

# Police Ethics Competency Supplement

Utilize a decision-making model.

- Formulate a problem statement.
- Gather and analyze data.
- Identify the steps involved in the decision-making process.
- Describe expectations regarding law enforcement decisions.
- Evaluate the impact of a decision.

Identify the characteristics of a good decision maker.

- Recognize the factors that influence decision making.
- Describe the risks involved in decision making.
- Apply good decision making techniques.
- Explain the expectations regarding law enforcement decisions.

Describe how professionalism, ethics, and moral standards relate to a law enforcement career.

- Describe moral development and belief systems in relation to law enforcement.
- Define and analyze the role of ethics in law enforcement.
- Integrate the professional and legal standards of law enforcement into your career plan.

Practice a code of behavior that embodies the principles and obligations of the law enforcement code of ethics.

- Identify key components of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.
- Describe the importance of recognizing unethical behavior (slippery slope, complacency, retired on duty, minimizing).
- Explain the consequences of unethical behavior (stakeholders, career survival, public, etc.).

Incorporate ethical decision making strategies.

- Describe decision-making processes and tools to use in ethical dilemmas.
- Identify factors that lead to unethical behavior (drivers).
- Apply techniques and knowledge to overcome barriers in simulated cases (POA, "possible-outcome-alternative").

Describe how professionalism, ethics, and moral standards relate to a corrections career.

- Identify the elements that are the basis for a moral perspective on ethics in a correctional environment.
- Describe the "styles" of being a corrections officer that affects the choices and behaviors of an officer.

Practice a code of behavior that embodies the principles and obligations of the American Jail Association Code of Ethics.

- Identify key components of the American Jail Association Code of Ethics.
- Describe the importance of recognizing unethical behavior (slippery slope, complacency, retired on duty, minimizing).
- Explain the consequences of unethical behavior (stakeholders, career survival, public, etc.).