



Sioux Falls Police Department

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1. Purpose:

1.1. This policy is created to establish a code of ethics for law enforcement officers.

2. Policy:

2.1. The citizens of the City of Sioux Falls expect that the members of this department be held to a different set of rules of conduct than other members of the community. Their expectation is that in all contacts the officers of the Sioux Falls Police Department treat them in a fair and impartial manner. In order to meet that expectation, we adopt the following code of ethics for Law Enforcement Officers.

3. Procedure:

Code of Ethics

3.1. As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is:

3.1.1. To serve mankind.

3.1.2. To safeguard lives and property.

3.1.3. To protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder.

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3.1.4. To respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice.

3.2. As a Law Enforcement Officer, I will:

3.2.1. Keep my private life untarnished as an example to all.

3.2.2. Maintain courageous calm in the fear of danger, scorn, or ridicule.

3.2.3. Develop self-restraint.

3.2.4. Be constantly mindful of the welfare of others.

3.2.5. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life.

3.2.6. Be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department.

3.2.7. Remember that 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.

3.2.8. Never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions.

3.2.9. Enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or violence.

3.3. As a Law Enforcement Officer, 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 law enforcement. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession, law enforcement.