

BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICY

The Baton Rouge Police Department has adopted the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as the standard by which all its members shall conduct themselves at all times. The following Code of Ethics shall serve as a constant reminder of the responsibilities that accompany police powers and as a guide to daily actions.

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 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 to me in my official capacity will be kept secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my 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 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 before God to my chosen profession--law enforcement.

OATH OF OFFICE

All officers of the Department are required by Act 284 of the 1950 Louisiana Legislative Session to publicly take the following oath prior to being commissioned with police powers. Officers are encouraged to review the oath periodically and to reflect upon the commitment they have made.

"I (name) , residing at (address) , of (city), in the parish of (parish) , do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will support the constitution and laws of the United States, the constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, and the charter and the ordinances of the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge; and I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a police officer of the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."