

CORE VALUES OF OUR ORGANIZATION

As we work toward our organizational mission on a daily basis, our primary core values set forth the foundation by which our decisions and actions are based and by which our organization is guided.

HUMAN LIFE -

We value human life as our most precious resource. In all aspects of our operations, we place our highest priority on the protection of life. This belief is manifested in primarily two ways. First, the allocation of resources and the response to demands for service must give top priority to those situations which threaten life. Second, even though society authorizes the police to use deadly force, the use of such force must not only be justified under law, but must be consistent with the philosophy of rational and humane social control.

PUBLIC TRUST -

We value the public's trust. Citizens, having given up their right to enforce their rights, have invested in their police, the highest level of trust. We, in turn, entered into a contractual arrangement with society to uphold that trust. We recognize expectations of our citizens that we are competent; will abide by Constitution and law; will not abuse our power and will not use our offices for personal or private gain. The manner in which we treat our citizens, our conduct and actions, both individually and collectively are based upon the high value we place on the public's trust.

INTEGRITY -

We value our integrity. We understand that each of us represents not only our Department but also the law enforcement profession and government. We are committed to uphold our positions of trust by maintaining the highest ethical standards and demonstrated practices and policies forged by consideration of morally relevant reasons. We acknowledge and accept that our individual conduct, both on and off duty, must be beyond reproach. Our conduct is the same, even when no one is watching.

PROFESSIONALISM -

We value professionalism. We are committed to professionalism in all aspects of our operations. Our role is to serve our citizens. As a professional organization, we are guided by the "Law Enforcement Code of Conduct" (General Order 205). We acknowledge that as a professional organization, we must police ourselves. We therefore subscribe and agree to maintain a system to promote the highest level of discipline among our members.