



# NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL

## CHAPTER: 1.1.1

### TITLE: OATH OF OFFICE

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#### PURPOSE

Commissioned members are sworn to uphold the federal and state constitutions and to enforce federal, state, and local laws.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

1. No person shall be employed by the New Orleans Police Department or perform any duties as a commissioned volunteer (Reserve Officer) unless and until he/she files the following written statement with the City (R.S. 42:52; R.S. 42:53):

I, (***member's name***), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States; the Constitution and laws of this State and the Charter and Ordinances of this City; and I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as (***job title***), according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God. **(The last sentence ("So help me God.") may be omitted if the person taking the oath has a political, ideological, personal, or legal reason to affirm rather than swear.)**

2. A member may be temporarily employed for up to 15 days. If the above statement is not filed with the Department by the 15th day, the person must be discharged (**R.S. 42:52 Oath or affirmation; form**).
3. The original, signed oath shall be maintained in the member's personnel jacket.