

History of the Florida Highway Patrol

Code of Ethics

As a member of the Florida Highway Patrol, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind and 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 what 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 favour, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I recognise 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 objections and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement."

This code of ethics, is repeated by every trooper when he or she is sworn in as a member of the Florida Highway Patrol. No one said it would be an easy job. No one said it would be a safe job. But, it is the job we all chose to do.

The Patrol is a working unit; it is also a family unit. When something happens to one of us, it happens to us all. Since the Florida Highway Patrol began in 1939, we have tragically lost 37 troopers to death in the line-of-duty, as of this publication.

The PPP comments We found this code of ethics on the Florida HP website when researching international road safety policies and practices. It would be somewhat inappropriate for any branch of North Wales Police particularly the Roads policing section or OSD under Geraint Anwyl