**PURPOSE:** To require all sworn personnel to take an oath of office prior to assuming sworn status, and to abide by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

### A. Oath of Office

1. All personnel, prior to assuming sworn status, shall take and subsequently abide by an oath of office to enforce the laws of the State of South Carolina and to uphold the Constitution of the United States. *(CALEA 1.1.1)*

### B. Code of Ethics

1. All personnel will abide by a Code of Ethics, a copy of which is provided to all personnel. Ethics training will be conducted for all personnel biennially. *(CALEA 1.1.2)*

**Attachments:**
1. Oath of Office
2. Code of Ethics
Write your name and post office address plainly here

Name


Post office Address ______________________________________

Oath for Peace Officers

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, } When Commissioned
                  } Stamp here
County of____________________ }                      

First, I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected (or appointed), and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve and protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States.

I swear that I am under no promise, in honor or law, to share the profits of the office to which I have been elected or appointed, and that I will not directly or indirectly, sell or dispose of aid office or the profits thereof, but will resign, or continue to discharge the duties thereof during the period fixed by law, if I so long live.

So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this}

__________________________
____day of______________, 20_________  }

SIGNATURE OF APPOINTEE

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Dear Sir,

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform you that your Commission as Constable to enforce the laws of the State, which term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor serving ________________________________Compensation from the State Government. ________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________County

will be issued on receipt of your oath, on the other side. Sworn to before a Notary Public; and bond in the amount of $2,000 approved as to sufficiency and recorded by the Clerk of Court.

This oath must be returned by you, signed and probated, to the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,
LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

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 men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and regulations of my department.

Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never act officially or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

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 the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicate myself before God to my chosen profession....law enforcement.

I have received a copy of this document on ______day of________201_.

_________________________________
Signature of Appointee/Officer

Attachment #2