

# DUNCANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

SUBJECT: Authority and Purpose	Chapter I
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2013	APPROVED:
AMENDS/SUPERSEDES: General Order 120 ISSUED: January 1, 1980	Robert D. Brown, Jr. Chief of Police

## I. OBJECTIVES

Promulgated by the Chief of Police pursuant to the authority of Chapter 15, Section 7 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Duncanville, the Code of Conduct of the Duncanville Police Department is designed to promote efficiency, discipline, and good public relations by setting forth policies governing the conduct of every member of the Police Department, both sworn and non-sworn, on and off duty. The terms "sworn member" and "officer" refer to any person commissioned as a Police Officer under the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Duncanville and qualifying as a peace officer under Article 2.12 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The term's "member" and "employee" refer to any full time or part time permanent employee of the City of Duncanville assigned to the Police Department whether sworn or non-sworn (civilian). The use of the terms "he" and "his" to refer to a member of the Department shall indicate either a male or female employee.

## II. RULES

- A. The provisions of the Code of Conduct, City of Duncanville Personnel Rules, Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, and departmental regulations shall apply to all members of the Police Department.
- B. The Duncanville Police Department Code of Conduct and General Orders are founded on well-recognized standards of behavior and ethics. Police Officers are held to higher standards than others employed in public service because they alone have the power to limit individual freedom. The Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and the Canons of Police Ethics are included in this Code of Conduct to provide officers with a philosophical basis for our rules and regulation.