

The Honorable Mayor Thomas M. Menino
Boston, Massachusetts;

As the President of the National Constable's Association, I became interested in an article published in The Boston Globe, dated 22 December 2006. "Minino institutes steps to weed out "bad" constables."

Nevada Revised Statutes; (NRS) Chapter 258 is the law relating to Constables throughout the state of Nevada. In Nevada the office of Constable is a Law Enforcement agency. I have the same authority as the Sheriff and my P.O.S.T certified deputies have the same authority as any Police Officer. We at the National Association believe all Constables and their Deputies have a huge responsibility to their offices, community and to themselves to be properly trained and to pass at the minimum; category 2 Peace Officer training set up by each state. Police Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) require Law Enforcement Officers submit to background investigation prior to being employed and must have the minimum requirements to enforce laws and to carry weapons. The state of Nevada requires the background investigation prior to hire and will allow one year from time of hire to be properly trained. Deputies hired by me, must be P.O.S.T. certified prior to being hired and also must pass a rigorous background investigation prior to being hired and prior to taking the oath of office.

If Constables are designated as Law Enforcement Officers through the individual state laws then these requirements do apply throughout all the states.

My office handles approximately 20,000 civil papers, along with 1.8 million dollars of citizens money each month. The Las Vegas Township Constable's Office operates at a fee for service (set by law) and at no cost to the tax payer. My budget is 2.8 million a year for the enterprise business and as of June 30, 2006 this office has operated in the black with a surplus of 5.6 million dollars, since my administration was first elected in November 1998 and took office in January 1999.

My reason for this e-mail is to inform you that Constables throughout the Country agree with you and your mandates and maybe we, the National Association and your office and the city of Boston might be able to work together to further the cause of this office of Constable. Constable Office is the oldest Law Enforcement office in America. This rich and useful tradition should be held to the highest standards and we believe we can deliver justice at a much reduced cost to our tax payers.

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