

Northfield Police Union, New England Police Benevolent Association and Town of Northfield, Decision No. 2009-030 (Case No. P-0803)

Background: The union filed a written majority authorization petition for certification seeking to represent a bargaining unit consisting of certain positions. The town objected on the grounds that the proposed unit lacked requisite 10 employees with the same community of interest; that some of the part-time patrol officers should be excluded from the unit because they were irregular or on call employees; that the sergeant position should be excluded from the unit because it was a supervisory position; and that the administrative assistant position should be excluded from the unit because it was a confidential position.

Decision: The PELRB found that the administrative assistant position was a confidential position and excluded it from the proposed unit. The PELRB also found that the part-time patrol officers were irregular or on call employees and excluded them from the proposed unit. As a result, the proposed bargaining unit contained less than 10 employees required under RSA 273-A:8, I. The PELRB dismissed the petition.

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