

Oath of Office

102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that oaths, when appropriate, are administered to department members.

102.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Lorain Police Department that, when appropriate, department members affirm the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Department and the dedication of its members to their duties.

102.3 OATH OF OFFICE

All department members, when appropriate, shall take and subscribe to the oaths or affirmations applicable to their positions.

Upon employment, all sworn employees shall be required to swear to an oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer (Ohio Constitution Article 15 § 7; ORC § 3.22). The form of the oath shall be as follows:

I do solemnly swear to obey the orders of my superior officers, to abide by the law enforcement professional code of ethics, to support and defend the constitution of the United States, the State of Ohio, and the laws of the City of Lorain. 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 my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decision. I take this oath knowing full well of the responsibility of my office, the great personal peril in which I shall serve, and promise to act at all times with integrity, honesty, vigilance, and honor as a police officer for the City of Lorain, so help me god.

102.4 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The oath of office shall be filed in accordance with the established records retention schedule.