


HVERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL		
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Chief of Police: <i>John F. Viola</i>		

SUBJECT: OATH OF OFFICE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to ensure that police officers of this Department are aware of the conduct expected of them as sworn Haverford Township Police Officers

II. POLICY

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandates that police officers take and subscribe to an Oath of Office prior to appointment and before undertaking the duties of a police officer.

It shall be the policy of the Haverford Township Police Department to comply with State, Federal, and Local laws and to preserve and protect the constitutional rights of the community.

It shall also be the policy of the Department that all sworn personnel shall abide by the Haverford Township Oath of Office, the Police Officers Code of Ethics, and the Mission Statement of the Haverford Township Police Department.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. Oath of Office – All new police officers, prior to performing their sworn duties shall take and abide by the Haverford Township Police Oath of Office. Appendix “A” is the current form.

I, (insert name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, including the Laws and Home Rule Charter of the Township of Haverford.

I do further swear (or affirm) that I will discharge the duties of my office as a Police Officer with fidelity and honor without consideration to a person's race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability.

IV. (PLEAC 1.1.1)

A. Code of Ethics – All sworn personnel shall abide by the Haverford Township Police Department code of Ethics:

As a law enforcement officer my duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation; 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 lives. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of the 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 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 police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession, law enforcement.

B. Mission Statement - All sworn personnel shall abide by the Haverford Township Mission Statement:

The mission of the Haverford Township Police Department is to improve the quality of life throughout the Township by providing a secure community environment through the delivery of police services in an efficient and effective manner.

We, the Haverford Township Police Department, are dedicated to protecting all persons, and fostering a positive relationship of cooperation and understanding between the Police Department and the citizens of Haverford Township.

We shall strive to establish a climate of mutual respect and trust through positive interaction with the citizens of the community and by maintaining a community oriented policing philosophy.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

State of Pennsylvania
County of Delaware
Township of Haverford

Oath of Office

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Affirmed and subscribed before me

this _____ day of

Signature of Officer

_____ A.D. 20__

Signature Person Administering Oath