



Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the Oath of Office for all uniformed (sworn) personnel.

II. DEFINITIONS

Uniformed Personnel: Shall be the sworn personnel of DFEMS.

1. Director/Chief, Fire & EMS
2. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Officer
3. Training, Health and Safety Officer
4. Shift Commander Lieutenant
5. Station Lieutenant
6. Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator
7. Paramedic/Firefighter
8. Paramedic (EMS Only)
9. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/Firefighter

III. PROCEDURES

- A. All uniformed personnel prior to assuming sworn status, shall take and abide by an Oath of Office to enforce the law and uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and Carroll County.
- B. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County (or designee) may administer the oath to all sworn personnel.
- C. Oath of Office:

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill

and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of (state your rank) for Carroll County, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State; and that I will familiarize myself with and be obedient to the Rules and Regulations and Operational Procedures of the Carroll County Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and faithfully serve Carroll County in the discharge of my duties as (state your rank) to the best of my knowledge and ability.”

IV. RECISION

This Standard Operating Procedure rescinds all directives regarding Oath of Office or similar content previously issued for personnel of the Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS.