Code of Conduct

A Standard for the Community and the Mansfield Police Department

Preamble

Whereas,

- ❖ We agree that, as collective members of one community, we value and respect the sanctity of human life above all else.
- ❖ We value and respect the fundamental freedoms and safeguards guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States of America.
- ❖ We value honesty, integrity, and ethical behavior, especially behavior respectful of one's race, sex, age, national origin, disability, etc.
- ❖ We value the diversity among us and are committed to treating one another with fairness, respect, and courtesy.
- ❖ We commit to work with one another in the delivery of police services, with a sincere desire to listen and respond to criticism and a willingness to change for the common good.

Community Members' Conduct

- Members of the community agree to learn the rights and procedure afforded in the United States Constitution.
- Members of the community will conduct themselves in a respectful manner towards officers, visitors, and other community members by refraining from yelling, name calling, physical contact, and other activities that may escalate a situation.
- Members of the community will make an effort to ensure that the officer feels safe and can complete any official activity without fear of personal harm.
- During interactions with police, members of the community shall ensure that their hands are in plain sight and are always visible to officers.
- After being stopped, members of the community shall refrain from excessive movement that cannot be monitored by the officers conducting the stop.
- During field interviews and traffic stops, during which members of the community are stopped for matching a description provided by an emergency caller, members of the community may request that the description be read back by the police dispatcher.