



## **Police Award Foundation**

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# **Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation**

## **Code of Ethics**

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### **Introduction**

The Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation, founded in 1981, recognizes excellence and professionalism on the part of local officers. As leaders of the community, we, the Board of Trustees, constantly strive to become a more productive organization and have established a code of moral and professional ethics by which we agree to abide. In doing so, we are confident The Foundation, as a whole, will continue to prosper.

### **Our Code of Ethics**

As Trustees of this Foundation, we agree to conduct ourselves in a professional matter at all times, despite our own personal feelings. We will put the needs of the Foundation first when it comes to discussion and any issues that might arise. As leaders of this Foundation and in this community, there are certain responsibilities we must fulfill. Those responsibilities are as follows.

### **Our Responsibilities**

As Trustees of the Board of the Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation, it is our responsibility to:

- Abide by the rules the Foundation has adopted as well as respect each Trustee.
- Attend the majority of scheduled meetings on a regular basis. If one cannot attend, he must notify the chairperson 24 hours ahead of time unless an emergency occurs.
- Attend major events funded and sponsored by the Foundation.
- Protect the Board and its affiliates from unnecessary public criticism and scrutiny.
- Demonstrate moral character at all times—in our personal and professional lives—that is exemplary and beyond reproach, as this type of behavior gives our Foundation the positive image it deserves.
- Act with integrity. All reports, finances, etc. are to be handled and accounted for in a professional manner.
- Handle any conflicts and disagreements in an appropriate manner. All complaints shall be directed to the chairperson to resolve in a just way.
- Promote truth at all times.



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### **Board of Trustees' Pledge and Code of Ethics**

We pledge to continue to work diligently in order to attain our stated purpose:

*To recognize efficiency, skill and devotion in providing for  
the public safety of the City and the reduction of crime.*

The Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation aspires to: *support* and *award* those who help keep our streets safe, *admire* officers and their families for their sacrifices, and *endeavor* to constantly improve the Foundation so that we might better serve our local law enforcement. With this pledge being formally stated, we hereby agree to uphold these rules and serve on the Foundation with pride, integrity, and commitment.