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I. Purpose

The purpose of this General Order is to provide members of the department with a clear understanding of their ethical responsibilities and of their responsibility to constantly strive to meet the highest standards of professional policing.

II. Policy

It will be the policy of the department, as a professional law enforcement agency, to adopt the International Association of Chiefs of Police "Law Enforcement Code of Ethics". All members of the department shall acknowledge and abide by this code as set forth in this policy. All members will receive ethics training once every three years.

III. Procedure

A. Officers will read and adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

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.

- B. The Code of Ethics which is referred to above should not be considered all inclusive. Each individual member of the department must at all times remember their ethical responsibilities to their profession, their department, their community, and themselves.