

# St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department



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## I. Policy:

The St. Joseph Police Department has adopted the International Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, with some minor modification. All members are required to adhere to its principles.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is: **to serve** the public; **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 persons to liberty, equality and justice.

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 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 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 a deliberate bribe in return for non-prosecution and/or arrest.

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** to my chosen profession ***LAW ENFORCEMENT***.

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Chris Connally, Chief of Police

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