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<p>TITLE: OATH OF OFFICE AND CANON OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ETHICS</p>		

1001 Oath of Office and Canon of Law Enforcement Ethics

1001.1 Purpose. This directive specifies and delineates the oath to be taken by all public employees as mandated by state statute. It also defines the Canon of Law Enforcement Ethics to be followed by all sworn employees. Department personnel must be aware of the actions and attitudes expected of them and the public must be provided a general standard by which the performance of the Department can be measured.

1001.2 Discussion. FSS 876.05 mandates that public employees take and subscribe to an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Florida. The principles addressed in the Canon of Law Enforcement Ethics embrace the ideals of the law enforcement profession.

1001.3 Policy. It shall be the policy of the Department to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and to preserve and protect the constitutional rights of all persons. It shall further be the policy of the Department that all sworn personnel will abide by the Canon of Law Enforcement Ethics as set forth in this directive.

1001.4 Procedure. All employees appointed to sworn positions shall take and subscribe to an oath to enforce the law and uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida. The oath shall be administered by the Chief or designee. The oath shall be filed in the employees personnel file in the records of the Department.

A. Oath of Office. I, _____, a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America, and being employed as a Police Officer by the University of Florida, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Florida, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of my office in and for the University of Florida according to the best of my ability. I agree to abide by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, a copy of which has been given to me.

B. Canon of Law Enforcement Ethics. All department members shall adhere to the principles of and display the integrity required by the 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 right of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; 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 laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in 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, 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 the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession--law enforcement."

C. All department members shall receive ethics training at least biennially.

1001.5 Glossary.

Canon - an accepted principle or rule

Ethics - a set of moral principles or values.

Oath - a solemn attestation of the truth or inviolability of one's word. A solemn formal calling upon God to witness to the truth of what says or to witness that one sincerely intends to do what one says.

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