

Oath of Office

102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that oaths, when appropriate, are administered to department members.

102.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Town of Warwick Police Department that, when appropriate, department members affirm the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Department and the dedication of its members to their duties.

102.3 OATH OF OFFICE

All department members, when appropriate, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation in addition to any other form of oath or affirmation required (N.Y. Const. art. XIII, § 1; Public Officers Law § 10):

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of (police officer/peace officer), according to the best of my ability."

102.4 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The oath of office for officers shall be filed within 30 days of appointment with the town's recording office (Public Officers Law § 10; Public Officers Law § 30).