



Cheshire County Sheriff's Office

Professional Standards

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Approved:	Sheriff Eliezer Rivera

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- I. All sworn officers are required to abide by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as adopted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

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 men 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.

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

- II. All non-sworn employees shall abide by the Code of Ethics for Non-Sworn Employees adopted by the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office (originated by the Chesapeake (VA) Police Department.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR NON-SWORN EMPLOYEES

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Amended: 03.20.20 – no policy change, some grammar correction.