

## CRIMINAL SOCIOLOGY, ETHICS, AND HUMAN RELATIONS

### PART SIX

#### ETHICS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

##### TERMS TO PONDER

- **Serve** - denotes the denial of one's own pleasures and desire for the good of the person or persons to be served. Service involves dedication and sacrifice of the giving of one's self.
- **Protect** - to keep the public safe from harm or injury.
- **Ability** - being in possession of the required talent, skill, or proficiency in the conduct of duties and responsibilities
- **Respect** - giving due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, or traditions of others.
- **Liberty** - state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or views.
- **Equality** - state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities.
- **Justice** - the principle that people receive that which they deserve
- **Self-Restraint** - ability to impose control to one's own actions
- **Maximum Tolerance** - the highest degree of restraint that the police and other peace keeping authorities can observe
- **Uncompromising** - showing an unwillingness to make concessions to others, especially by changing one's ways or opinions.
- **Fair** - act in accordance with set rules or standards imposed by legitimate authorities
- **Religiosity** - being religious, having strong religious feelings or beliefs.

- **Professional conduct and Ethical standards** – set of rules and behavior characterized by a higher degree of honesty as more essential for officers and members of law enforcement community than for any member of the society.
- **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, weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder: and to respect the constitutional rights of all men, liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep any 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 thoughts and deeds in both my personal and official life. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and regulations of my organization. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature 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 friendship to influence my decision; 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 will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities in return.

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 police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of Justice.

I know that I alone is responsible for my own standard or professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession - Law Enforcement.



- **Canons of Police Ethics**

**Primordial Police Responsibility** - primary objectives of crime prevention. Law enforcers knew too well that they have committed their lives to defend and protect the rights of the citizen and uphold the law at all cost.

**Limitation of Police Authority** - as upholder of the law, the enforcers must know their limitation in enforcement of laws.

**Knowledge of the Law and other Responsibilities** – law enforcers assiduously apply to themselves the principles of the laws, which they sworn to duty. They know they have many responsibilities to the people they serve.

**Use of proper Means to Obtain proper Ends** – the law enforcers shall be mindful of their responsibilities to have strict selection of methods in discharging their tasks. The employment of illegal methods, no matter how worthy the end, is certain to encourage disrespect for the law and its officers. If the law is to be honored, it must first be honored by those who enforce it.

**Cooperation with Public Officials** – law enforcers shall cooperate fully with other public officials in the performance of their duties, regardless of party affiliation or personal prejudices.

**Proper Conduct and Behavior** – law enforcers shall be mindful of their special identification by the public as an upholder of the laws. Laxity of conduct or manner in private life, expressing either disrespect for the law or seeking to gain special prevail, cannot but reflect upon law enforcers and the police service. The community and the service require that a policeman leads the life of decent and honorable person, following the career of policeman gives no special pre-requisite.

**Conduct towards the Community** – law enforcers shall be mindful of their responsibilities to the community. They shall deal with individuals in the manner calculated to instill respect for the laws. They shall conduct their life in a manner that will inspire confidence and trust.

**Conduct in Arresting Law Violator** – law enforcers shall use their powers of arrest in accordance with the law and with due regard to the rights of the citizen concerned.



**Firmness in Refusing Gifts or Favors** – law enforcers represent the government, bear heavy responsibility of maintaining his conduct, the honor and integrity of all government institution. They shall guard against placing themselves in a position in which the public can reasonably assume that special consideration is being given. They shall be firm in refusing gifts, favors or gratitude, large or small, which can be public mind, be interpreted as capable of influencing their judgment in the discharge of their duties.

**Attitude towards Police Profession** – law enforcers shall regard the best possible of his duties as a public trust and recognize his responsibilities as a public servant. They shall strive to make the best possible application of science to the detection of the crime. In the field of human relations, they shall strive for effecting leadership and public influence in matters affecting public safety.

