



# Cheshire County Sheriff's Office

## Professional Standards

<b>Directive Title:</b>	<b>Oath of Office and Deputation</b>
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<b>Approved:</b>	<b>Sheriff Eliezer Rivera</b>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eliezer Rivera'.

### I. Purpose

To set forth policy regarding the oath of office for sworn personnel of the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office.

### II. Policy

All sworn-personnel, prior to assuming sworn status, will take and subsequently abide by an oath of office to enforce the law and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of New Hampshire.

### III. Procedure

- A. All sworn-personnel, prior to assuming sworn status, will take and subsequently abide by an oath of office.
  - 1. It shall include an oath to enforce all applicable laws and to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of New Hampshire.

2. The Sheriff or designee shall administer the oath.
  3. The Sheriff will also deputize Deputy and Special Deputy Sheriffs in accordance to New Hampshire R.S.A. 104:3
  4. A signed transcript of the oath of office will be notarized, and a copy kept on file at the Cheshire County Superior Court, along with a copy of deputation when applicable. The original will be placed in the employee's personnel file maintained in the Sheriff's Office's
- B. The oath of office administered to personnel prior to assuming sworn status reads as follows:

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

I, **NAME**, of **TOWN, STATE** do solemnly swear that I bear faith and true allegiance to the United States of American and the State of New Hampshire and will support the Constitution thereof. So help me God. *(Alternative for those scrupulous of swearing: "This I do under the pains and penalty of perjury.")*

I, **NAME**, do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as **ROLE**, according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Hampshire. So help me God. *(Alternative for those scrupulous of swearing: "This I do under the pains and penalty of perjury.")*

- C. The deputation administered to Deputies and Special Deputies reads as follows:

To, **NAME**, you are hereby appointed and deputized as a Special Deputy or Deputy Sheriff for the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office with the rank of **RANK**. You will discharge the duties placed upon you, as per New Hampshire RSA 104:5, the policies and regulations of the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office, and the County of Cheshire. (A notation made be entered is special deputation is for a specific purpose)

To, **RANK and NAME**, you will exercise the powers invested in you, per New Hampshire RSA 104:6, to the best of your abilities and due diligence.

A copy of this deputation will be recorded by the Clerk of the Superior Court, along with your Certificate of Oath, as per New Hampshire RSA 104:3.

I, Eliezer Rivera, High Sheriff of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, appoint and deputize, **NAME**, as **RANK** for Cheshire County, New Hampshire this **DAY** of **MONTH**, in the year of Our Lord **YEAR** per New Hampshire RSA 104:3.

Amended 03.12.20 – grammar corrections, no policy change