

## **Correctional Officer Code of Ethics**

As a Correctional Officer, it is my fundamental duty to honor the Correctional Officer Code of Ethics and the Value Statement of the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff's Office. By doing so, I will demonstrate the true meaning of integrity, loyalty, professionalism, and leadership.

I will keep the institution secure so as to safeguard my community and the lives of the staff, inmates, and visitors on the premises.

I will work with each individual firmly and fairly without regard to rank, status, or condition.

I will maintain a positive demeanor when confronted with stressful situations of scorn, ridicule, danger, and/or chaos.

I will report either in writing or by word of mouth to the proper authorities those things which should be reported, and keep silent about matters which are to remain confidential according to the laws and rules of the agency and government.

I will manage and supervise the inmates in an evenhanded and courteous manner.

I will refrain at all times from becoming personally involved in the lives of the inmates and their families.

I will treat all visitors to the jail with politeness and respect and do my utmost to ensure that they observe the jail regulations.

I will take advantage of all education and training opportunities designed to assist me to become a more competent officer.

I will communicate with people in or outside of the jail, whether by phone, written word, or word of mouth, in such a way so as not to reflect in a negative manner upon my agency.

I will contribute to a jail environment which will keep the inmate involved in activities designed to improve his/her attitude and character.

I will support all activities of a professional nature through membership and participation that will continue to elevate the status of those who operate our nation's jails. Do my best through word and deed to present an image to the public at large of a jail professional, committed to progress for an improved and enlightened criminal justice system.