



**CHEVY CHASE
VILLAGE
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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GENERAL ORDER: 2-1 CODE OF ETHICS

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I. POLICY

All personnel of the Chevy Chase Village Police Department shall abide by the Code of Ethics adopted by the department:

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 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 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 to my chosen profession..... police officer.”

CIVILIAN CODE OF ETHICS

As an employee of the Chevy Chase Village Police Department, I regard myself as a member of an important and honorable profession.

I will strive to keep myself in a healthy physical and mental condition at all times.

I will perform my duties with efficiency to the very best of my ability.

I will be truthful at all times. My conduct and performance of duties will be accomplished in an honest manner, and in compliance with all laws: local, state, and federal.

I will adhere to the confidentiality of the law enforcement profession.

I will not work for unethical advantage or personal profit in the performance of my duties.

I will recognize at all times that I am a public safety employee and that ultimately I am responsible to the public.

I will give the most efficient and impartial service of which I am capable at all times.

I will be courteous in all my contacts at all times.

I will regard my fellow employees with equality, dignity, and respect.

I will be loyal to my fellow employees, my superiors, and my agency.

I will accept responsibility for my actions.

I will strive to do only those things that will reflect honor on my fellow employees, my agency and me.

II. TRAINING

Ethics training shall be conducted for all personnel at a minimum, every two (2) years. Ethics review and training can be in the form of classroom, shift briefing, computer-based training and bulletins, or any combination of methods.

This directive voids the previous version dated 8/21/2007.