

Office of the Attorney General  
State of LOUISIANA

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71-1-1 MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE CIVIL SERVICE

The Chief of Police must determine who is to be the shift supervisor.

Lieutenant T. C. Conques  
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Dear Lieutenant Conques:

You have requested an opinion from our office concerning the seniority system under the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service law.

You state that two persons of the same rank are assigned to the same shift and that one person has seniority in rank and the other person has seniority in time. You ask by what method would the determining factor be made in deciding who becomes the shift supervisor.

We have researched this matter and find that the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law does not cover this type situation. Therefore, in our opinion the decision of who is to be the shift supervisor rests within the sound discretion of the Chief of Police.

If we may be of further help in this matter please call on us.

Sincerely,

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