

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ETHICS

PURPOSE: To make sworn personnel aware of our professional obligations.

POLICY: Each person that a law enforcement officer comes in contact with in this jurisdiction, whether resident or visitor, is due equal treatment under the law. This concept is the specific guarantee of the United States Constitution. It is also present in the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. As law enforcement officers, we are sworn to uphold and support both documents.

Law enforcement officers are employed as public servants, and are required to protect and serve everyone in the City regardless of personal opinions. Race, color, religion, political beliefs, age, or sex shall not interfere with equal administration of justice.

Our conduct in the presence of the public shall always be respectful of the individuals, their rights, freedoms, and property. Cursing, threatening, violence, even the loss of temper, shall be avoided at all times. We must demonstrate to the public that we are professionals in our chosen field. We, as human beings, are all capable of, and will make mistakes. We shall attempt to keep our mistakes and errors to an absolute minimum.



John C. Franklin
Chief of Police