

Bowie Police Department - General Orders



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I. POLICY

Bowie 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: (CALEA 1.1.2)

II. CODE OF ETHICS

SWORN OFFICERS

“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.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

I acknowledge respect for human life, recognizing diversity among the members of the community and the department I serve. I will exhibit honesty and integrity through ethical behavior. I will be obedient to the laws of the City of Bowie, the State of Maryland, and the United States of America. I will not, in the performance of my duty, work for personal advantage or profit. I will, at all times, recognize that I am a public servant, and that ultimately I am responsible to the public. I will give the most efficient, impartial, and courteous service of which I am capable at all times. I will regard my fellow employees with the same standards as I maintain for myself and I will accept responsibility for my actions. I will do only those things that will reflect honor on my fellow employees, my supervisors, my agency, and myself.

III. TRAINING

ETHICS TRAINING: The Department shall conduct ethics training for all personnel on a biennial basis. (CALEA 1.1.2)