**Impartial Presentation of Evidence** – law enforcers shall be concerned equally in the prosecution of the accused or for the defense of the innocent

▪ **Professional Police Principles**

**Prevention of Crime and Disorder** - basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder as an alternative to the repression of crime and disorder by police force and severity of legal punishment.

**Cooperation of Crime and Disorder** - secure the willingness and cooperation, voluntary observance of the law by the public; secure and maintain the respect and support of the community.

**Use of Reasonable Force when Persuasion Is Sufficient** - The police may use reasonable force necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order, made only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to attain police objectives.

**Impartial Enforcement of Laws** - seek and preserve community favor, not by catering to community opinion, but constantly demonstrating absolutely impartial enforcement of laws, without regard to the substance of particular laws.



- **The Community is the Police** - The police at all times should maintain relationship with the community that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the community are the police.
- **Police Should Not Usurp Judicial Powers** - The police should always direct their actions strictly toward their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of judiciary by averaging individuals of the state of authoritative judging guilt of punishing the guilt.
- **Reduction of Crime and Disorder** - The test of police efficiency is the reduction of crime and disorder until totally eradicated, not by evidence of police present and action in dealing with the community.
- **Rules of Enforcement Impartially Observed** - Policemen engaged in anti-crime operation always consider the safety and security of who might be caught in the crossfire or arm encounters.
- **Police Discretion** - A police officer will use responsibly the discretion vested in the position and exercise it within the law. The principle of reasonableness will guide the officer's determinations and the officer will consider all surrounding circumstances whether any legal action shall be taken.
- **Core Values** - Police service is noble and professional. Hence, it demands from its members a specialized knowledge, skill and high standard ethics and morality. In this regard, the member of the police must adhere to and internalize the enduring core values of Love of God, Respect for authority, Respect for women, Respect for sanctity of marriage, Stewardship over material things, Responsible dominion, and adherence to Truthfulness.
- **The Police Officer's Pledge** - I will love and serve God, my country and people. I will uphold the Constitution and obey legal orders of duly constituted authorities. I will oblige myself to maintain high standard of morality. I will respect the customs and traditions of the police service. I will live a decent and virtuous Life to serve as an example.
- **The Police Officer's Creed** - I believe in God, the Supreme Being and Great provider, the Creator of all men and everything dear to me. In return, I can do less than love Him above all, seek His guidance in the performance of my duties and honor Him at all times. I believe that respect for authority is a duty. I believe and uphold the Constitution, the laws of the land and the applicable



rules and regulations. I recognize the legitimacy and authority of the leadership, and follow and obey legal orders of my superior officers. I believe in selfless love and service to people. Toward this end, I commit myself to the service of my fellowmen over and above my personal convenience. I believe in the sanctity of marriage and the respect for women. I shall set the example of decency and morality. I shall have high regard for family life and chastity. I believe in responsible dominion and stewardship over material things. I shall inhibit myself from ostentatious display of my property. I shall protect the environment and conserve nature to maintain ecological balance. I shall not intrigue, gossip or make unverified statement concerning personal character of conduct, which will discredit another member of the police organization.

- **The Police Code of Covenant** - I shall recognize and will always be conscious of the fact that the police service is an honorable calling, thus compelling me to set the example by strictly adhering to the provision of the code of professional conduct and ethical standards. I bind myself to promote and enhance the noble ideas and aspiration of code of my personal and professional life and ensure that it's tenets shall be honored at all times. This is my personal covenant.
- **The Policeman's Prayer** - Lord God Almighty, grant us that we may this day and every day over all temptation specially to injustice and disloyalty and with our minds inflamed by your holy spirit. performed all our duties in such a manner that as maybe pleasing to your divine will so that when call to report for the last time, we may not be found wanting. amen.
- **The Filipino Policeman** - A Filipino policeman is a protector and a friend of the people. His badge is the symbol of the citizen's faith and trust, his uniform a mirror of decorum and integrity and his whole human person an oblation of enduring love for homeland, fellowmen and god. A Filipino policeman emulates the valor of Lapu-Lapu, serenity of Rizal, the leadership of Aguinaldo, the courage of Bonifacio, the idealism of Del Pilar, the wisdom of Mabini and the fortitude of Gomez, Burgos, and Zamora. A Filipino policeman has an oath for his republic to uphold: to defend the constitution, honor the flag, obey the laws and duly constituted authorities. He has covenant with his people to comply: to safeguard and protect them even beyond the call of duty. And he has a legacy for his family to fulfill: to bequeath unto them the one and only treasure of his life - an embellished name.



