



Oath of Office & Code of Ethics

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OATH OF OFFICE

All Police Officers of the Crofton Police Department, prior to assuming sworn status, will take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of Maryland and to enforce the laws of the State of Maryland and Anne Arundel County.

The oath will be administered by the Crofton Police Chief; all sworn officers will abide by the oath of office while employed by this department as a Police Officer.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Law Enforcement Code of Ethics below is adapted as the standard of conduct for officers of the Crofton Police Department.

“ As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind, to safeguard lives and property, and to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disaster, 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 both in 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 in me in my official capacity, will be kept 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 to my chosen profession – Law Enforcement.”