

## Oath of Office

### 102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that oaths, when appropriate, are administered to office members.

### 102.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office that, when appropriate, office members affirm, or reaffirm, the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Office and the dedication of its members to their duties.

### 102.4 OATH OF OFFICE

Before entering upon the duties of any office with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, all members shall take and subscribe to the various oaths or affirmations applicable to the position assumed.

**The following two oaths are required for all members including the elected or appointed Sheriff:**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as \_\_\_\_\_, so help me God."

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God."

**The following oath is required for all deputies but not the Sheriff:**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be alert and vigilant to enforce the criminal laws of this State; that I will not be influenced in any matter on account of personal bias or prejudice; that I will faithfully and impartially execute the duties of my office as a law enforcement officer according to the best of my skill, abilities, and judgment; so help me, God."

**The following oath is required solely for the Sheriff:**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false return on any process to me directed; so help me, God."

# Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

## Policy Manual

### *Oath of Office*

---

When a person to be sworn has conscientious scruples against taking an oath, he/she shall be permitted to be affirmed. The words of the affirmation shall be the same as the words of the prescribed oath, except that the word "affirm" shall be substituted for the word "swear" and the words "so help me God" shall be deleted.

#### **102.5 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

The oath of office shall be filed as prescribed by law.