

CHAPTER 33: POLICE DEPARTMENT

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§ 33.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CHIEF and CHIEF OF POLICE. The Chief of the Police Department, and includes any person designated Acting Chief by the CHIEF OF POLICE or by the City Manager.

COMMANDING OFFICER. An officer holding the rank of sergeant or above, or an officer designated as a temporary or acting shift commander by the Chief of Police or the City Manager.

DEPARTMENT. The Police Department of the city.

OFFICER. All sworn police officers and all other employees of the Police Department.

RULES. The rules of conduct and disciplinary procedure for law enforcement personnel, as adopted and amended from time to time by the City Council.

(^90 Code, § 16-1)

§ 33.02 CHIEF OF POLICE.

There is created the office of Chief of Police in and for the city. The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the City Manager and shall serve at its pleasure.

(^90 Code, § 16-2)

§ 33.03 RULES AUTHORIZED.

The conduct and operation of the Police Department shall be governed and controlled by such rules and regulations as the Chief of Police shall from time to time adopt or amend, with the approval of the City Manager.

(^90 Code, § 16-3)

§ 33.04 CODE OF ETHICS.

The law enforcement officer's code of ethics shall be as follows:

(A) As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; 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 people.

(B) I will keep my private life untarnished as an example to all; maintain calm in the face of ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. I will obey the laws of the land and the regulations of my Department.

(C) I will never permit personal feelings, prejudice or friendships to influence my decisions. I will enforce the law without malice, never accepting gratuities.

(D) 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 police service. I will constantly strive

to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession of law enforcement.

(90 Code, § 16-4)