

# LEVA CODE OF ETHICS

Forensic video analysis is a scientific discipline that plays a critical role in the investigative process. It supports the objective examination and interpretation of video evidence, providing impartial analysis to assist decision-makers.

In recognition of its importance within the law enforcement and scientific communities, and to preserve the integrity of the discipline and the principles of LEVA, all LEVA members are required to abide by this Code of Ethics.

## LEVA members shall:

1. Consistently maintain a high level of professional competence. This includes the need to undertake appropriate ongoing training, related studies, and literature review to remain current in the field of forensic video analysis.
2. Avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest. Members must disclose such conflicts to the appropriate party as soon as possible.
3. Report misconduct on the part of another member, upon its discovery, to the LEVA Executive Director, as well as any additional authorities as appropriate based upon the circumstances of the alleged misconduct.
4. Not misrepresent the LEVA organization or one's own role within it.
5. Remain objective and impartial when conducting forensic video analysis and providing testimony.
6. Strive to produce high quality reports and exhibits.
7. Seek and provide peer review, offer and accept constructive criticism of the work reviewed and, where appropriate, acknowledge and correct legitimate errors, and properly credit the contributions of others.
8. Strive to promote the understanding and value of forensic video analysis technology.
9. Maintain the confidentiality of evidence received and work undertaken in accordance with any such request by the submitting agency.
10. Safeguard entrusted evidence and maintain its integrity.

Violation of this Code of Ethics or the LEVA Bylaws may result in disciplinary action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, private or public censure, suspension or revocation of LEVA certification(s), and/or termination of LEVA membership. LEVA may publish information regarding membership status, certification status, and any disciplinary actions. Revocation or decertification may result in permanent ineligibility for future LEVA certification and/or membership.