

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS CODE OF ETHICS

The following is the code of ethics for the New Bedford Animal Control. It is presented here to encourage and motivate the Animal Control Officer in his or her daily duties.

As an Animal Control Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard human and animal lives, and property; and respect Constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my official 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 my official life. I will strive to obey the laws of the Commonwealth and the regulations of my community. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept forever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudice, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions with no compromise and with accurate reporting and presentation of facts for prosecution of violators and abusers. I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill while always employing humane practices and high acceptable community standards and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the Animal Control profession. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals dedicating myself to my profession.