

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

Department of Criminal Justice Services

As a law enforcement officer | my fundamental duty | is to serve the community | to safe guard lives and property | to protect the innocent against deception | the weak against oppression or intimidation | and the peaceful against violence or disorder | and to respect the constitutional rights of all | to liberty | equality | and justice | I will keep my private life unsullied | as an example to all | and will behave in a manner | that does not bring discredit | to me or to my agency | I will maintain courageous calm | in the face of danger | scorn | or ridicule | develop self-restraint | and be constantly mindful | of the welfare of others | Honest in thought and deed | both in my personal and official life | I will be exemplary | in obeying the law | and the regulations | of my department | Whatever I see or hear | of a confidential nature | or that is confided to me | in my official capacity | will be kept ever secret | unless revelation is necessary | in the performance of my duty |

I will never act officiously | or permit personal feelings | prejudices | political beliefs | aspirations | animosities | or friendships | to influence my decisions | With no compromise for crime | and with relentless prosecution of criminals | I will enforce the law courteously | and appropriately | without fear or favor | malice or ill will | never employing unnecessary force or violence | and never accepting gratuities |

I recognize the badge of my office | as a symbol of public faith | and I accept it as a public trust | to be held so long as I am true | to the ethics of police service | I will never engage in acts of corruption | or bribery | nor will I condone such acts | by other law enforcement officers | I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies | and their representatives | in the pursuit of justice |

I know that I alone | am responsible | for my own standard of professional performance | and will take every reasonable opportunity | to enhance and improve | my level of knowledge and competence |

I will constantly strive | to achieve these objectives and ideals | dedicating myself before God | to my chosen profession |... **Law Enforcement** |