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In 1786, Greenville County was formed. Greenville County was part of the Ninety Six District and was serviced by the Sheriff of that District. In 1791 a new district was formed to include Greenville and Pendleton Counties, this was named the Washington District and it existed until 1799.

In 1795 Robert Maxwell, a Revolutionary War hero, was appointed as Sheriff of the District. He lived in Greenville County, and was killed by an ambush on November 10, 1797 while crossing the Saluda River shoals where Piedmont Mill Dam was later built. His grave is located fifteen miles south of Greenville, near Ware Place.

During this time many important public officials, including the Sheriff, were elected to their position by the Legislature. The people of South Carolina, however, felt that this important position should answer directly to them for his actions and performance. In 1808, legislation was enacted to provide for the election of the Sheriff by the citizens of the county, rather than by politicians. This method of election was placed into our State Constitution in 1868. The Office of Sheriff in Greenville County began.

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office has transformed from the ancient office created over a thousand years ago in England, to a New World colony, to a frontier county, to a modern, computerized law enforcement agency serving a busy metropolitan county of over 451,000 residents.

The Sheriff's Office is composed of over 400 deputies, 9 reserve deputies, 74 crossing guards and 99 civilian employees. These men and women are professional in their training and dedicated in their service. Their purpose is clear; to provide professional law enforcement services to the people of Greenville County. With this commitment and the support of our progressive citizens, the future promises to be just as remarkable as the past.
I hope that you enjoy the 2009 Annual Report which highlights some of our outstanding accomplishments during the year. Thanks to each employee of the Sheriff’s Office for your dedication and devotion to your chosen career. Without the tireless efforts of each of you, on a daily basis, our success would not be possible.

A recent FBI report indicates that the violent crime rate in Greenville County dropped 11.2% from 2008 to 2009. This is an incredible decrease considering our population growth and the poor state of our economy. Your hard work has resulted in our clearance rates in many areas being well above the national average, which translates to fewer criminals on our streets to commit additional crimes.

In addition, we implemented a follow-up unit during 2009, which has increased the efficiency and quality of investigations that are normally assigned to patrol deputies. We have worked diligently with the community to promote our neighborhood watch programs and have made citizens our eyes and ears on the streets.

Although we have achieved many things together, we must look to the future and plan for the days and years ahead. I encourage each person to continue to develop new and innovative ideas that will improve our operations because it requires everyone working together to achieve success. I look forward to working with each one of you to make Greenville County the safest place to live, work and raise a family.
AWARD WINNERS

Assistant Solicitor of the Year
Katrina Salisbury

Sheriff Sam Simmons Memorial Award
Deputy Johnny Brown
Deputy Craig Hawkins

Rookie of the Year
Deputy Jose Salazar

Reserve Deputy of the Year
Kyle S. Brown

Civilian Employee of the Year
Debbie Jo Smith

Crossing Guard of the Year
Cornelia Bailey

Communications Specialist of the Year
Stacy King

Top Trigger
Sergeant Andrew Soule

Deputy of the Quarter

1st Quarter
Sergeant Chris Cooper

2nd Quarter
Deputy Scotty Mendenhall

3rd Quarter
Deputy Israel Bailey

4th Quarter
Deputy Jose Salazar

*Civilian Employee of the Quarter

4th Quarter
Sandra Tucker

* Sheriff Loftis initiated the "Civilian Employee of the Quarter" effective the 4th Quarter of 2009
The Administrative Services Division is under the command of Chief Deputy John Eldridge. This division is the Executive Branch of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office which oversees the entire operation of the Sheriff's Office. The fifty-two employees assigned to the Administrative Services Division provide support to the following units, which comprise this division:

ACCREDITATION AND GRANTS
This unit maintains our Law Enforcement Accreditation which is granted by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office was the first law enforcement agency in South Carolina to gain national accreditation in 1988 and has maintained this distinction ever since. National Accreditation insures that the citizens of Greenville County receive consistent, professional law enforcement services from the employees of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office seeks out grant funding which provides equipment and training while saving local tax dollars. Over the years many important programs have been funded through grant money.

