

## **204 - OVERBEARING, OPPRESSIVE, OR TYRANNICAL CONDUCT**

Members of the department shall not be overbearing, oppressive, or tyrannical in their relations with members of the community.

This regulation prohibits all clearly recognizable actions which serve to breed disrespect for the department and its members. Actions are clearly recognizable if they constitute gross breaches of the public's support, including:

1. unreasonable orders given to citizens;
2. unreasonable warnings to control conduct not within the scope of the member's lawful authority;
3. threats to use authority not clearly available to the member at the moment.

These examples are only illustrative; they are not intended to be all-inclusive.