

# SAN DIEGO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION

## Principles of Conduct

The public demands integrity of its law enforcement officers. Dishonesty, prejudicial conduct or impartiality will impair public confidence and cast suspicion on all law enforcement. Accordingly, San Diego County Law Enforcement Foundation members must scrupulously avoid any conduct that might compromise the integrity of law enforcement officers they come in contact with or the departments that employ them.

The above principle shall be a guide to the conduct of all SDCLEF members who may come in contact with law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties or during other incidents where membership in the SDCLEF might become an issue. Moreover, the above principle is the foundation of the procedures outlined below.

## Use of Badge and Identification Card

The primary purpose of the badge and identification card is to identify the holder as a member of the San Diego County Law Enforcement Foundation. Members are cautioned as to the proper and ethical use of these items.

1. A member shall not, under any circumstance, suggest, imply or otherwise communicate to any law enforcement officer or any other person or entity, in any fashion, verbal or non-verbal, that the member is a law enforcement officer.
2. A member shall not, under any circumstance, engage in any conduct designed or calculated to suggest, imply or otherwise communicate to any law enforcement officer, any other person or entity, in any fashion, verbal or non-verbal, that the member is a law enforcement officer.
3. Violation of either of the foregoing rules shall subject the member to dismissal from the SDCLEF.

If a law enforcement officer or any other person should see the member's badge or identification card, it is the member's responsibility to make it perfectly clear that he or she is not a law enforcement officer. If questioned about the SDCLEF, the member should briefly explain its mission. Possession of a badge and identification card does not grant a member any special consideration from law enforcement officers. The proper use of the badge and identification card is a key element in maintaining a productive relationship with the law enforcement community.

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