

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics



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.....AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, MY FUNDAMENTAL DUTY IS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY; TO SAFEGARD 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 MY AGENCY. I WILL MAINTAIN COURAGEOUS AND 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 POLICE 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.