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		<b>OATH OF OFFICE</b>		
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**I. OATH OF OFFICE**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this standard operating procedure is to establish a policy concerning the administration of the Oath of Office of newly appointed Punta Gorda Police Officers.

**SCOPE**

This procedure shall apply to all sworn Punta Gorda Police Department personnel.

**PROCEDURE**

**I. OATH OF OFFICE:**

- A. Upon appointment to the position of police officer with the City of Punta Gorda Police Department, officers shall be required to swear to an Oath of Office.
  - 1. The Oath shall be administered verbally by the City of Punta Gorda City Clerk or designee.
  - 2. The newly sworn officer shall be required to sign a copy of the Oath.
  - 3. The signed copy will be notarized and maintained as permanent record in the individual’s personnel file.

B. The Oath of Office shall read as follows:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, a citizen of the State of Florida and the United States of America, do hereby solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Florida, and the Charter of the City of Punta Gorda against all enemies domestic and foreign; that I will bear true faith, loyalty, and allegiance to the same; and that I will faithfully perform all the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ for the City of Punta Gorda Police Department, on which I am about to enter, so help me God.”

**APPROVED**



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