CENTER FOR ADVANCED TRAINING
The Center for Advanced Training provides in-service and advanced training for all sworn officers of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, the training center was the second law enforcement agency in the state chosen as a distance learning lab for the Criminal Justice Academy. This allows federal, state and local law enforcement to receive training without having to travel; thus allowing more officers to receive training while reducing the costs associated with training. The CAT has classroom space along with state of the art firing and driving ranges.

CRIME STOPPERS
The Crime Stoppers program is a vital tool in law enforcement's fight against crime. Our local program has been the recipient of many national awards.

E-911
E-911 provides quality 911 services to the residents of Greenville County. This office also maintains the county's Master Street Guide and provides support to all Public Safety Answering Points within the county.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
The role of Emergency Management is to coordinate resources and efforts to prepare for the response to large scale emergencies and disasters. The county’s Emergency Operations Center is maintained by this group of employees.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for investigating employee related complaints and completing readiness inspections. In addition, polygraph examinations are performed for new hires and for criminal investigations.

PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING
As law enforcement agencies struggle to locate and hire nationwide, personnel assigned to this unit continue to use innovative methods to attract qualified candidates. By the use of career fairs and our website, this office receives and processes over 1,000 applications annually for Sheriff’s Office positions.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS
The Public Affairs Unit is responsible for handling media inquiries, press conferences, public records requests and many special projects.

SAFE COMMUNITIES
Safe Communities is dedicated to communicating our Public Safety Mission to the community while responding to the safety concerns of our citizens. This unit participates in numerous coalitions addressing issues of crime prevention, domestic violence, traffic safety and underage drinking.

TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT
The Technical Services Unit provides support services to deputies through geographical mapping, crime analysis and audio, photographic and video analysis. These services are critical to the successful conclusion of many cases.
The Criminal Investigations Division is composed of 40 Sworn Full Time Deputies and 13 Civilian Employees. This Division is compiled of 10 different units which are: Arson, Auto Theft, Economic Crimes, Family Violence, Homicide, Juvenile Crimes, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Sex Offender Registry, and Victim Advocates. In 2009, the Criminal Investigations Division was assigned 3,970 cases and 2,637 of those cases were cleared. In those cases, $4,361,240.00 worth of property that had been reported stolen was recovered.

ARSON
The Arson Unit is available to the Fire Chiefs of Greenville County. They investigate cases involving burned property or explosions that are suspicious in nature. In 2009, the Arson Unit was assigned 117 cases, which were investigated by two full time investigators.

AUTO THEFT
The Auto Theft Unit investigates cases of Auto Theft, Use of Vehicle without Owner’s Consent, and Chop Shops. This unit is staffed with four full time investigators. In 2009, the Auto Theft Unit received 835 cases to be investigated; of those cases, 431 were cleared.

COLD CASE
The Cold Case unit investigates unsolved violent crimes. The investigators review the original case file, re-interview witnesses and victims and follow up on any new leads. New forensic techniques applied to evidence can add a fresh perspective. Some current investigations date back into the 1960s. These investigators work diligently in an effort to clear some of Greenville County’s oldest and unsolved crimes.

ECONOMIC CRIMES
The Economic Crimes Unit investigates cases of Fraud, Forgery and Computer Crimes. This unit consists of six investigators. In 2009 there were 886 cases assigned to this unit, and 531 of those were cleared.

FAMILY VIOLENCE
The Family Violence Unit investigates serious cases of Domestic Abuse. These investigators tie cases together for graduated sentences during prosecution in court. This unit consists of two investigators who in 2009 investigated 49 cases; 41 of those were cleared.
Criminal Investigations Division

HOMICIDE
The Homicide Unit investigates homicides, suicides, accidental and natural deaths, attempted suicides, missing persons and serious assaults. This unit consists of seven investigators who are on call day and night and in 2009 were assigned 396 cases, where 288 of those were cleared.

YOUTH SERVICES
The Youth Services Unit investigates crimes involving the arrest of juveniles, as well as child neglect or abuse cases. This unit has five full time investigators who work closely with the Department of Social Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Juvenile Solicitor with Family Court. This unit was assigned 857 cases where they cleared 733.

