


PBP FORM 290  PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE <i>"...honor, integrity, courage, respect, and compassion."</i>		SUBJECT: "LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS"		ORDER NUMBER: 10-01
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1.0 POLICY OR PURPOSE

- 1.1 The "Law Enforcement Code of Ethics" has been adopted by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to provide sworn personnel with a written code of ethics that will guide them in maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct.
- 1.2 All sworn personnel shall abide not only by the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, but shall be expected to abide by and adhere to the "Law Enforcement Code of Ethics" contained in this policy and to the principles of Procedural Justice. Failure to do so on the part of any member of the Bureau of Police may subject that member to disciplinary action.

2.0 LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

- 2.1 The International Association of Chiefs of Police adopted the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics at the 64th Annual IACP Conference and Exposition in October 1957. The Code of Ethics stands as a preface to the mission and commitment law enforcement agencies make to the public they serve.
- 2.2 "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."
- 2.3 "I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all, and will behave in a manner which does not bring discredit to me or 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 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."
- 2.4 "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."
- 2.5 "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 never engage in acts of 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."
- 2.6 "I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance, and will take every opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence."
- 2.7 "I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God and to my chosen profession. . . LAW ENFORCEMENT."

Approved By:



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