



COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SUBJECT: CODE OF ETHICS

NEW REVISED RESCINDS

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I. POLICY

Cottage City Police Officers are required to adhere to the following principles contained in the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics published by the International Association of Chiefs of Police:

("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 rights of all people 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 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, 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 to my chosen profession - Law Enforcement."

A. It is the policy of the Cottage City Police Department that all sworn members will perform their professional duties competently and conscientiously in full accordance with the law as well as department rules, regulations and values.

B. It is the policy of this Department that all sworn members, while on duty, will uniformly treat all persons in a civil and equitable manner regardless of the circumstances.

C. It is the policy of this Department that all sworn members will conduct their private, personal lives in a mature, law abiding and exemplary manner.