

ARTICLE XVI  
CODE OF ETHICS

16.01 General Membership

- (a) I realize as a LEVA member, I must maintain the highest degree of integrity possible.
- (b) I will never knowingly or intentionally disregard the legitimate and ethical requests for assistance from my peers.
- (c) I will develop a posture of goodwill in the spirit of cooperation toward all I come in contact with.
- (d) I will always acknowledge the contributions of others no matter how significant the level of involvement.
- (e) I will promote the high ideals of LEVA and will never misrepresent the organization to another or misuse the organization for personal gain.
- (f) I will report any misconduct or unethical actions of any LEVA member to LEVA's Ethics & Compliance Committee.
- (g) I will never recommend anyone for LEVA membership whose ideals, morals and values are not in keeping with the integrity of LEVA (12/18)

16.02 Forensic Video Technician or Analyst

Forensic video analysis is an important science that can have a significant impact on the investigation process. It often provides the ability to discover and determine the truth, to implicate the guilty and exonerate the innocent. In recognition of the significance of forensic video analysis in the law enforcement and scientific community and in further recognition of the need to uphold the integrity of forensic video analysis and the ideals of LEVA, a LEVA Certified Forensic Video Technician or Analyst (herein referred to as a "Technician or Analyst") must agree to abide by this Code of Ethics.

- (a) A Technician or Analyst must consistently maintain a high level of professional competence. This includes the need to undertake appropriate ongoing training, related studies and literature review in order to remain current in the field of forensic video analysis.
- (b) A Technician or Analyst must consistently strive to produce the highest quality analysis and related reports consistent with the nature of the evidence submitted.
- (c) Where feasible, a Technician or Analyst should encourage peers involved in the field of forensic video analysis in their professional development and support them in following this Code of Ethics.

(d) A Technician or Analyst must avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest and where such actual or apparent conflicts of interest arise, a Technician or Analyst must disclose such conflicts to the affected parties as soon as possible.

(e) In recognition of the need for ongoing professional development, a Technician or Analyst should 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.

(f) A Technician or Analyst should strive to promote the understanding and value of forensic video analysis technology.

(g) A Technician or Analyst should strive to be fair and ethical in all aspects of his/her professional life.

(h) In recognition of the desire to discover the truth in the evidence, a Technician or Analyst shall always be objective and impartial when conducting forensic video analysis and in the preparation of all reports.

(i) A Technician or Analyst shall maintain the confidentiality of evidence received and work undertaken in accordance with any such request by the submitting agency.

(j) A Technician or Analyst shall ensure the safe retention of evidence submitted for analysis.

(k) Where billing is appropriate and permitted, any such billing for services shall be fair and ethical.

(l) Should a Technician or Analyst seek to advertise professional services, any such advertising shall be professional, tasteful and in accordance with the high standards expected of a LEVA Certified Technician or Analyst.

(m) A Technician or Analyst shall report misconduct on the part of another Technician or Analyst upon its discovery to appropriate authorities, including the LEVA President.

***LEVA holds its certification program and the integrity of the organization to the highest standards possible. I understand that any breach of this Code of Ethics, LEVA's Articles of Incorporation and/or LEVA's Bylaws may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to private or public censure, revocation of my certification as a forensic video Technician or Analyst and/or revocation of my membership in LEVA. I understand that information pertaining to my membership status, certification status and/or disciplinary actions are published by LEVA for use by its members and corporate sponsors. I consent to the publication by LEVA of any disciplinary action taken against me. I understand that, after decertification or revocation, I may also be banned from future re-certification by LEVA and/or membership in LEVA. 8/8***