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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 abuse 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 abuse 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 . . . law enforcement.

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American Jail Association's Code of Ethics for Jail Officers

As an officer employed in a detention/correctional capacity, I swear (or affirm) to be a good citizen and a credit to my community, state, and nation at all times. I will abstain from questionable behavior which might bring disrepute to the agency for which I work, my family, my community, and my associates. My lifestyle will be above and beyond reproach and I will constantly strive to set an example of a professional who performs his/her duties according to the laws of our country, state, and community and the policies, procedures, written and verbal orders, and regulations of the agency for which I work.

On the job I promise to:

Keep the institution secure so as to safeguard my community and the lives of the staff, inmates, and visitors on the premises.

Work with each individual firmly and fairly without regard to rank, status, or condition.

Maintain a positive demeanor when confronted with stressful situations of scorn, ridicule, danger, and/or chaos.

Report, either in writing or by word of mouth, to the proper authorities those things which should be reported, and keep silent about matters which are to remain confidential according to the laws and rules of the agency and government.

Manage and supervise the inmates in an evenhanded and courteous manner.

Refrain at all times from becoming personally involved in the lives of the inmates and their families.

Treat all visitors to the jail with politeness and respect and do my utmost to ensure that they observe the jail regulations.

Take advantage of all education and training opportunities designed to assist me to become a more competent officer.

Communicate with people in or outside of the jail, whether by phone, written word, or word of mouth, in such a way so as not to reflect in a negative manner upon my agency.

Contribute to a jail environment, which will keep the inmate involved in activities designed to improve his/her attitude and character.

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Support all activities of a professional nature through membership and participation that will continue to elevate the status of those who operate our nation's jails. Do my best through word and deed to present an image to the public at large of a jail professional, committed to progress for an improved and enlightened criminal justice system.

Animal Services Officer Code of Ethics

As an Animal Services Officer, my fundamental duties include serving the community, providing protection for the public and animals, and enforcing laws in that regard.

I will perform my duties without fear or favor and with impartial consideration and respect for every individual's status, sex, race, religion, political belief, or aspirations. I will conduct myself in a manner above reproach that does not bring discredit to my agency or myself. While off duty, my conduct will be exemplary, maintaining a position of respect in the community.

I will not allow personal feelings, animosities, or friendships to influence my official conduct. Laws will be enforced appropriately and courteously, and I will strive to obtain maximum cooperation from the public. I will conduct myself in appearance and act in such a manner as to inspire confidence and respect for my position of trust.

I will responsibly use the discretion vested in my position and exercise it within the law. Reasonableness will guide my determination, and I will consider all surrounding circumstances in determining whether any legal action shall be taken.

I will be consistent and wise in my use of discretion, based on competence, to preserve good relationships with and confidence of the public. With difficulty in choosing between conflicting courses of action, I will remember that education or advice, rather than enforcement action, can be more effective in achieving the desired outcome.

I will not employ unnecessary force or violence, only using force as necessary and reasonable in the discharge of duty to protect the public, animals, or myself. While the use of force is occasionally unavoidable, I will not inflict pain or suffering and will never engage in cruel, degrading, or inhumane treatment of any person or animal.

I will maintain confidential information in the performance of my duties, releasing it only where legal, ethical, or performance of duty obligations require otherwise.

I will not engage in corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other animal services professionals. I will avoid any conduct that might compromise integrity and that undercuts the public confidence in the Broomfield Police Department.

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I will assist my colleagues fully and completely with respect and consideration at all times. I will be responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my knowledge and competence.

Code Compliance Officer Code of Ethics

My primary goal is to serve my community; to safeguard lives and property; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all of the members of my community.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of the members of my community. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of Colorado, the Broomfield Municipal Code, and the policy and procedures of the Broomfield Police Department. Any confidential information confided to me in my official capacity will be kept confidential unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. I will enforce the law courteously and reasonably without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary measures to achieve compliance while maintaining honesty and equal enforcement. I will always conduct myself in the manner that my actions can never be perceived to involve favoritism or any other form of personal benefit from my official duties while a member of the Broomfield Police Department.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives:

1. I will work for the common goals of the organization, my profession and my employer.
2. I will conduct myself to be a model for my community, friends, co-workers, and my family.
3. I will be accountable and accept responsibilities for my actions, both personally and professionally.
4. I will make all decisions and actions free of prejudice, partiality, and unimpeded by conflicts of interest.
5. I will honor the spirit as well as the letter of the law while performing my official duties.
6. I will safeguard public confidence in the integrity of the government by avoiding impropriety and conduct unbecoming of my duties. I will not conduct myself in a manner that will tarnish the trust the public has placed in me.

Court Security Officer Code of Ethics

As a Court Security Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community, to safeguard lives and property, and to respect the constitutional rights of all. I pledge:

1. To uphold the law and respect the constitutional rights of all persons.

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2. To conduct myself with honesty and to adhere to the highest moral principles in the performance of my duties.
3. To be diligent and dependable in discharging my duties and to uphold at all times the laws, policies, and procedures that protect the rights of others.
4. To observe the precepts of truth, accuracy, and discretion without allowing personal feelings, prejudices, and animosities or friendships to influence my judgment.
5. To report to my supervisor, without hesitation, any violation of the law or any violation of the Broomfield Police Department's policies.
6. To respect and protect confidential and privileged information.
7. To conduct myself professionally at all times and to perform my duties in a manner that reflects credit upon my employer, the profession, and myself.
8. To strive continually to improve my performance by seeking training and educational opportunities that will better prepare me for my security duties.

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