Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my 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 thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is 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 friendships to influence my decisions. 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 ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

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 the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...Law Enforcement.
Correctional Deputy Code of Ethics

As a Correctional Deputy, it is my fundamental duty to honor the Correctional Deputy Code of Ethics and the Value Statement of the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department. By doing so, I will demonstrate the true meaning of integrity, loyalty, professionalism, and leadership.

I will always be fair in the performance of my duties, never seeking to use my authority over others unjustly. I will perform my duties without prejudice or bias. I will maintain honesty of word and deed. I will act with integrity at all times, keeping my private life unsullied as an example. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and regulations of the Department.

I will maintain calm in the face of ridicule and contempt, never employing more force than is necessary. I will never act officiously or permit personal feeling or friendship to influence me. I will always be aware of the safety and security of all those around me by maintaining a safe and secure environment. I will never use my position for personal gain, never accepting gratuities, nor will I exaggerate the limits of my authority.

I recognize the badge as a symbol of my profession and of the Department. I will maintain the integrity of my badge and position.

I will strive to achieve and embody the highest ideals and ethics of the Department, while always displaying the highest degree of professionalism...As a Correctional Deputy.
THE TWELVE FATAL ERRORS

1. INAPPROPRIATE ATTITUDE
2. TOMBSTONE COURAGE
3. POOR OR NO PLANNING
4. INADEQUATE COMMUNICATION
5. PHYSICAL OR MENTAL FATIGUE
6. POOR POSITIONING
7. IGNORING THE DANGER SIGNS
8. FAILURE TO WATCH THE SUSPECT’S HANDS
9. RELAXING TOO SOON
10. IMPROPER USE OR NO USE OF HANDCUFFS
11. FAILURE TO SEARCH OR CONDUCTING A POOR SEARCH
12. POOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
VALUE STATEMENT

We, the members of the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, fill a variety of difficult and demanding roles as we provide law enforcement and related services to our communities. We recognize that trust and support are not automatically granted but must be earned.

To achieve and maintain superior service we proudly commit ourselves to exercise and display the following values:

I. **INTEGRITY**

We are dedicated to honesty and integrity in all our actions and will uphold our ethical beliefs regardless of the consequences. Our actions must be above reproach. We will:

- Promote and recognize ethical behavior and actions.
- Demand honesty over loyalty.
- Prevent abuse of the law and violation of civil rights
- Report and confront employees who violate laws and the basic values of the organization.

II. **LOYALTY**

We are dedicated and loyal to the citizens of our communities, our Department, and our co-worker. Above all, we will be loyal to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics. We will:

- Reward and recognize those who contribute to the development of more effective ways of providing the policing service.
- Take all reasonable steps and precautions to protect both the employees’ and the Department’s interest in incidents that present either danger or civil exposure.

III. **PROFESSIONALISM**

We will serve with honor and vitality. Our professionalism dictates critical self-appraisal and objective analysis, with a commitment to community betterment. We will maintain the position of honor entrusted to us by those we serve. We will:

- Openly discuss both ethical and operational issues.
- Promote an atmosphere that encourages reasonable risk-taking and recognizes that growth and learning may be spawned by honest mistakes.
- Recognize that it is our duty to prevent, report, and investigate crimes; pursue, apprehend, and prosecute lawbreakers.
- Require professional performance for all members of the Department.

IV. **LEADERSHIP**

We are mandated by law and public expectation to be leaders. We will lead by example and by adherence to our professional ethics and values. We will:

- Listen to and promote suggestions emanating from all level of the Department
- Review and react to individual performance based upon the totality of the circumstances surrounding the decision or action.
- Publicly acknowledge and praise employees who excel at their jobs.
# RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
## CODE SIGNALS

### 10- CODES

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<td>Return to Your Station</td>
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<td>What is Your Location</td>
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<td>Call By Phone</td>
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<td>Meet ___ at ____</td>
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<td>Take No Further Action</td>
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<td>Stand By</td>
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### CODES

- **Code 1** Routine Call
- **Code 3** Emergency
- **Code 4** No Further Help Needed
- **Code 5** Stake Out
**PHONETIC ALPHABET**

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**Clarification for the use of radio codes 11-10, 11-11, and 11-99:**

11-10 Request Routine Back-up: 11-10 is generally understood to be a routine back-up, and should be given an immediate response by one unit. When an 11-10 is requested by a field officer, the closest unit should automatically begin an immediate response to assist and should notify the dispatcher of the location he/she is responding from. It is the responsibility of any closer unit to cancel the responding unit and respond to assist.

11-11 Request Code 3 Back-up: An 11-11 is defined as an officer needs help, but differs from an 11-99 by the number of officers needed. An 11-11 response should always be Code 3 by one (1) unit. All other assisting units that may be needed should respond immediately. When an officer advises the need for an 11-11 back-up, control should be established immediately and confirmation made as to which responding unit will handle Code 3. If able to do so, the officer, requesting the 11-11 should inform the dispatcher, of the units needed for the response.

* An example of an 11-11 may be an officer who has engaged a felony subject in a foot pursuit, or a felony stop in which the suspects are believed to be armed and dangerous.

