
Oath of Office

101.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that, when appropriate, oaths are administered to department members.

101.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Havre de Grace Police Department that, when appropriate, department members affirm the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Department and the dedication of its members to their duties.

101.3 OATH OF OFFICE

All department members, when appropriate, shall take and subscribe to the required oath or affirmation to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in addition to any other form of oath or affirmation required by the Maryland Constitution, state law or ordinance (Md. Const. Art. I § 9; Md. Code CJ § 2-104; Md. Code PS § 3-309). If a member is opposed to taking an oath, he/she shall be permitted to substitute the word "affirm" for the word "swear."

[See attachment: Oath of office.pdf](#)

Section 53. Oath of office. [Amended 5-9-2000 by Res. No. 213]

Before entering upon the discharge of their respective duties, each and every person required under any provision of this Charter shall first take and subscribe to the following oath of office, not otherwise herein provided for, before any Notary Public.

"I _____ do solemnly swear that I will fulfill the requirements of the office I am about to assume; that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and Laws thereof; and that I will faithfully and impartially, without fear, favor or prejudice, discharge the duties of _____ for the City of Havre de Grace to the best of my ability."

101.4 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The oath of office shall be filed as prescribed by law (Md. Const. Art. I § 10; Md. Code PS § 3-309).

Attachments

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