

Oath of Office

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Related Information

* [Indiana Code \(IC\): 21-39-4-3](#)

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Scope

This policy applies to Indiana University Police Department personnel.

The directives contained in this section are for internal Indiana University use only and do not apply in any criminal or civil proceedings. These directives will not be construed as creating a higher legal standard of safety or care.

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Policy Statement

Per Indiana Code 21-39-4-3, police officers appointed by the Indiana University Board of Trustees shall take an oath of office before assuming the duties and responsibilities of a police officer with the Indiana University Police Department.

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Reason For Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide all sworn police officers of the IU Police Department with a standard Oath of Office.

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Procedure

A. Administering the Oath of Office

1. The Superintendent of Public Safety, campus Chief of Police or their delegate may administer the Oath of Office.
2. The officer(s) will stand, raise her or his right hand and repeat the oath of office, prior to assuming enforcement duties.

A signed copy of the Oath of Office form will be placed in the officer's personnel file.

As stipulated by Indiana Code 21-39-4-3 police officers appointed under this chapter shall take an appropriate oath of office in the form and manner prescribed by the appointing board of trustees.

B. Oath of Office

I do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will at all times protect life and property, abide by the policies and regulations established by Indiana University, the department, the laws and Constitution of the State of Indiana and the Constitution of the United States of America.

I shall speak the truth at all times, whether under oath or not, and shall endeavor to ensure equal justice for all in the performance of my duties without prejudice.

I shall act with impartiality towards all and respect the rights of others at all times. I shall do my utmost to be a credit to the community, which I serve, so help me God.

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Sanctions

Violation of this oath may be grounds for disciplinary action or termination. Violations of law will be the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in recognized judicial settings.

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History

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