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THIS WE BELIEVE (PART 2)

All citizens of this country, in keeping with our democratic process, are guaranteed certain basic constitutional safeguards. These safeguards will not be denied any person even though he has committed or is suspected of having committed a criminal act. Officers will at all times be aware of a person's rights and shall:

1. invade a private dwelling only when he:
 - (a) has in his possession a search warrant authorizing him to do so.
 - (b) has reasonable grounds to believe that a person whom he is authorized to arrest, for a felony, is within such private dwelling.
 - (c) has reason to believe that immediate entry is necessary to protect a person within such private dwelling from death or serious injury.
 - (d) can otherwise legally justify his action.
2. Take from an individual only such property as he is legally authorized to take and recognize that he is responsible and must account for all such property.
3. At all times be aware of a prisoner's rights and shall:
 - (a) permit the prisoner to communicate with his attorney or family.
 - (b) expedite all necessary processing so that the prisoner will be detained no longer than necessary.
 - (c) never use force or coercion in seeking admission of guilt or confessions.
 - (d) recognize and respect the prisoner's right to counsel and his right to refuse to give evidence against himself. However, there is no encroachment upon a prisoner's rights if he, having been advised of his right to counsel, should voluntarily supply such information.

When making a lawful arrest or authorized search or seizure, departmental personnel will use physical force only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain cooperation and then only that amount necessary to effect the arrest.

All citizens of this country are guaranteed the rights to seek redress of grievances through freedom of speech, peaceful assembly and peaceful picketing. These rights while fundamental in our democratic society, do not mean that everyone with opinions or beliefs to express may do so at any public place and at any time. The constitutional guarantee of liberty implies the existence of an organized society maintaining public order, without which liberty itself would be lost in the excesses of anarchy. The exercise of these rights must not violate any law or ordinance and must not conflict with the governmental responsibility to keep public streets and other public facilities open and available for public use. Each officer must be familiar with the laws and departmental regulations pertaining to civil rights to ensure his recognition of each person's rights.