MISSING PERSONS
The Missing Persons Unit works to locate adults that have been reported missing in Greenville County. Many of these subjects have been located throughout the country. The investigators have a 97% clearance rate and continue to work hard on solving our oldest case of over 20 years.

ROBBERY
The Robbery Unit investigates cases of Armed Robbery, Strong Armed Robbery, Attempted Armed Robbery and Carjacking. This unit is staffed with four full time investigators who in 2009 were assigned 428 cases and 281 of those were cleared.

SEX CRIMES
The Sex Crimes Unit investigates cases of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct, Lewd Act Offenses, Indecent Exposure, and Sexual Assaults. This unit is staffed with three full time investigators who were assigned 451 cases in 2009 and cleared 320.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY
The Sex Offender Registry maintains current contact and location information on all convicted Sex Offenders within Greenville County, including the municipalities.

VICTIM ADVOCATES
The Victim Advocates Unit helps the victims of crimes from the incident date all the way through the trial. The role of an advocate is quite unique. Though they are not investigators, their role in the Criminal Justice System is quite simple. They guide survivors of crime through the aftermath of the traumatic event 24 hours a day through crisis intervention, financial assistance, referrals to many of the excellent service agencies in our area. They also provide information on the Criminal Justice System, as well as serving as a liaison between the survivor and the investigator, and simply just being there to talk.
The Judicial Services Division is responsible for arrest warrant service, court security, service of civil processes, fugitive apprehension and extradition, arrest warrant and courtesy summons data entry and maintenance, and prisoner and mental health transports. Because of the diversity of tasks and duties that Judicial Services perform they continually seek creative and innovative ideas, means and methods to expedite their services.

The Judicial Services Division works collaboratively with local, state and federal agencies to ensure the best and highest delivery of services to the citizens and visitors of Greenville County as well as the co-professional external and internal clients of the Sheriff’s Office.

CIVIL PROCESS
The deputies assigned to the Civil Process Unit serve civil papers throughout Greenville County. These papers include Orders of Protection, Orders of Immediate Possession, Writ of Assistance, Decree of Foreclosure and Sales, and Property Levees.

COURT SECURITY
Our court deputies work tirelessly to ensure secure courthouses for judges, courthouse employees, and our citizens. Applying a “team” approach, our courthouses have become statewide models. Family and General Sessions Court deputies screened over 365,000 people through their magnetometers.

EXTRADITION
The Extradition Unit travels across the United States to bring offenders to justice. Deputies must make arrangements with other agencies and secure the most appropriate method of travel for return to Greenville County for prosecution.

FUGITIVE
The Fugitive Unit is tasked with the apprehension of Greenville’s most dangerous defendants. They work with several of the Sheriff’s Office units to complete their assignments.
TRANSPORT
Deputies are tasked with transporting individuals throughout the state. Close to 14,000 prisoners were transported between State Department of Corrections facilities and local courtrooms. Juvenile Offenders are transported to and from Department of Juvenile Justice facilities. Deputies also transport court ordered mental patients to and from mental hospitals within the state.

WARRANTS
The Warrant Unit is responsible for the receipt, entry, service and return of arrest warrants within Greenville County. This year the warrant section maintained over 37,000 active arrest warrants. They received, distributed and served over 3,100 subpoenas and jury summons. They also served over 250 civil papers. Additionally they received over 2,100 courtesy summons and served close to 700 of them. They also sent over 1,500 letters to possible offenders in attempts to serve these summons.
The Selective Enforcement Division is tasked with handling special projects within the Sheriff's Office. It encompasses several specialized units for different approaches to law enforcement. Selective Enforcement includes Property Crimes, Community Patrol, Crime Prevention, Directed Patrol, Environmental Enforcement, Gang Investigations, School Resource Officers, Traffic Enforcement, Vice/Narcotics and Cadets.

COMMUNITY PATROL
These deputies are assigned to various communities throughout Greenville County. Their primary mission is to resolve problems in those areas. They are often called upon to team up with other units to implement community strategies to resolve citizen's complaints. Deputies continually complete the verification of Sex Offender Addresses, Zest Quest with the schools, Compliance Checks with Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws, and presentations with local Neighborhood Watch Groups. They serve on a variety of committees or coalitions.

