

## **Rules of Conduct**

### **Worthington Police Academy Alumni Association (WPAAA)**

#### **Association with the Worthington Division of Police (WDP)**

Because the mission of the Worthington Police Academy Alumni Association (WPAAA) is to support the WDP, members shall at all times be mindful of and act in accordance with the WDP Mission Statement, Code of Ethics and Core Values.

#### **Communications**

Unless designated as an official representative of the WPAAA, members shall not address a public gathering, appear on radio or television, prepare any article for publication, act as a correspondent to a newspaper or periodical, act as a representative of the WDP or post any photos of the WDP on social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter.

Members may be permitted to act in the name of the WPAAA with the permission of the WPAAA Executive Board.

#### **Integrity**

Members shall be truthful and honest in their interactions with fellow members, with the WDP and with the community. At no time will they use or attempt to use their association with the WPAAA as a means to avoid consequences of an illegal act or to obtain privileges not otherwise available to them.

Members shall not criticize or ridicule the WDP or any other city agency by speech or in writing or by expression in any other manner when such expression is unlawful or exhibits a disregard for truthfulness.

#### **Courtesy and Respect**

Members shall be courteous to fellow members, the public and the WDP. Members shall treat all people with respect and fairness and may not use language which might be insulting or demeaning to the public or fellow members especially concerning race, sex, religion, national origin, lifestyle or similar personal characteristics.

#### **Political Activity**

Members shall not intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office under the name of the WPAAA.

Members will refrain from lobbying the local or state legislature under the name of the WPAAA without permission of the WPAAA Executive Board.

#### **Unbecoming Conduct**

Members shall conduct themselves properly at all times when representing the WPAAA, in a manner which reflects most favorably on the WDP and the WPAAA.

#### **Use of Alcoholic Beverages**

Members will not drink or be under the influence of intoxicating beverages while acting on behalf of the WPAAA.

#### **Use of Drugs**

Members will not use any controlled substance, except when prescribed in the treatment of said member by a licensed physician or dentist.