

Abington Township Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this general order is to establish the Oath of Office to be used for sworn members of this Department.

II. POLICY

There is an underlying assumption of dedication to duty, integrity and a commitment to the highest standards of professional police service which is publicly affirmed in a Police Oath of Office duly executed by those members of the Department in whom the statutory powers of a police officer are vested. This solemn oath should never be taken lightly and commands the highest degree of diligent adherence. Simple in form yet broad in scope, the police oath is the foundation for a career as a police officer.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Prior to assuming the duties of a sworn police officer all such members shall be required to take an oath of office. The oath shall be administered and signed by a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania District Justice. The officer shall also be required to sign. Both signatures will be sealed by the District Justice, at which time the oath shall be placed in the officer's personnel package.
- B. The oath requires the officer to swear and affirm to support, obey and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Township of Abington Charter and Ordinances, and to faithfully discharge the duties of an Abington Township Police Officer.

C. Oath of Office

I, _____ do swear • that I will support, obey and defend • the Constitution and the laws • of the United States, • the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, • and the Township of Abington; • that I will faithfully discharge, with fidelity • the duties of my office • as a **Police Officer** for Abington Township, • and that 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. • I will obey the rules and regulations, • policies and procedures • governing sworn members of the Abington Township Police Department. • Also, I will not knowingly accept, • directly or indirectly, • any money or other valuable thing • for the performance or non-performance • of any act or duty • pertaining to my office • other than such compensation • as may be allowed • by the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township.