CRIME PREVENTION
As Communities seek ways to become involved in crime prevention, the Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in the requests for Neighborhood Watch and other safety programs. This unit can provide training on internet safety, personal safety, "stranger danger", senior citizen safety, and many other programs.

DIRECTED PATROL UNIT
The Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) focuses on street level issues that affect the community as a whole. This ranges from undercover operations, targeting prostitution, and street level drug sales to nuisance business complaints. This unit has the flexibility and knowledge to deal with whatever problems arise as well as assist in locating people and arresting those with outstanding warrants. They are also used to identify potential gang members, which provides information to investigators and makes an impact on gang activities seen across the county.
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

In 2009, the Environmental Enforcement Unit saw a slight increase in the number of litter sites that were cleaned, while there was a decrease in the amount of litter collected. Although there were fewer arrests this year compared to 2008, there was an increase in public service hours to offenders ordered by Magistrates. They also oversee the public service workers in their clean-up activities. The Environmental Enforcement Unit also assisted Vice and Narcotics with the clean-up of two Methamphetamine manufacturing sites which are considered hazardous materials sites.

K-9

The Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit is comprised of fourteen canines and their handlers. The K-9 Services unit remained active throughout the year. They were called upon to conduct building searches, apprehend suspects, search for stolen items and drugs, as well as assist in the search for lost individuals. The unit maintains 24 hour coverage when fully staffed.

PROPERTY CRIMES

The Property Crimes Unit investigates burglaries, auto breakings, larcenies, and other property related offenses. In 2009, the Property Crimes Unit investigated more than 3,000 cases, signed more than 2,000 warrants and recovered more than one million dollars in stolen property.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

School Resource Officers are law enforcement officers assigned to the school district. This unit is made up of high school and middle school SROs as well as a floating SRO, and three investigators. Not only does this unit serve the 9 middle schools and 7 high schools in the county, it also serves 33 elementary schools, 2 career centers, 3 alternative schools, 2 Child Development Centers, 2 specialized educational facilities and provides 74 crossing guards for elementary and middle schools in Greenville County.

An SRO’s responsibilities include; law enforcement, teaching law related classes, counseling students, and educating parents and staff. The investigators give educational presentations concerning gangs and drugs. They also investigate crimes that occur in locations where an SRO is not present, handle school district employee allegations and in-depth investigations that would pull an SRO away from their assigned school.
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Traffic Enforcement patrols the highways and roadways of Greenville County. Their efforts assist to reduce traffic related fatalities of which Driving Under the Influence is one of the largest contributing factors. This group of 16 deputies has made 505 DUI arrests in 2009.

The Traffic Unit is a participating member of multi-jurisdictional task forces. Some of these task forces are county level and some are state level. They participate in several state and national traffic campaigns such as Sober or Slammer, Buckle Up South Carolina, HEAT and Operation Thunderbolt.

VICE / NARCOTICS

In 2009, the Vice and Narcotics Unit conducted more than 250 investigations related to illegal drugs and gambling in Greenville County. They continue to work more highly complex cases involving multiple defendants. With more emphasis placed on investigating and dismantling entire organizations, many investigations are conducted with state and federal law enforcement agencies such as FBI and BATFE.

Additionally, they maintain a full-time position with the DEA Task Force. This allows ready access to a wide variety of information and asset sharing programs that would otherwise be difficult to obtain. In addition, this has resulted in numerous indictments related to federal drug charges.

There has been an increase from last year’s levels in the number of methamphetamine labs in the county. They remain a very hazardous and unpredictable assignment for the personnel who enter, secure, and dismantle these operations.

CADET PROGRAM

The Sheriff’s Office Cadet Program is an extension of the Boy Scouts Explorer program. The Cadet Program allows teens interested in law enforcement to receive a firsthand account of the profession. In 2009, there were 11 cadets and 6 advisors. The cadets have been involved with 13 community service events totaling more than 225 hours of community service work. Cadets have participated in more than 80 training classes that teach them a variety of law enforcement skills and prepare them for careers in criminal justice.
**UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION**

Uniform Patrol is the front line in the battle against crime in Greenville County. Uniform Patrol is where new deputies start their career. Typically the new deputies start with orientation before going to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy for nine weeks of intensive training. The deputies return to Uniform Patrol for an equally intensive 14 weeks of field training before they assume duties as a solo unit. In 2009, 47 new deputies were trained by Uniform Patrol Field Training Officers.

The division consists of the Uniform Deputies, Follow-up Team and Communications Center.

**UNIFORM PATROL**

Uniform Patrol deputies are the first responders to emergency and non-emergency dispatched calls for service and incidents they observe while on patrol. Uniform Patrol officers are assigned to 5 platoons. Four platoons rotate between day and night shifts every six weeks while the fifth platoon is assigned to work an overlapping shift during the highest call volume times of the day. All deputies work 12 hour shifts to ensure the maximum coverage within the beat areas they are working.

**FOLLOW-UP TEAM**

The Follow-up team consists of 3 uniformed deputies. The team provides support to Uniform Patrol Deputies by aiding in street level investigations. This frees up Uniform Patrol Deputies to respond to more calls for service from the community. Multiple cases have been cleared and many items have been seized due to the extra time these officers were able to dedicate to these cases.

**COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

The Communications Center consists of call takers, dispatchers, dispatch training officers, false alarm billing, NCIC teletype, and tape research. In 2009, the Communications Unit processed a total of 663,801 calls and dispatched 193,531. Working in communications is a very demanding and critical job within law enforcement. They are the lifeline to the officers in the field.
AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office Air Support Unit operates 3 aircraft which support the Sheriff’s Office. The unit is equipped with two helicopters, a Bell OH-58C, a Bell UH-1H and a Cessna 182 airplane. Law Enforcement Aviation is a unique tool that can provide a bird’s eye view during searches, crime scene photography and general patrol.

In 2009, the OH-58C, known as Saber 1, responded to 111 calls for service and was the first on the scene to 57 of those calls. Saber 1 assisted in locating 14 suspects and missing persons; it was called out 26 times. The Cessna 182, Saber 2, conducted photo surveillance flights and transported prisoners from North Carolina and Georgia back to Greenville County. The UH-1H, designated Saber 3, trained to assist the SC Forestry Commission by using the Bambi Bucket for fire suppression as well as County Emergency Response Team exercises.

C.O.B.R.A.

The Chemical Ordinance Biological Radiological Assessment (COBRA) Team is trained to handle and rapidly respond to assist jurisdictions in effectively addressing the consequences of a critical incident involving Weapons of Mass Destruction and Toxic Industrial Chemicals. The team is equipped to secure the area of a mass casualty event as well as provide investigative support. The Sheriff’s Office COBRA Team currently has twelve members. The team members are from law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel. The COBRA Team can accomplish this mission in collaboration with the support of other entities such as local, state and federal resources. The COBRA Team may also be utilized to respond to technological and natural incidents in which the team’s training, equipment, and experience can be effectively utilized.

COLOR / HONOR GUARD

The Sheriff’s Office Color Guard is called upon to present the colors at important ceremonies, events, conferences, special church services, and community parades. They also post honor for officers who die in the line of duty, retire flags at special ceremonies, and represent the Sheriff at funerals within the law enforcement community.

DIVE TEAM

The Greenville County Sheriff’s Office Dive Team is ready at all times to respond to any water related emergencies including swift water rescue, underwater crime scenes, body, evidence and stolen property recovery. The Dive Team completes monthly training activities and specialized training programs during the year. The team has 8 certified divers and 6 ground crew members available for call out. Most team members are Swift Water certified while some have advanced certifications in Swift Water and High Angle rescue.
SPECIAL TEAMS

FIELD FORCE
The Field Force is composed of 175 deputies from Uniform Patrol and Judicial Services Division. Field Force team members are trained for quick response to civil unrest, crowd control, and high risk officer rescue situations. They work in squad formations that provide a unified, highly functional, and disciplined presence to assist in restoration of peace in our communities. Outfitted with the latest in crowd control munitions, deputies are trained in the proper deployment for ultimate effectiveness.

