



LITTLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY DIRECTIVES



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101 LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS AND OATH OF OFFICE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and Oath of Office.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Littleton Police Department that each member of the department abides by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and Oath of Office Pledge.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Oath of Office

All department personnel, sworn and non-sworn, shall take an Oath of Office to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Littleton, and faithfully perform the duties of their office. The Oath of Office shall be administered by the Chief of Police, Municipal Judge, City Clerk or designee.

Oath of Office:

I do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and the Charter and the Ordinances of the City of Littleton, and will faithfully perform the duties of police officer, upon which I am about to enter.

B. Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; 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 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 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.

C. Training

Ethics training will be conducted for all personnel at least biennially.