

RULES OF CONDUCT

I. **PURPOSE:** The S.A.V. members, when on duty, are representatives of the PCSD. Each member is obligated to exhibit conduct becoming a peace officer and to maintain an attitude compatible with the policies and purposes of the PCSD. This policy defines general and specific rules of conduct for a member of the S.A.V.

II. **GENERAL:**

A. Members will adhere to all applicable PCSD general orders and regulations.

B. Members shall not take any law enforcement action while on duty with the S.A.V. unless specifically authorized by the P.C.S.D., or his designee, except for violations of handicap parking.

C. Members shall not become involved in neighborhood disputes or quarrels. Members shall summon a deputy or other law enforcement officer for any situation in which a deputy should be involved.

D. Members shall treat PCSD business as confidential and shall not impart knowledge of that business except to those for whom it is intended or under due process of law.

E. Members shall notify their Division director and the Administration Division immediately upon change of address or telephone number.

F. A member in uniform shall not enter any disreputable place except in the performance of duty. A member in uniform shall not loiter in any place where intoxicating beverages are sold or served.

G. Members shall not consume any alcoholic beverage while on duty or in uniform. Members, while off duty, shall not consume alcoholic beverages to an extent that results in the commission of an obnoxious or offensive act that might bring discredit to the S.A.V. or the PCSD.

H. Members, while on duty, shall not engage in political or religious discussions and shall not speak disparagingly of the nationality, color, creed or beliefs of any person or group.

I. Members who lose a badge or identification card must report the loss to the appropriate supervisor immediately.

J. Members shall not solicit or accept any personal gift, gratuity or reward for services rendered in the line of duty.

K. Members shall not possess or use any controlled substance, narcotic or hallucinogen, except when prescribed by a physician or dentist. In such instances, under the order of a physician or dentist, the member shall request and be granted leave until it is no longer necessary to use said substances.

L. Members shall not involve themselves with traffic violations, traffic stops or high speed chases. Citation of vehicles for violation of handicapped parking space is authorized.

M. Members shall maintain public visibility during their period of patrol duty and are encouraged to take meals in public restaurants unless health reasons dictate otherwise.

III. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Members shall conduct their private and professional lives in such a manner as to avoid adverse reflection upon the S.A.V. or the PCSD.

B. Members shall obey all federal, state and local laws as well as the rules and regulations of the PCSD and the S.A.V.

C. Members shall treat their peers and associates with respect. They shall be civil and courteous at all times in their relationships with one another.

D. Members shall make no false reports or knowingly enter or cause to be entered in any department report or record any inaccurate or false information.

E. Members shall not willfully misrepresent any matter. Members shall not release any official business without the direct consent of the Commander or President.

F. Members shall not recommend to any person the employment of a particular attorney, bail bondsman, towing company or any other service for which a fee is charged while the member is acting in an official capacity.

G. Members shall keep their S.A.V. Commander and/or Division Director informed of any unusual activity, situation, or problem with which the S.A.V. would be logically concerned.

IV. WEAPONS: No member of the S.A.V., when engaged in S.A.V. activities will carry firearms, mace, pepper spray, tear gas, baton or any other weapon.

V. DRESS AND APPEARANCE : When in uniform a member's dress and appearance shall be in accordance with the S.A.V. Uniform Policy.

VI. OFF DUTY CONDUCT : Members shall conduct themselves at all time in such a manner as to reflect credit on themselves, the S.A.V. and the community.