11-99 Officer Needs Help: An 11-99 is defined as an officer needs help in great numbers. Such an example would be a major disturbance in which officers at the scene are threatened or are completely overwhelmed or if an officer gets in a shooting situation.

Numerous officers, including other agencies, may be needed. An 11-99 is always a Code 3 response; however, when sufficient units arrive to contain the problem, control should be established over the remaining responding units. The supervisor should establish at what point no further units are needed to respond Code 3 and should advise the dispatcher as such, as well as the number of units needed to still respond to the scene.
Penal Codes

15 PC  Definition of “Crime” and “Public Offense”-(know the definition)
20 PC  Constitution of a Crime-(know the definition)
148(a)(1) PC  Resisting Arrest (resisting, obstructing, delaying)
148.5 PC  False Report to a Peace Officer
148.9(a) PC  False Representation to Police Officer
187(a) PC  Murder
192 PC  Manslaughter
192(a) PC  Voluntary Manslaughter
192(b) PC  Involuntary Manslaughter
192(c) PC  Vehicular Manslaughter
196 PC  Justifiable Homicide by Public Officers
203 PC  Mayhem
207(a) PC  Kidnapping
211PC  Robbery
215(a) PC  Carjacking
236 PC  False Imprisonment
240 PC  Assault
242 PC  Battery
243(b) PC  Battery on Police Officer
243(e)(1) PC  Domestic Battery
243.4 PC  Sexual Battery
245 PC  Assault with Deadly Weapon or Instrument
245(a)(1) PC  Assault with Deadly Weapon Other Than a Firearm
245(a)(2) PC  Assault with Deadly Weapon A Firearm

246 PC  Discharge of Firearm at Occupied Aircraft or Motor Vehicle or Inhabited Building or Dwelling House

246.3 PC  Discharge of Firearm in Grossly, Negligent Manner

247 PC  Discharge of Firearm at Unoccupied Aircraft or Motor Vehicle or Uninhabited Building or Dwelling House

261PC  Rape

261.5 PC  Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a Minor

270 PC  Child Neglect

273a PC  Child Endangerment

273a(a) PC  Child Endangerment—Under Conditions Like to Produce Great Bodily Harm or Death. Willfully Permitting the Child to Suffer

273a(b) PC  Child Endangerment—Under Conditions Other Than Those Likely to Produce Great Bodily Harm or Death. Willfully Permits the Child to Suffer

273.5(a) PC  Spousal Abuse

286(a)PC  Sodomy

288(a) PC  Lewd and Lascivious Acts With a Child Who is Under the Age of 14 Years

288(c)(1) PC  Lewd and Lascivious Acts With a Child Who is 14 or 15 Years and that Person is at Least 10 Years Older than the Child

288a PC  Unlawful Oral Copulation

289 PC  Unlawful Sexual Penetration

314 PC  Indecent Exposure

368 PC  Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse/Endangerment

415 PC  Disturbing the Peace  
(1)  Fights or challenges to fight in the public place  
(2)  Disturbs another with loud or unreasonable noise  
(3)  Offensive words likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction

417 PC  Brandishing Deadly Weapon/Firearm

422 PC  Criminal Threats
451 PC  Arson
459 PC  Burglary
470 PC  Forgery
487 PC  Grand Theft
488 PC  Petty Theft
490.5 PC  “Shoplifting”
496 PC  Possession of Stolen Property
503 PC  Embezzlement
530.5 PC  Identity Theft
537 PC  Defrauding an Innkeeper
594 PC  Vandalism
594(b)(1) PC  Vandalism $400 or More
597 PC  Cruelty to Animals
602 PC  Trespassing
647 PC  Disorderly Conduct
   (a) Lewd Conduct
   (b) Prostitution
   (d) Loitering Around Public Restroom
   (f) Public intoxication
   (h) Prowling
   (i) Peeping
   (j) Illegal Lodging
   (k) Invasion of Privacy
647.6 PC  Annoying or Molesting Children
666 PC  Petty Theft with a Prior Conviction
12020 PC  Unlawful Manufacture, Import, Sale, Possession of Prohibited Weapons
12021 PC  Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon
12025 PC  Carrying a Concealed Firearm
12031(a) PC  Carrying Loaded Firearm
California Vehicle Codes

2800.1 CVC Flight/Evade Peace Officer
4000(a)(1) CVC Unregistered Vehicle
10851 CVC Stolen Vehicle
12500(a) CVC Unlicensed Driver
14601(a) CVC Driving on a suspended or revoked license
21510(b) PC Possession of Switchblade (on person)
23152(a) CVC Driving under the influence of alcoholic beverage or drug
23152(b) CVC Driving under the influence with .08 or above
40508(a) CVC Failure to appear in court

Health and Safety Codes

11350 H&S Possession of Heroin/Cocaine
11357(b) H&S Possession of Marijuana (less than 1 ounce)
11364 H&S Possession of drug paraphernalia
11377(a) H&S Possession of a controlled substance
11378(a) H&S Possession of a controlled substance for sale
11379(a) H&S Possession of a controlled substance for transport
11550(a) H&S Under the influence of a controlled substance

Welfare and Institutions Codes

5150 WIC Mentally disabled person