



SHERIFF BARRY VIRTS

WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard life 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 people to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my office. 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.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, 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.

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

10.10.2013

Dear Chairman John Piczkur and fellow SCOPE members,

Thank you for bestowing to me the "2013 Patriot of the Year Award".

It is an honor and I am humbled to receive this prestige recognition from you and our members.

The moral and law abiding citizens of Wayne County and New York State should not have their Second Amendment rights infringed upon. It is the felon, the gang members and the mentally ill that commit horrendous crimes against our neighbors and children with criminal behavior and the misuse of firearms and other deadly instruments, not our law abiding citizens.

I will continue to fight for the preservation of our Second Amendment rights.

Again, thank you all.

Be safe.

Very sincerely,

Barry C. Virts, Sheriff