



PARADISE VALLEY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1.2 Law Enforcement Code of Ethics **ALEAP 1.1**

All sworn employees of the Police Department shall abide by the tenets of the 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 in both 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.”

1.2.1 Duty to Intervene **ALEAP 1.3**

All employees of the Police Department have a moral, ethical, legal, and/or policy duty to intervene, regardless of rank, to prevent another employee from violating the Constitution, Federal law, and/or the laws of the State of Arizona. The duty to intervene includes, but is not limited to, the use of force, seizures, consensual contacts (E.g., unlawfully coercive or biased in violation of the 14th A Equal



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Protection clause), interviews/interrogations/confessions and commission of criminal acts.

Intervention under the law is generally required when there is a “realistic opportunity” to intervene. However, the goal is to intervene professionally before there is a violation of law or policy. This requires knowledge of the law and policy, sound judgement, and an articulable good faith belief that there is a significant risk that a violation would occur if the employee did not intervene.

Employees also have the duty to report violations of the constitution, laws, or policy that the employee observes or otherwise has knowledge of. See G.O. 26.1.14 for details.