

POLICY 118.1	CODE OF ETHICS	
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	CFA STANDARDS: 2.02	REVIEWED: 07/01, 08/11

A. POLICY

1. Law enforcement effectiveness requires that actions of public employees be impartial; that government decisions and policies be made in the proper channels of government structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its police department. The purpose of this Code is to establish ethical guidelines of conduct for all department employees by setting forth those acts or actions that are compatible with the best interest of the City of Fort Lauderdale and its citizens.

2. The adoption of this Code of Ethics will, with cooperation, improve the attitude and practices of our employees; minimize injustice or the perception of injustice; and heighten public confidence in our local government, institutions, positions, and people. All members of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department are required to abide by this Code of Ethics.

B. CODE:

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind; 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 and women 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 confidential 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 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 to my chosen professional law enforcement.