



Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Student Code of Ethics - Advanced/Specialized Courses

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Course Name: _____

As a student in an **advanced and/or specialized public safety training course**, I understand and agree to the following Code of Ethics:

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

As a public safety employee, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality, and justice.

I recognize the privilege of being a public safety employee and the public faith bestowed in me. I hereby adopt and accept the following code of conduct:

- I shall conduct myself at all times in a manner consistent with the **highest** ethical standards.
- I shall maintain the public trust, highest integrity, and good reputation of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and the agency for which I work.
- I will exhibit the ethical code of conduct as a public safety employee to my fellow students, my instructors, my department, and the public.
- My actions as a student will always protect my fellow students' and the instructors' physical or mental well-being. I will act unselfishly in this aspect with the highest regard for others as my foundation.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that will bring credit to the public safety and/or law enforcement profession. I will carry out my duties for the highest public good to protect the public's perspective of me and my profession.
- My strength of character will prevent ethical dilemmas for myself and others. I will accept only those benefits that are reasonably judged to be fair and unrelated to any of my pending/future decisions or actions.
- Honesty, courtesy, consideration, and respect for the rights and privileges of others will be my guiding values and principles.
- Knowing that my conduct affects the efficiency, safety, and discipline of this class, I shall conduct myself in a manner that is free of any behavior that could be deemed as harassing, profane, demeaning, discriminatory, harmful, or unfair.
- My attitude shall reflect an "ethical state of mind" at all times. Characteristics of this ethical state of mind will include optimism, enthusiasm, confidence, commitment, honor, and awareness of my moral obligations.
- Respect for the diverse population of this country shall be understood and exhibited at all times.
- My own personal scholarship and preparation will be the method by which I gain the highest level of achievement.
- Consequences for any incident involving my lack of self-discipline, bad decisions, or unwillingness to address ethical problems within myself are expected. I commit to pay the price for my own actions.



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- I shall strictly adhere to all rules regarding testing and performance evaluations. I shall give and ask for assistance only when it is expressly authorized. Materials, tests/exams, resources, and other training aids shall be used only in the manner dictated by either rule or direction of the training instructors.
- I understand that items that are strictly used for tests, test questions, performance evaluations, or other measurements of academic or physical performance are the property of GPSTC and/or GFSTC and the training academy. This property shall be protected, and I shall resist any temptation to use these items in an unauthorized manner, such as theft or cheating, which could cause a question of the integrity of me or the instructional staff.
- My self-respect will be exhibited in my appearance in uniform, business attire, or field training attire. Respect and care for any equipment and property used during the course of my training and instruction will be my responsibility.
- I understand the need to model the effective use of force in both conversation and in interactions with others. Once this knowledge is gained, I will follow this standard.
- My participation in this training will include the following:
 - Encouragement of my fellow students to do their best;
 - Motivation to eagerly learn;
 - Practice of methods in the correct and ethical manner;
 - Sincere appreciation and respect for the instructor's efforts to provide new knowledge or skills;
 - Effective listening which leads to retention and comprehension;
 - Constructive communication to assist my classmates in improvement;
 - Willingness to allow my fellow students to struggle with learning in a supportive environment and recognizing that the best learning sometimes takes place in overcoming obstacles; and
 - Genuine caring for a profession that I have chosen to learn, practice, and grow within as an individual.

My participation in any public safety training facility, department, or educational/training venue shall constitute my acceptance of the specific requirements and the general standards stated above.

Agreed to by:

Student Signature

Date