

	<p>Easthampton Police Department</p>	<p>POLICY NO. 4.15a</p>
<p>CODE of ETHICS</p>		
<p>MASSACHUSETTS POLICE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS REFERENCED:</p>		<p>DATE OF ISSUE: 02-11-2015</p>
<p>GENERAL ORDER:</p>	<p>ISSUING AUTHORITY: <i><u>Robert J. Alberti</u></i> Chief of Police</p>	<p>EFFECTIVE DATE: 02-17-2015 REVISION DATE: 06-18-2020</p>

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 and disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons 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.

What 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 courageously 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 those objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession – law enforcement.

Source: Based on the IACP, Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, as amended by the Easthampton Police Department