- Members of the community may make an effort to document encounters with the police through a cell phone recording; such effort shall not be impeded by police as long as it does not interfere with the police in the performance of their duties.
- Members of the community will request the name and badge number of officers they feel have acted inappropriately.
- In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) No. 4501:1-1-21, upon request by police, community members must provide valid identification such as a driver's license, state ID, passport, military, or any other government ID.
- During traffic stops and field interviews, members of the community for whom English is a second language may request a spanish speaking MPD officer to help avoid any misunderstandings. The MPD will provide assistance communicating, when available.
- Members of the community agree to abide by the laws currently in place. If there is a dispute concerning a federal, state, or local statute, the individual members of the community may seek out change with the legislature or the local government.
- Members of the community agree to act diligently in helping to identify crime and criminal behavior, to cooperate fully with all investigations, and to assist in keeping the community safe.
- If a community member encounters an officer who is in medical distress or is having difficulty resisting the aggression of someone, the community member, consistent with Ohio's "Good Samaritan Law", should assist the officer to the extent that he/she believes that their personal safety and ability permit.

Officer Conduct

Searches

In an effort to strengthen trust between police officers and the communities they serve, the MPD shall comply with the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." Where practical, police will not search an individual or residence without first obtaining/receiving a warrant. With regard to a search of a residence, officers are required to knock and identify themselves upon arrival, unless the matter of an urgent situation necessitates a knockless entry for safety or a warrant specifically allows for a knockless entry.

Use of Force, Techniques, and Training

Use of Force and Techniques

In order to insure that the use of force - regardless of the type of force, tactics, or weapons used - is proportional to the circumstances at hand, the Mansfield Police Department will continue to follow the stated guidelines: