

3. Individual commitment Integrity is everyone's business

The QPS Statement of Ethics provides an obligation for police officers to:

- protect life and property
- preserve the peace
- prevent offences
- detect and apprehend offenders and
- help those in need of assistance.

In addition, ALL members, both police officers and staff members shall at all times:

- carry out duties without fear or favour, malice or ill will
- act honestly and with the utmost integrity
- make every effort to respect and uphold the rights of all people in the community regardless of race, social status or religion
- strive for excellence and endeavour to improve knowledge and professionalism
- keep confidential all matters divulged in an official capacity, except as necessary in the course of duties
- practise self-discipline in word and deed both on and off duty
- resist the temptation to participate in any activity which is improper or which can be construed as being improper
- refrain from misusing their position for personal gain
- accept responsibility for their own actions and for acts which they may order
- accept the desirability of these ethics as an integral part of their personal and professional life.

The QPS has developed and implemented the SELF Test to assist QPS members in their decision making processes.

