WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1.1.1 OATH OF OFFICE

A. PURPOSE:

To provide the officers of the West Norriton Township Police Department with a clear understanding of the law enforcement agency role, and the significance and solemnity of the oath of office. This policy shall also require officers to adhere to a Code of Ethics.

B. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the West Norriton Township Police Department, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania to have all sworn members adhere to and subscribe to our role, Oath of Office and the Code of Ethics.

C. PROCEDURES:

Each member of the West Norriton Township Police Department, prior to assuming sworn status, is required to take and abide by an Oath of Office. Said oath shall swear or affirm to support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and Pennsylvania Constitution and the laws of Pennsylvania and the ordinances of West Norriton Township with fidelity. The new officer will also acknowledge that they will uphold, obey and enforce the law without consideration to a person's race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability. Each officer will also be provided with a Code of Ethics as adopted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The President of the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township and the Chief of Police shall designate a person so empowered, e.g. Notary Public, Magisterial District Justice, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to administer this oath orally and the signed original document shall be placed in the Officer's personnel file.

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I,_____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Laws and Ordinances of the Township of West Norriton, the Rules and Regulations of the West Norriton Police Department; and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as police officer with fidelity, to the best of my ability. I will uphold, obey and enforce the law without consideration to a person's race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability.

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Witness **Officer**

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Notary Public

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 ever secret unless revelation 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 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.