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Before any Officer takes the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor, it is important that they understand what it means. This oath is a solemn pledge that an Officer makes when they sincerely intend to do what they say. The following words are hereby defined and included in the Oakland Police Department “*Oath of Honor*”.

Honor means that one's word is given as a guarantee.

Betray is defined as breaking faith with the public trust.

Badge is the symbol of your office.

Integrity is being the same person in both private and public life.

Character means the qualities that distinguish an individual.

Public trust is a charge of duty imposed in faith toward those you serve.

Courage is having the strength to withstand unethical pressure, fear or danger.

Accountability means that you are answerable and responsible to your oath of office.

Community is the jurisdiction and citizens served.

Oath of Honor

I, (Officer’s Name),
Pledge on my honor
That I will never betray my badge,
My integrity,
My character,
Or the public trust.

I will always have the courage
To hold myself and others
Accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the Constitution,
The laws of my Country, State and Community,
And the agency I serve,
So help me God.