
Reentry Director of Services
Special Operations Chief
Special Operations Director
Special Operations Investigator
Special Operations Investigator Supervisor
Special Populations Administrator
Training Administrator

LOCAL CONFINEMENT PERSONNEL;

means any officer, supervisor or administrator of a local confinement facility in North Carolina as defined in G.S. 153A-217, to include Juvenile Detention Home Worker who is defined as any employee of a state or local juvenile detention facility who provides instruction, evaluation, or supervision and custody of juveniles confined therein; or, any officer, supervisor or administrator of a county confinement facility in North Carolina as defined in G.S. 153A-218.

STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICER POSITIONS:

CLINICAL

Clinical Chaplain I
Licensed Mental Health Professional
Psychologist
Registered Nurse
Social Worker
Social Worker Clinical
Social Worker Supervisor
Substance Abuse Counselor, Clinical

HUMAN SERVICES

Housing Unit Supervisor
Youth Counselor
Youth Counselor Supervisor
Youth Counselor Technician
Youth Program/Education Assistant II
Youth Services Behavior Specialist

MANAGERIAL

Casework Associate II
Juvenile Detention Center Director
Juvenile Detention Center Supervisor
Psychological Program Manager
Youth Development Center Assistant Unit Administrator
Youth Development Center Director
Youth Development Center Program Manager

CHIEF COURT COUNSELOR/JUVENILE COURT COUNSELOR POSITIONS:

Juvenile Court Counselor
Juvenile Court Counselor Chief
Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor
Juvenile Court Services Field Specialist