



SENIOR VOLUNTEER PATROL ACADEMY CODE OF ETHICS



THE SVP COMMITMENT



- **FULFILL YOUR COMMITMENT (Be Punctual)**
- **COMPLY WITH YOUR SCHEDULE (Be Reliable)**
- **ATTEND MONTHLY TRAINING (Keep Informed)**
- **KNOW STATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES**
 - (OBSERVE AND KNOW WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION)
- **PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY (Do not discuss especially with the Press)**
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXTENDED DUTIES**
- **SUPPORT ALL SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES**
- **OBSERVE CHAIN OF COMMAND**

– See Your Administrator First

SVP BADGE & ID

- BADGE

- Wear *only* on SVP Uniform
- Do not use or carry as ID



- ID CARD

- Wear *only* in Sheriff's Facility, when not in uniform
- Carry in wallet or pocket when in uniform

- PROHIBITIONS, BADGE & ID

- May not use for *personal or financial gain (Discounts)*
- May not use for *obtaining privileges (Roadblocks)*
- May not use for *avoiding consequences (traffic tickets)*
- May not *lend, reproduce*
- ***KEEP ID IN SAFE PLACE AS IT IS ALSO A KEY!***

SVP-DEPUTY RELATIONS



- **BACKGROUND**

- LAW ENFORCEMENT IS A UNIQUE PROFESSION

- Training is *tough- Respect their training*
- Personal safety is always at *risk (unpredictable & dangerous)*
- Citizens are frequently *adversarial*
- Most situations are *risky or confrontational*
- Training imposes a “*Take Charge*” mindset
- Deputies must exude confidence and authority

SVP-DEPUTY RELATIONS

- **BE PATIENT**
- **BE FRIENDLY-** Value their time
- **BE SUBORDINATE-** Deputies are always in charge
- **DO NOT QUESTION:** Orders or Requests, no excuses
- **BE PROFESSIONAL:** Cooperative, respectful, safe.
Communicate with your partner.
- **NOTHING SAID IS SOMETHING GOOD**

SVP RULES OF CONDUCT

- **RESPONSIBILITIES** (GENERAL)
 - **Primary Duty:** ACT AS ADDITIONAL “EYES & EARS” AND SHOW PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
 - **Primary Tool:** RADIO
 - **Law Enforcement:** by SWORN OFFICERS
 - ✓ A few exceptions: Certain parking violations.
 - ✓ SVP is image of authority, but in reality is a facilitator
 - ✓ Know limits for task; when exceeded, call for a Deputy
 - Use JUDGEMENT AND COMMON SENSE
 - PERSONAL SAFETY IS MOST IMPORTANT
 - WATCH YOUR PARTNER’S BACK!

SVP RULES OF CONDUCT

(SPECIFIC)

- **AVOID CONFRONTATION**
DON'T GET "DRAWN IN" BY QUESTIONS
 - If in or near a problem:
 - Back off and call a deputy
 - Do not respond to calls for cover
- **NEVER BE ARMED**
- **ALWAYS OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS**
 - Urgency must **NOT** override caution



SUMMARY

- **BE A CREDIT TO THE**
- **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
 - Demonstrate Professionalism in conduct and appearance
 - Present a Good Public Image -Good PR, Talk to people
 - Reflect Sheriff's Core Values:
 - Honesty, Loyalty, Trust, Respect, Fairness, Integrity, Diversity
- **AUGMENT THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**
- **Extended Family**
- **THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

SVP RULES OF CONDUCT

(SPECIFIC)

- **AVOID CONFRONTATION**
 - DON'T GET "DRAWN IN" BY QUESTIONS
- **BE COURTEOUS AND TACTFUL**
 - Do not use coarse, sarcastic or profane language or hand gestures
- **DO NOT RESPOND TO CALLS FOR COVER**
- **NEVER BE ARMED**
- **ALWAYS OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS**
 - Urgency must NOT override caution



SUMMARY

- **BE A CREDIT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
 - **Demonstrate Professionalism in conduct and appearance**
 - **Present a Good Public Image - Good PR, Talk to people and be good will ambassadors for the department.**
 - **Reflect the Department's Mission, Vision and Core Values.**
 - **MISSION**
 - **To provide the highest quality public safety services in an effort to make San Diego County the safest in the nation.**
 - **VISION**
 - **To earn the respect and confidence of the public as a professional public safety organization.**

- We Augment the Sheriff's Department
We handle non-confrontational duties and valuable services like YANA visits, traffic control, and security checks.
- We free up the deputies time to pursue and prevent serious crime.
- We give back to the community
- We become part of an extended family
- **THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!**



CODE OF ETHICS

Last Name:

First Name:

Department:

My signature indicates that I have received and read the County's Code of Ethics. I am fully aware of my responsibilities as a County employee and agree to abide by the standards of ethical conduct as described in the County's Code of Ethics.

My signature further indicates that I was afforded the opportunity to inquire as to anything in the County's Code of Ethics that was not clear to me. The person witnessing my signature on this form is the person who made him/herself available to me for any questions that I had during my review and before my signature.

Employee Signature

Witness Signature

(Witness signature must be the department representative
Who explained the policy to the employee.)

(Note: File in official department personnel file)