

Ethics, Gratuities and Conflicts Of Interest in Conservation Law Enforcement

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Law Enforcement work is currently evolving from being labeled blue collar work to being viewed as a profession. As standards and requirements increase to be a law enforcement officer so does the ethical and moral standards expected of sworn officers. This research project focuses on conflicts of interests, gratuities and ethics in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Specific areas of concern for this project were sworn officers accepting free hunt club memberships where a fee is normally required and sworn FWC officers working as licensed for hire charter boat captains.