



CODE OF ETHICS

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Directive is to establish a code of ethics of the Department of General Services Maryland Capitol Police (DGS-MCP).

II. POLICY

All members of DGS-MCP will at all times strive to achieve the highest ethical and professional standards in the manner with which they perform their duties, and interact with co-workers, employees and visitors.

III. CODE OF ETHICS – LAW ENFORCEMENT

“As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind, to safeguard lives and property; protect the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation, 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 for 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 regulation of my department.

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.

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 constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession in law enforcement.”

IV. CODE OF ETHICS – CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; develop self-restraint, and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of the Department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.