



**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM POLICE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**



TITLE: PEACE OFFICER COMMISSION		
POLICY NUMBER: B-16	EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/01/04	RESCINDS / AMENDS: II-74-8 05/23/01, B-14 (number change)
RELATED LAWS:		RELATED STANDARD(S) / RULE(S):

I. PURPOSE:

To provide a procedure for the commissioning, and de-commissioning of peace officers employed by The University of Texas System and component institutions.

II. POLICY:

- A. Section 51.203 of the Texas Education code authorizes The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System to employ and commission peace officers.
- B. Individuals qualified to receive a commission under standards established by the University of Texas System and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement may, upon recommendation by the Director of Police, receive a Peace Officer Commission from the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System.
- C. Any officer commissioned and assigned to duty shall take and file the oath required of peace officers.

III. STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER FORM:

- A. A Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer form (Pursuant to Tex. Const. art. XVI, §1(b), amended 2001) will be completed by police cadets effective on their date of appointment. The form will remain on file with the Office of Director of Police and a copy forwarded to their respective component Police Department. (Copy of form attached.)
- B. Lateral entry officers will complete a Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer form (Pursuant to Tex. Const. art. XVI, §1(b), amended 2001) when appointed. The Chief of Police will forward the original form to the Office of Director of Police and retain a copy for their files.

- C. When a commissioned officer terminates their employment, the Chief of Police of the component institution employing the officer will notify the Director of Police within two working days.

IV. REVOKING COMMISSIONS:

- A. Peace officers employed by the University of Texas System or its component institutions shall have their commissions revoked by the University of Texas System Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Director of Police, in the following instances:
 - 1. Whenever the employment of the peace officer is terminated.
 - 2. Whenever the peace officer is convicted of:
 - a. Any felony offense
 - b. Any theft offense
 - c. Any offense involving family violence, as defined in Section 71.004, Family code: or
 - d. Any offense involving moral turpitude.

For the purposes of this policy, Moral Turpitude shall mean, “conduct contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, or good morals.”

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PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER

(Pursuant to Tex. Const. art. XVI, §1(b), amended 2001)

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED THEREIN ARE TRUE.

Date

Affiant's Signature

Peace Officer
Position to Which Elected/Appointed

City and/or County