- **The Police Professional Conduct**

**Commitment of Democracy** - Uniform PNP members shall commit themselves to the democratic way of life and value and maintain the principles of public accountability.

**Public office is a public trust** - Public officer must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives. They shall at all times uphold the constitution and be loyal to our country, people and organization above loyalty to any persons or organization.

**Commitment to Public Interest** - PNP members shall always uphold public interest over and above personal interest. All government properties, resources and powers of their respective offices must be employed and used effectively, honestly and efficiency, particularly to avoid wastage of public fund and revenues.

**Non-Partisanship** - PNP members shall provide service to everyone without discrimination regardless of Party affiliation in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

**PNP Conduct during Labor Dispute** - the involvement of PNP during strike, lockout, and labor dispute in general shall be limited to the maintenance of peace and order, enforcement of laws and legal Orders of duly constituted authorities. Insofar as practicable, no PNP personnel shall be allowed to render services in connection with a strike or Lockout if he is related by affinity or consanguinity within the fourth civil degree to any official/leader of the parties in controversy or has any financial or pecuniary interest therein. PNP personnel detailed as peace keeping force in strike or lockout areas shall be in uniform, with proper name cloth at all times. He shall observe strict neutrality in his dealings with both parties to the controversy bearing in mind that the parties to the labor dispute are not his adversaries but his partners in the quest for industrial peace and human dignity. No personal escort shall be provided to any of the parties to the controversy unless so directed by the competent authority. Whenever escort are to be provided to any of the party, the other party shall be informed accordingly. All escorts shall be in proper uniform and name cloth at all times. During pendency of a strike/lockout, the PNP personnel concerned are discouraged from socializing with any of the parties involved in the controversy. These personnel shall not, under any pretext, accept an invitation





from management personnel or union officials/personnel involved in the controversy. The peace keeping details shall not be stationed in the picket (or confrontation line) but should be stationed such that their presence may deter the commission of Criminal acts from either side. The members of peace keeping detail shall maintain themselves outside a 50-meter radius from the picket line, except, if the 50-meter radius include public thoroughfare, they may station themselves in such public thoroughfare for the purpose of insuring the free flow of traffic.

**Physical Fitness and Health** - All PNP members shall strive to be physically fit and in good health at all times. Towards this end, they shall undergo regular exercise and annual medical examination in any PNP hospital or medical facility.

**Secrecy Discipline** - All PNP Members shall guard the confidentiality of classified information against unauthorized disclosure. This includes confidential aspect of official business special orders, communication and other documents, roster or any portion thereof of the PNP, contents of criminal records, identities of person who may have given information to the police in confidence and other classified information on intelligence materials.

**Social Awareness** - All PNP members shall be actively involved in civic, religious, and other social activities with the end purpose of increasing social awareness.

**Proper Care and Use of Public Property** - All PNP members shall be responsible for the security, proper care and use of Public property issued to them and/or deposit under their care and custody, unauthorized use of Public property for personal convenience of gain and that of their family, friends, relatives is strictly prohibited. Retiring, reassigning, or dismissed members of the PNP shall immediately surrender their badges, service firearms, identification cards, other insignia of office, and other property of the PNP, which may be in their possession or under their responsibility. All recovered property, used in the commission of crime or alleged to be so, property legally seized, found or surrender and those found on the person of a prisoners; shall be property tagged and immediately delivered to the proper custodian for disposition.





