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Section 100.20 Cannon of Ethics

Policy

It is the Policy of the Shively Police Department that all personnel, prior to assuming sworn status, take an oath of office. All persons taking this oath of office will enforce the law, uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All persons taking the oath will abide by the Canon of Ethics adopted by the Shively Police Department.

Canon 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- to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty equality and justice.

*I will keep my private life unsoiled 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 confidential nature will be kept ever secret unless reevaluation is necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decision. 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 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 ideas, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession.... **LAW ENFORCEMENT.***

Code of Ethics

The City of Shively, Kentucky in an effort to maintain the highest possible professional standards has developed and adopted “**Ordinance No. 18 Series 1994 An Ordinance Establishing A Code Of Ethical Conduct Applicable To The Officers And Employees Of The City And City Agencies**”. This Ordinance is made part of this manual in reference only.