

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard 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 men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honors in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land 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, animosities or friendship to influence my prosecution of criminals; I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor malice or ill, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office to be a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideas, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession....Law Enforcement.