

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.

102.1.1 OATH OF OFFICE

Prior to assuming the duties of a peace officer, all certified employees shall be required to affirm the oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer (Colorado Constitution Article XII Section 8). The oath shall be as follows:

I, (employee name), do solemnly swear by the ever-loving God, that I will support the Laws and Constitution of the United States of America and of the State of Colorado, and the rules and regulations of Colorado State University and the Colorado State University Police Department. I swear I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of Police Officer, to which I have been appointed.

102.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Colorado State University 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. Prior to assuming the duties of a peace officer, certified members shall be required to affirm the oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer (Colo. Const. art. XII, § 8).

If a member is opposed to taking an oath, he/she shall be permitted to substitute the word "affirm" for the word "swear," and the words "so help me God" may be substituted with "under the pains and penalties of perjury."

102.3.1 CANON OF ETHICS

All Colorado State University Police Department officers shall be required to abide by a code or canon of ethics as adopted by the Department.