



All personnel in the City of Jonesboro Police Department will sign and at all times, abide by our Code of Ethics.
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Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; 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 to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will 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 both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law 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, political beliefs, aspirations, 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 never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

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

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Civilian Code of Ethics

The citizens of the community entrust us to perform the public's work in an honest, ethical manner. As a result, we are subject to public scrutiny in all that we do. For this reason, we are expected to maintain the highest standards of moral, legal, and professional conduct at all times. The following Code of Ethics identifies the personal and professional values, which are necessary to maintain these standards.

Employees of the City of the Jonesboro Police Department shall:

Conduct themselves in their public and private activities in a manner, which deserves the respect and confidence of fellow employees and the public.

Realize that wrongdoing betrays the public's confidence in public services and realize that even the appearance of wrongdoing should be avoided.

Avoid conflicts of interest by refraining from participating in decisions or transactions in which you or a family member have a financial or other material interest; make full public disclosure of an association when involvement cannot be avoided.

Understand that public service is a responsibility as well as an occupation. We should, therefore, maintain a constructive, creative and practical attitude toward urban problems and citizen relations.

Be courteous, pleasant and tactful in our contacts with the public and fellow employees. Courtesy builds good will that money cannot purchase.

Be loyal to the city and the department and not speak ill of its policies in a public forum to cause harm.

I have read the Code of Ethics for the Jonesboro Police Department and acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by the statements therein.

Civilian