**Non-Solicitation of Patronage** - All PNP members seeking self-improvement through career development and shall not directly or indirectly solicit influence or recommendation from politician, high ranking government officials, prominent citizens, persons affiliated with civic or religious organization with regard to their assignment, promotion, transfer or related advantage.

**Respect for Human Rights** - In the performance of duty, PNP members shall respect human dignity and uphold human rights of all persons. Every police officer shall not inflict, investigate, or tolerate extra judicial killing, arbitrary arrest, any act of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and punishment. Every member of the PNP shall not invoke superior order or exceptional circumstances such as state of war, a threat to national security, internal political instability or any committing such human rights.

**Devotion to Duty** - All PNP members shall perform their duties with dedication, efficiency enthusiasm, determination and manifest concerned for public welfare. He shall refrain from engaging in any activity, which shall in conflict with their duties as Public servant. He shall not reign sickness or injury or physical incapacity to avoid performance of duty. He shall not leave his assigned jurisdiction of official business, except by permission of his superior officer or other competent authority, unless such permission is not practical as in pursuit of a criminal, in which case a report must be made immediately thereafter.

**Conservation of Natural Resources** - All members of the PNP shall help in the development and conservation of our natural resources for ecological balance and posterity. The natural resources are considered inalienable heritage of our people.

**Discipline** - PNP policemen shall conduct themselves at all times in keeping with the rules and regulation of the organization.

**Loyalty** - PNP members must be loyal to the constitution and the police service as manifested by their loyalty to the superior, peers and subordinates as well.

**Obedience to Superior** - PNP members shall obey lawful orders and to be courteous to superior officers and other appropriate authorities within the chain of command. No members shall use abusive, insulting or indecent language to another member.



**Command Responsibility** - In accordance with the Doctrine of Command Responsibility, immediate commanders shall be responsible for the effective supervision, control and direction of their personnel. He shall see to it that all government resource with laws and regulations and safeguards against losses through illegal of improper disposition.

- **The Police Ethical Standards**

**Morality** - All PNP members shall adhere to high standards of morality and decency and shall set good example for others to follow. Hence, among others, and in no instance during their terms of office shall they be involved as owner, operators, manager or investor in any house of ill-repute or illegal gambling den or other places devoted to vice or shall they patronize such places unless on officials duty, and not tolerate operations of such establishment in their prospective areas of responsibility. They shall be faithful to their lawfully wedded spouse.

**Judicious Use of Authority** - All PNP members shall be permitted to apply for search warrant for any evidence of assault against himself without reporting the case in writing to his superior officer and Obtaining from his permission to apply for such warrant. All PNP Members shall exercise proper legitimate use of authority in the performance of duty. In no case shall any aggrieved PNP member be permitted to serve such warrant.

**Law of the Jungle** - PNP members who happen to be victims of assault upon himself in his capacity as an agent of a person in authority, cannot take the law into his own hands.

**Justice** - PNP members shall strive constantly to respect the rights of other so that they can fulfill their duties and exercise their rights as human beings, parents, children, citizens workers, leaders, of in other capacities and to see to ensure that others do likewise.

**Humility** - All PNP members shall recognize the fact that they are public servants and not the master of the people and toward this end, they should perform their duties without arrogance.

**Orderliness** - All PNP shall follow logical procedure in accomplishing task assigned to them to minimize waste in the use of time, money and efforts.



**Perseverance** - Once a decision is made all PNP members shall take legitimate means to achieve the goal even in the face of internal or external difficulties, and despite of anything which might weaken their resolve in the course of time.

**Integrity** - PNP members shall not allow themselves to be victims of corruption and dishonest practices in accordance with the provision of existing laws on corrupt practices.

▪ **Police Customs**

**Courtesy** is a manifestation or expression of consideration and respect on others.

**Salute** – It is the usual greeting rendered by uniformed members upon and recognizing person entitled to salute.

**Courtesy Calls** - The following are the customs on courtesy calls. Courtesy call of newly assigned/appointed members; New year's call, Promotion Call, Exit Call, Courtesy of the Post, Rank has – its – own Privilege

**Ceremony** - is a formal act or set of formal acts established by custom or authority as proper to special occasion - Flag Raising Ceremony, Flag Retreat Ceremony, Half-Mast, Funeral Service and Honor, Ceremony rendered to Retirees, Honor Ceremony, Turn – Over Ceremony, Wedding Ceremony, Anniversary.

