

Last night, the members of the Haymarket Police Department (regular and Auxiliary) assembled before the Mayor and Town Council. They introduced the new uniform, and affirmed the "Oath of Honor." The Oath of Honor is promoted by the International Association of Chief's of Police, and is posted here. The comments made by Greg Smith, Interim Chief of Police, are also attached.

### ***Oath of Honor Presentation before Town Council - January 2015***

***"On my honor,  
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 community,  
and the agency I serve,  
so help me God."***

An oath is a solemn pledge someone voluntarily makes when they sincerely intend to do what they say. The key words in the "LAW ENFORCEMENT OATH OF HONOR" are defined thusly:

**HONOR** means giving one's word as a bond and guarantee.

**BETRAY** is defined as breaking faith and proving false.

The **BADGE** is a visible symbol of the power of your office.

**INTEGRITY** is firm adherence to principles, both in our private and public life.

**CHARACTER** means the qualities and standards of behavior that distinguish an individual.

The **PUBLIC TRUST** is a duty imposed in faith to those we are sworn to serve.

**COURAGE** is having the "heart," the mental, and the moral strength; to venture, persevere, withstand, and overcome danger, difficulty, and fear.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** means that we are answerable and responsible for our actions.

**COMMUNITY** is the municipalities, neighborhoods, and citizens we serve.

— Developed by the IACP Committee on Police Ethics, 2000