

# FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL POLICY MANUAL

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**3.02.01      PURPOSE**

To publish a code of professional ethics for employees of the Florida Highway Patrol.

**3.02.02      AUTHORITY**

Section 112.313, Florida Statutes  
 DHSMV Policy #3.08

**3.02.03      POLICY**

It is the policy of the Florida Highway Patrol to provide its employees with a Code of Ethics to assist them in making ethical decisions and judgments during the course of their career. Section 112.313, Florida Statutes shall serve as the Code of Ethics for all Florida Highway Patrol employees.

**3.02.04      OBJECTIVE**

To set forth a body of standards which promotes adherence to recognized standards of professional conduct.

**3.02.05      PROCEDURES**

- A. All employees shall receive ethics training upon initial appointment.
- B. In-service ethics training shall be provided to all employees at least once every two years (biennially).

**3.02.06      REGULATIONS**

- A. All employees shall adhere to the ethical standards established in §112.313, and refer to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Ethical Guidelines located on the Department's [Ethics Corner SafetyNet site](#).
- B. Additionally, all sworn members shall adhere to the Florida Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Code of Ethics located in Addendum 3.02 – 1.

## **FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS**

As a member of the Florida Highway Patrol, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind; 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 people 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 the 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 officiously 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 enforce the law 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, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession ... law enforcement.

ADDENDUM 3.02-1

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