**Customs on Social Decorum** - are set of norms and standards practiced by members during social and other functions. The following are police customs and social decorum - Proper Attire, Table Manner, Social Graces, Uniform/ Appearance, Manner of Walking.

**Visiting the Sick** - PNP members who are in the hospital, their residence or anyplace of confinement are visited by their immediate commanders or other available officers of the unit in order that their needs are attended.

**Survivor Assistance to Heirs of Deceased Members** - When PNP members die, a Survivor officer is designated to render maximum assistance to their legitimate bereaved gears until all benefits due shall have been received.



**Visiting a Religious Leaders** - PNP members/ officers visiting a religious leader in their area of assignment to establish or maintain rapport and cooperation between the different religious leaders and PNP.

**Athletics** - All PNP members must undergo in physical fitness activities to insure their proper physical appearance and bearing are maintain with the waist line measurement always smaller than the size of his chest and in conformity with the standard set forth by the organization.

**Happy Hours** - Usually Fridays or on any other day suitable for the occasion, PNP members gather a PNP Clubhouse for a high hearted jesting or airing of minor gripes.

▪ **Police Traditions**

**Spiritual Beliefs** - PNP members are traditionally religious and god loving person. They attend religious service together with their family.

**Valor** - History attests that Filipino law-enforcers have exemplified the tradition of valor in defending the country from aggression and oppression. They sacrifice their limbs and lives for their countrymen they are pledged to serve.

**Discipline** - The discipline of PNP members manifested by instinctive obedience to lawful orders and through and spontaneous actions within the bounds of ethical and legal norms.

**Gentleman** - PNP members are upright in character, polite in manners, dignified in appearance, and sincere in their concern or their fellowmen.

**Word of Honor** - PNP members' word is their hand; they stand by and commit to uphold it. PNP members have historically exemplified themselves as dedicated public servants who perform their duty with deep sense of responsibility and self – sacrifice.

**Loyalty** - Police are traditionally loyal to the organization country people as borne out by history and practice.

**Camaraderie** – The binding spirit that enhance teamwork and cooperation in the police organization, extending to the people they serve, is manifested by the PNP members' deep commitment and concern for one another.



- **Police Practices**

**Police Leadership** - True leadership is personal it is a psychological balance showing a well-integrated personality. It is difficult to enumerate the specific characteristics that combine in the personality of a true leader, because individuals differ in their viewpoints and reaction. The public is a willing body of people who ask little more of a leader with qualities that will command their respect, loyalty and obedience. The qualities that seem most common on persons who command public respect and confidence are those that rate highly in influencing positive character of this men.

**Self-confidence** - is faith to oneself, and it is predicated upon knowledge, still in applying knowledge, and in the ability and willingness to pass one's knowledge for the benefits of the others. Self-confidence is in fact a state of mental satisfaction that arises from being able to put the possession of knowledge to constructive use.

**Self-sacrifice** is a fundamental trait to true leadership. It is inescapable fact that to contemplate a situation without bias requires first a complete subordination of self. Effective police work requires the utmost self-sacrifice, policeman who are selfishly impressed with their authority cannot succeed as leader.

**Paternalism** - as a quality is found in policeman who is mindful of the welfare of other. It is basic to police leadership because community welfare is the primordial responsibility of the police.

**Fairness and Honesty** - are qualities that have universal appeals. Thus, there is opportunity or need to display these qualities especially in the police service.

**Decisiveness** - initiative and decisiveness are characteristics traits of man who acts correctly and at the proper time. The ability to act decisively and correctly is a manifestation or thorough preparation and interest in the appreciation of the task at hand. The policeman's knowledge, mental alertness and judgement all enter in the development of this very desirable trait. The ability of policeman to meet emergencies with propriety and decision has no profound effect upon shaping favorable community opinion.



