

102. PEACE OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE



RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY

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NOTE: This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee's civil or criminal liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this Department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

I. PURPOSE

To affirm the individual commitment of all police officers employed by the Department to the duties and responsibilities of their office.

II. POLICY

All police officers employed by the City of Richfield, Police Department, accept the following oath as an affirmation of their individual commitment to the duties and responsibilities of their office of Police Officer:

I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of the State of Minnesota and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Richfield and to discharge faithfully the duties devolving upon me as a Police Officer for the City of Richfield, to the best of my judgment and ability.


- 1) In the context of the oath of office for police officers, the Department understands the phrase, "Support the Constitution of the United States" to include the duty to protect and preserve the constitutionally guaranteed rights of all individuals and to actively intervene through appropriate means in any situation where the constitutionally guaranteed rights of an individual are being violated.

III. PROCEDURE

The Oath of Office for Police Officers may be administered by the Chief of Police or the City Clerk.

Affirmation of the Oath of Office for Police Officer is made by signing an Oath of Office certificate, attested to and signed by a Notary Public, and filed with the office of Human Resources.

By Order Of:



Chief of Police