HAZARDOUS DEVICES UNIT
The Greenville County Hazardous Devices Unit has 5 technicians and 3 support personnel along with an Explosive Detection K-9. Thanks to a grant program, this unit is well equipped with the latest technology and tools. The Hazardous Devices Unit responds on average to 60 calls per year with another 20-30 additional K-9 responses.

SWAT
Formed in 1977, the purpose and mission of the SWAT team is to handle high-risk operations in a manner that reduces the chance of violence, injury, or death. High-risk situations include hostage incidents, barricaded suspects, sniper/active shooters, high-risk warrants, manhunt operations, or other tactical problems. The team is staffed by deputies who have demonstrated the skills and commitment needed to perform this important task. They train a minimum of 230 hours yearly in addition to specialized schools that they may attend. Team members are always on-call and perform their SWAT duties in addition to their regular primary assignment.
The Greenville County Sheriff’s Office Chaplains serve the officers of Greenville County. They provide spiritual support and guidance, as well as stress counseling and stress debriefs. They also support the law enforcement community after hours and through family support and services. Their mission is the personal well-being of all who serve.
2009
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CRIME CLOCK

1 Murder every 24.3 Days
1 Rape every 1.7 Days
1 Robbery every 17.8 Hrs
1 Aggravated Assault every 7 Hrs
1 Burglary every 3.1 Hrs
1 Larceny every 1.4 Hrs
1 Auto Theft every 9.7 Hrs

Total Part 1
1 every 44.3 Min.

All Crimes
1 every 14 Min.

TOP 20 CALLS FOR SERVICE

34,371 Vehicle Stops
19,063 Disturbances
16,155 Alarms
14,994 Suspicious Person
11,292 Serving Legal Papers
9,321 Follow-Up Investigations
8,680 Suspicious Vehicle
7,614 Domestic Trouble
4,360 Nuisance
4,290 Larceny
4,023 Extra Patrol
3,869 Burglary
3,630 Assaults
2,981 See The Person
2,384 Theft From Vehicle
2,025 Wrecker Request
1,766 Weapons Violation
1,728 Malicious Damage
1,707 Recovered Property
1,569 Trespassing
2009 Greenville County Totals

- Calls for Service: 282,284
- Offense Total: 37,433
- Clearance Rate: 65.2%
- Arrests: 24,740
- Warrants Served: 18,806
- Training Hours: 36,209.50
- Average Training Hours: 88.75
CODE OF CONDUCT

It is my duty at all times, both on and off duty, to set an example for all Law Enforcement personnel as well as the general public. I will be courteous and tactful, but firm at all times.

I will keep personal views out of Law Enforcement duty, but will put all of my personality into the performance of it. My ability as a Deputy Sheriff is measured by the qualities of alertness and devotion to duty I display in aiding and protecting the citizens of Greenville County.

As a Deputy Sheriff, I realize that I am one of the most highly visible forms of county government. Therefore, I will present an appearance that will reflect credit upon the Sheriff’s Office and Greenville County.

Through constant study and analysis of all laws and ordinances, as well as rules and regulations, I will be able to explain why certain acts are prohibited. I will also strictly observe and enforce these laws fairly and justly, making no exceptions.

Offenses are not committed against me as a Deputy Sheriff. They are committed against the State and society. Therefore, I will have no personal feelings in the handling of offenders.

When a crime has been committed, I am duty bound to make the investigation and the apprehension. During the course of these actions, I will be guided by the law, and by the ethics of my profession.

When making an arrest, it is my duty to use only the minimum amount of force necessary to effect the apprehension. It is the duty of the courts to inflict punishment.

I will never yield to temptation or use my office for personal or material gain. The office I serve is now a part of me. Therefore, to debase my office is to debase myself.

As a representative of the Sheriff, my authority is great, and my responsibility grave. My commitment to the enforcement of the law is total and absolute. It is my reason for being.

I realize that I have been placed in a position of responsibility and trust, and that I must conduct myself in a manner that is above reproach. I will expect no less from my fellow officers.