## **EXPLORER STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**

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I, as an Explorer of the California Highway Patrol, am responsible for providing service to the citizens of California. I serve with professional pride and want the citizens of the State of California to share in this pride. The law enforcement profession is difficult and demands dedication far beyond most other professions. For that reason, I ascribe to the following personal traits and values to be the foundation of my commitment to public service, safety, and security.

I will make integrity the cornerstone of my commitment to the Explorer Program. I will be honest, open, and fair in the performance of my duties. I will be responsible for my actions and ensure my behavior is above reproach.

I will perform my duties with professionalism as a premise. I will strive to achieve and maintain a level of professionalism that will serve as an example to those around me. I will dedicate myself to the challenge of gaining the knowledge and proficiency necessary to become the best I can be as an Explorer.

I will pledge loyalty to my fellow Explorers and the Department. I acknowledge the fact that my primary responsibility as an Explorer will be to learn and serve.

I will always display an attitude of pride to the Department and my fellow Explorers. I will act in a responsible manner when on and off duty. I realize that my actions and words will be viewed as a reflection of the Department and all that it stands for.

I will ensure respect is a value reflected in my dealings with the public and other members of this Department. I will not permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. I recognize the duty of an Explorer is to learn the ethics of good citizenship and law enforcement. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals.

I will be strong in my dedication to public service and devotion to the mission of the Department. I shall serve my community as an Explorer with the Department and take pride in my performance. I expect no monetary gain for my service.

As an Explorer, I will have the courage to maintain my commitment to the above principles. Their application must be consistent and unwaivering for there is no room for prejudice, injustice, and misconduct in law enforcement.

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