

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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OATH OF OFFICE

- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish the Oath of Office to be used for sworn members of the Upper Merion Township Police Department.
- II. **POLICY:** It shall be the policy of this department that all newly hired officers swear or affirm to an Oath of Office.
- III. **PROCEDURE:**
 - A. Prior to assuming the duties of a sworn police officer all such members shall be required to take an oath of office (see Attachment A). The oath shall be administered by a person duly authorized to administer oaths. The officer shall also be required to sign. Both signatures shall be notarized. The oath shall be placed in the officer's personnel file.
 - B. The oath shall require the officer to swear or affirm to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Ordinances of Upper Merion Township, and to faithfully discharge the duties of an Upper Merion Township Police Officer without consideration to a person's race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability.

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TO BE REVIEWED: ANNUALLY

DISTRIBUTION: All police officers
Township Manager
File

