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Perception

-The Public



- The reasoned study of what is morally right and wrong, good and bad.

ETHICS

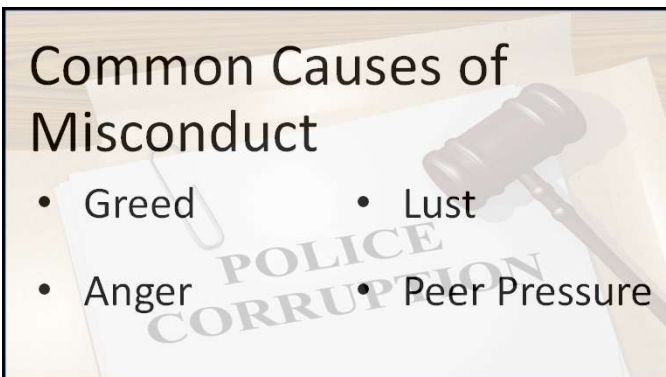
- Ethical Principles are the general statements of moral behavior.

Unethical behavior
– Law enforcement



Common Causes of Misconduct

- Greed
- Lust
- Anger
- Peer Pressure



Ethical scenarios and policies



Impacts of unethical behavior

- Personal Job Discipline
- Liability
- Criminal Prosecution
- Agency standing in the community
- Agency oversight

American Bar Association



Model Rules of Professional Conduct

Rule 2.1: Advisor/Counselor

In representing a client, a lawyer shall exercise independent professional judgment and render candid advice. In rendering advice, a lawyer may refer not only to law but to other considerations such as moral, economic, social and political factors, that may be relevant to the client's situation.

Rule 4.1

-Truthfulness in Statements to Others
-Transactions with Persons Other Than Clients

In the course of representing a client a lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a third person.

Rule 8.4: Misconduct Maintaining The Integrity Of the Profession

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- a. Violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another

Rule 8.4: Misconduct continued

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- b. commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects
- c. engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation

Rule 8.4: Misconduct continued

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- d. engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice
- e. state or imply an ability to influence improperly a government agency or official or to achieve results by means that violate the Rules of Professional Conduct or other law

Rule 8.4: Misconduct continued

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- f. Knowingly assist a judge or judicial officer in conduct that is a violation of applicable rules of judicial conduct or other law



Rule 8.4: Misconduct continued

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- g. Engage in conduct that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know is harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or socioeconomic status in conduct related to the practice of law.

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to **serve the community**; 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 to liberty, equality and justice.

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

I will **keep my private life unsullied** as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will **maintain courageous calm** in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; **develop self-restraint**; and be **constantly mindful of the welfare of others**.

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in **obeying the law** and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, 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 favor, malice or ill will, **never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.**

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

I recognize 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 police service. **I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers.** I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

I **know that I alone am responsible** for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and **improve my level of knowledge and competence.**

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

I will **constantly strive to achieve these objectives** and ideals, **dedicating myself before God** to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Oath Of Honor

On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust.

I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the Constitution and the community I serve, so help me God.

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