

Oath of Office

102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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

102.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Department that, when appropriate, department members affirm the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Department and the dedication of its members to their duties.

102.3 OATH OF OFFICE

All sworn department members, when appropriate, shall take and subscribe to the required oath or affirmation required to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and Maryland, to enforce federal, state and local ordinances (Md. Const. Art. I § 9; Md. Code CJ § 2-104; Md. Code PS § 3-309), and to follow the orders and directions of those appointed to supervise the UMBPD. If a member is opposed to taking an oath, he/she shall be permitted to substitute the word "affirm" for the word "swear." [See attachment: Oath of Office Template.pdf](#)

102.4 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The oath of office shall be filed as prescribed by law (Md. Const. Art. I § 10; Md. Code PS § 3-309).

102.5 SANCTITY OF LIFE PLEDGE

All officers are required to sign an affirmative written sanctity of life pledge to respect every human life and act with compassion toward others (Md. PS § 3-524). [See attachment: Sanctity of Life Pledge.pdf](#)

Attachments

Oath of Office Template.pdf

Oath of Office

“I _____ do solemnly swear or affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to the State of Maryland that I will serve honestly and faithfully to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Maryland; and that I will enforce the laws of the State of Maryland; and that I will obey the orders of the Governor, of the Board of Regents, and of the officers appointed over me according to the rules and regulations of the Police Department.”

Officer Name Date:

Chief Thomas Leone, MSL Date:

Witness Date:

Sanctity of Life Pledge.pdf

Maryland Certified Police Officer
Sanctity of Life Pledge
Public Safety Article § 3-524(C)
[SB 71, 2021 Legislative Session]

I, _____, as defined by PSA 3-201, in accordance with
Certified Officer's Name

my assigned duties, my oath as a police officer and Maryland Public Safety Article

Section 3-524(C), do hereby pledge that at all times, whether on duty or off duty, I will

respect every human life and act with compassion towards others.

Officer's Signature

Date