# Fort Collins Police Services Policy Manual



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Oath of Office

#### **104.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

Peace officers are sworn to uphold the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions and enforce federal, state, and local laws.

## 104.1.1 OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Before assuming the duties of a peace officer, the Chief of Police shall be required to affirm and abide by the oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer. (Article XII Section 8 of the Colorado Constitution and Article IV Section 4 of the Charter). The oath shall be as follows:

 "I, (state your name), do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Colorado and the Charter, Ordinances and Regulations of the City of Fort Collins; and that I will faithfully perform the duties of my office or employment."

#### 104.1.2 OATH OF OFFICE FOR PEACE OFFICERS

Prior to assuming the duties of a peace officer, all certified employees shall be required to affirm and abide by the oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer. (Article XII Section 8 of the Colorado Constitution). The oath shall be as follows:

 "I, (state your name), do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of the State of Colorado, and the Charter, Ordinances and Regulations of the City of Fort Collins, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of my office or employment."

## 104.1.3 OATH OF OFFICE DECLARATION

After affirming the oath of office, officers will sign a declaration that they have affirmed the oath given by a specified FCPS employee on a specific date.