**Personal Dignity** - is indicative of a policeman's appreciation of the honor of his position. It is an excellent manifestation of his "esprit de corps" and is a powerful factor in creating community respect. Policemen who are paternalistic in their concern for community welfare, sympathetic in caring for citizens in distress, calm and dignified in their community relationship with the citizens they serve.

**Physical and Moral Courage** - The community assumes that policemen are physically courageous, yet true courage is not thoroughly understood by most citizens. It is a common misapprehension to consider reckless disregard of danger as a manifestation of courage and bravery.

**Moral Ascendancy** - is the influence that one person exercises over a group of persons by reason of the exemplary nature of his character. It arises out of withstanding the hardship and difficulty of the work, sincerity of purpose that manifests his willingness to personally adhere, without equivocation, to the same standards of conduct that he is duty bound to enforce upon others. The final measure of moral ascendancy is found in the true character of the individual, by the example he sets in his own living.

**Dependability** - the public has the right to demand the same guarantees in the manner of its safety as it exacts for the protection of public health. The public is concerned with emergency situations that require immediate attention and effective treatment. Police service if it is to be of any value must be dependable.

**Punctuality** - is not only important in relationship with the public but it is also essential in routine activities as well. The rendition of reports, appearance in court and cooperation with colleges and other law enforcement agencies are responsibilities that can be relied upon if properly implemented.



- **Community** - refers to the civilian populace in cities, municipalities or Public in general, and shall use interchangeably with public, citizenry, society, or private sector.
- **Community Relations** - is like a three-legged stool, each leg of an equal importance in holding the stool upright. One leg is public relations in, its traditional sense. Another leg is community service. The third leg is community participation, and this is facet of the total community relations' job that is being emphasized today in police and community relations program.
- **Police Ideal** - is the expected essence of perfection, sympathetic, courteous intelligent, honest, and in control of his emotions and temper, at all times. It also includes courage and highest sense of dedication to duty.
- **Personal Media** - the use of rallies, meetings, speeches and house to house visits to the community.
- **Barangay** - the basic political unit of the Filipino nation that implements the policies of the national and local governments.
- **Propaganda** - is a well-planned use of Public or mass communication for public purpose.
- **Police Community Relation** - the sum total of dealings between the police and the people it serves and whose goodwill and cooperation it craves for the greatest possible efficiency in the service.
- **Public Relation Programs** - those activities designed to maintain harmony and mutual support between the police and the community.
- **Civic Action Program** - those activities designed to maintain and encourage community development.
- **Psychological Operation Program** - those activities that influences behavior of people to prevent them from being influenced by the misguided elements of society.
- **Community Information** - are activities utilizing the various forms of media directed towards the public at large designed to increase their consciousness and Knowledge of facts and issues for purpose of enhancing law enforcement, counter insurgency and





crime prevention efforts, increasing crime solution efficiency to include weakening of the will of the Criminal elements and insurgents and enlightening other groups of individual Critical to the government in general and the police organization in particular.

- **Institutional Information** - are activities utilizing the various forms of Media directed towards the public at large designed to generate trust, confidence and popular support for the PNP or simply enhancing public perception and knowledge about the PNP as an institution of the government.
- **Police Community Affairs** - activities outside law enforcement but which necessitates PNP support and or participation, the end result of which ultimately contribute to better appreciation and an enhanced support to the PNP in whole in part by the populace.
- **Community Inter Relations** - are activities outside the field of law enforcement under taken upon the initiative of other government agencies, non – governmental organization, and or individual citizens whereby a PNP unit or personnel actively contributes time, money and or service as a means of drawing the support, appreciation, and cooperation of the public towards the PNP in whole in or part.
- **Community Organization and Mobilization** - activities revolving around the accreditation of existing groups or creation of new ones with the end in view of having allies within various sectors in the community who could be tapped to assist in the conduct of law services, community works and the like.

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