

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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I. Purpose

To establish a uniform oath of office for sworn personnel employed by the Covington Police Department. All law enforcement officers will be required to take the following oath of office, prior to exercising any type of police powers.

II. Oath of Office

"I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Georgia against all enemies, both foreign and domestic; that I will faithfully perform all the duties of my office; that I will faithfully observe all the rules, orders and regulations of the Covington Police Department; and that I will faithfully enforce the laws of the State of Georgia and the ordinances of the City of Covington.

I do further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, or any other state or any foreign state which, by the laws of the State of Georgia, I am prohibited from holding; and that I am otherwise qualified to be a police officer according to the Constitution and the laws of Georgia.

I do further swear or affirm that, as a police officer, I will faithfully serve and protect, to the best of my ability, all citizens regardless of race, color or creed.

I accept the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics of the International Association of Chiefs of Police as my standard of conduct while on and off duty and swear to faithfully abide by and defend the same, so help me God."

III. Execution of the Oath of Office

The Mayor shall administer the oath of office and each officer will agree to the oath orally. The oath of office shall be in printed form and spaces provided for the signatures of the officer and the Mayor. The date the oath is administered shall also be affixed.

This SOP supersedes any SOP previously issued.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

Stacey L. Cotton

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Chief of Police