



Wichita Police Department Policy Manual

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Policy 219 – Gratuity

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- 219.01 The Wichita Police Department recognizes that some persons desire to express their appreciation for Police Department personnel by giving nominal gifts or services. Unfortunately, other persons desire to unethically or illegally influence Police Personnel by providing favors.
- 219.02 Police personnel shall not solicit gifts or services and should always be prepared to pay for any goods or service which they authorize or order. Also, Police personnel should never accept gifts which may interfere with their impartial exercise of authority or which may cause favoritism in their performance of services.
- 219.03 Police personnel are to be sensitive to the public's impression of special treatment to law enforcement officers. Personnel should conduct themselves in a manner, which does not unnecessarily cause adverse public opinion. Police personnel will not spend greater amounts of their on-duty time at a particular establishment or render other special service on behalf of persons who offer or provide gifts, or free or reduced services.
- 219.04 Police personnel are frequently offered free drinks, discounted meals and other nominal gifts and services. Police personnel may accept these gifts as is consistent with the above paragraphs. However, plain clothes personnel are prohibited from identifying themselves as police personnel to obtain gifts and or services
- 219.05 Officers shall refuse any gift(s), which they suspect may conflict with the purposes expressed in the paragraphs above and will promptly report the offer to their supervisor. Supervisors receiving reports of inappropriate gifts or gift offers will review them in accordance with this policy and Regulation 3.7, and refer the reported incident up the chain of command if potential problems seem evident.
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- 219.06 Gifts from certain persons or entities, because of their relationship to the Wichita Police Department or to individuals involved in police incidents, or others where a conflict of interest may exist are prohibited. Included in this prohibition are gifts from attorneys, bondsmen and private investigators
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- 219.07 Officers who believe a particular case warrants exception to this prohibition must request approval from the Chief of Police in writing
- 219.08 In all instances, police personnel are guided by Kansas State Statutes concerning bribery, abuse of office, other relevant statutes, the City of Wichita Ethics Policy, and by the Wichita Police Department Policies, Procedures, Rules & Regulations, Code of Ethics, Mission Statement and Core Values.