

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 as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be mindful of the welfare of others; honest 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 not act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With discretion in enforcement and relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, without employing unreasonable force or 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 as long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.