

The Ten Virtues of a Law Officer

As a member of the law enforcement profession, I pledge to honor the sacred trust placed in me by God and the community I serve by guarding the thoughts and attitudes of my heart as I purpose to:

Always remain submissive to those in authority over me, in faithful obedience, realizing that I do not represent myself, but the trust of the people, the authority of the government, and the ideals of the police profession.

Maintain a humble attitude that is reverent and grateful in spirit, even in the face of resistance and disrespect.

Refrain from vulgar, obscene, coarse or offensive language that may offend others.

Maintain my readiness for duty by seeking proper rest, diet and exercise.

Strengthen society's foundational unit of order, the family, by supplying love, provision, direction and protection to my own family; and supporting and encouraging others to do the same.

Free myself from bitterness, anger or prejudice toward others; never responding violently out of wrong attitudes, but using only that amount of force necessary to accomplish the lawful objectives that are consistent with those authorities placed over me.

Protect my moral purity by living a life of virtue that is separated from evil, immoral, illegal or unethical behavior.

Never compromise my integrity through the acceptance of bribes or gratuities in exchange for professional consideration; never steal from or defraud others; and diligently protect property entrusted to my care.

Respond truthfully to those in authority over me, taking special care to be truthful when under oath; and come immediately forward when made aware of unlawful conduct on the part of others in authority.

Exercise contentment with my position, pay and status; never pursuing dishonorable gain, nor envying the success of others.