

# Greenbelt Police Department - General Orders

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**01 POLICY:** All employees, both civilian and sworn, of the Greenbelt Police Department will adhere to the principals of and display the degree of integrity required by the following Code of Ethics. (CALEA 1.1.2)

**02 CODE OF ETHICS:**

**SWORN OFFICERS**

*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 men 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 in me by my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of duty.*

*I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendship 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 unreasonable 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 before God to my chosen profession: law enforcement.*

**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**

*I acknowledge respect for human life, recognizing diversity among the members of the community and the department I serve. I will exhibit honesty and integrity through ethical behavior. I will be obedient to the laws of the City of Greenbelt, the State of Maryland, and the United States of America. I will not, in the performance of my duty work for personal advantage or profit. I will, at all times,*

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*recognize that I am a public servant, and that ultimately I am responsible to the public. I will give the most efficient, impartial, and courteous service of which I am capable at all times, I will regard my fellow employees with the same standards as I maintain for myself, I will accept responsibility for my actions. I will do only those things that will reflect honor on my fellow employees, my supervisors, my agency, and myself.*

**03 ETHICS TRAINING:** The Department shall conduct ethics training for all personnel on a biennial basis. (CALEA 1.1.2)