FORT ATKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY	TITLE: **202 - Oath of Office & Oath of Honor**		
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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fort Atkinson Police Department that all police officers voluntarily swear to and adhere to the Oath of Office and the Oath of Honor as part of being duly sworn as an officer of the law with this agency.

II. PURPOSE

To establish procedures requiring all sworn personnel to take an Oath of Office as well as an Oath of Honor to enforce the law and uphold the constitution in a manner that sets a standard that reinforces the mission, vision and shared values of this agency.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Oath of Office

1. Ethical Expectations.

a. All personnel, prior to assuming the position of police officer with the Fort Atkinson Police Department, are required to take an Oath of Office to enforce the law and to uphold the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin and the Constitution of the United States.

b. Police officers of the Fort Atkinson Police Department, whether on duty or off-duty, are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Oath of Office, statutory limitations and the guidelines in the agencies policy and procedure manual.

b. Officers are expected to continually carry themselves in such a manner that will reflect favorably upon themselves, the Police Department and the profession of law enforcement.

c. The Oath of Office is recited aloud by the officer, then signed as appropriate.

B. Oath of Honor

1. Ethical Expectations.

a. All personnel, prior to assuming the position of police officer with the Fort Atkinson Police Department, are required to take an Oath of Honor to reinforce the significance of integrity within the agency.

b. Police officers of the Fort Atkinson Police Department, whether on duty or off-duty, are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Oath of Honor which is a solemn pledge.

c. The Oath of Honor is recited aloud by the officer and then signed as appropriate.

This policy and procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant existing Fort Atkinson Police Department policies, procedures, rules and regulations in such a manner as to further the pursuit of the department mission, vision, and goals.

Adrian J. Bump Date
Chief of Police

Fort Atkinson Police Officer Oath of Office

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)
CITY OF FORT ATKINSON)

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Wisconsin. As a Police Officer for the City of Fort Atkinson, I will faithfully and honestly enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin and the Ordinances of the City of Fort Atkinson, without discrimination and without fear or favor. I will conduct myself in a manner which consistently maintains the public trust and respect of the community. I will treat others with kindness, empathy and respect. I will support the mission, vision and shared values of the Fort Atkinson Police Department.

_____
Signature of Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

_____
(Name)
(Swearing Official)

_____
Adrian J. Bump
Chief of Police

Fort Atkinson Police Officer 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 laws of my country, my community and the agency I service.

_____
Signature of Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

_____
Adrian J. Bump
Chief of Police

Fort Atkinson Police Department

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 laws of my country,
my community and the agency I service.**

An oath is a solemn pledge someone voluntarily makes when they sincerely intend to do what they say. The key words in the **"Law Enforcement Oath of Honor"** are defined thusly:

HONOR means giving one's word as a bond and guarantee.

BETRAY is defined as breaking faith and proving false.

The **BADGE** is a visible symbol of the power of your office.

INTEGRITY is firm adherence to principles, both in our private and public life.

CHARACTER means the qualities and standards of behavior that distinguish and individual.

PUBLIC TRUST is a duty imposed in faith to those we are sworn to serve.

COURAGE is having the "heart", the mental, and the moral strength to venture, persevere, withstand, and overcome danger, difficulty, and fear.

ACCOUNTABILITY means that we are answerable and responsible for our actions.

COMMUNITY is the municipality,