

Before Police Officers take upon themselves the "**Law Enforcement Oath of Honor**," it is vital that they understand what it truly means. An oath is a solemn pledge someone voluntarily makes when they sincerely intend to do what they say. The key words in the "**Law Enforcement Oath of Honor**" are defined thusly:

**HONOR** means giving one's word as a bond and guarantee.

**BETRAY** is defined as breaking faith and proving false.

The **BADGE** is a visible symbol of the power of your office.

**INTEGRITY** is a firm adherence to principles, both in our private and public life.

**CHARACTER** means the qualities and standards of behavior that distinguish an individual.

The **PUBLIC TRUST** is a duty imposed in faith to those we are sworn to serve.

**COURAGE** is having the "heart", the mental, and the moral strength to venture, persevere, withstand, and overcome danger, difficulty, and fear.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** means that we are answerable and responsible for our actions.

**COMMUNITY** is the municipality, neighborhoods and citizens we serve.