

EXECUTIVE ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subject
Code of Ethics
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Related to:
GO-PER-201.26 (Duties, Responsibilities, and Conduct of Members of the Department)
Rescinds:
GO-RAR-201.36 (Metropolitan Police Department Sworn Law Enforcement Officer Code of Ethics), Effective Date June 1, 2017

The purpose of this executive order is to announce the revised Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) code of ethics. MPD derives its law enforcement authority from [DC Official Code § 5-127.03 \(Police to have powers of constables; authorization to execute certain Superior Court orders\)](#). With this authority, sworn members investigate other people, abridge normal liberties, and use force when necessary. Therefore, it is imperative that sworn members epitomize the highest degree of ethical behavior when serving the communities and people who live, work, and visit Washington, DC. Sworn members shall abide by the following code of ethics:

Metropolitan Police Department Code of Ethics
<i>As a law enforcement officer of the Metropolitan Police Department, I will serve the community by protecting the innocent, defending constitutional rights, and maintaining order. I will be professional, maintain self-restraint, and always act with excellence, honesty, impartiality, and integrity while never engaging in corruption or bribery. I will never behave in a manner that brings discredit to the department or me, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will enforce the laws of the District of Columbia and the United States without fear or favor and constantly strive to improve my knowledge and competence. The badge of the Metropolitan Police Department is a symbol of public trust, and I accept and protect it as such by dedicating myself to my chosen profession of law enforcement.</i>

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