

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to require that each officer take an oath of office and sign a written and notarized oath of office, which shall be maintained in the officer's personnel file.

SECTION 2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that each officer shall take an oath of office and sign a written and notarized oath of office, which is maintained in the officer's personnel file.

SECTION 3 PROCEDURES

A. The training coordinator shall ensure that each officer signs their oath of office prior to taking any law enforcement action. The training coordinator shall then forward the oath of office forms to the Office of the Chief of Police for filing.

B. RESPONSIBILITY

1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.