

# CODE OF ETHICS

## PREAMBLE

The operator will uphold and advance the honor and dignity of the Operator's Association and in keeping with the high standards of ethical conduct:

Will be honest and impartial, and will serve with dedication the employer, clients and public;

Will perform all duties in a manner becoming a professional;

Will strive to stay physically, mentally and technically competent;

Will strive to increase the competence and prestige of the operator's profession;

**SECTION I** – The operator will be guided in all his professional relation by the highest standards of integrity, and will act in professional matters for a client or employer as a dedicated agent or trustee.

- a. The operator will be realistic and honest in all reports, statements and testimony.
- b. The operator will not solicit (for any purpose), money or other benefits or consideration in the name of the FW&PCOA from manufacturers representatives, consulting firms or any other person, unless prior approval is granted by the Board of Directors of the FW&PCOA.
- c. The operator will admit and accept errors when proven obviously wrong and refrain from distorting or altering the facts in an attempt to justify decisions.
- d. The operator will not accept outside employment to the detriment of regular work.

**SECTION II** – The operator will have proper regard for the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of all duties. If an operator's judgment is overruled by authorities, the operator will point out any and all consequences. The operator will notify the proper authority of any observed conditions which endanger public safety, health or welfare.

- a. Public welfare will be regarded by the operator as paramount.
- b. The operator will guard against conditions that are dangerous or threatening to life, limb or property.
- c. The operator will seek opportunities to be of constructive service in civic affairs and work for the advancement of the safety, health and well-being of the environment.

**SECTION III** – The operator will cooperate in extending the effectiveness of the Association by interchanging information and experiences with other operators and students and will provide opportunities for the professional development and advancement of all operators.

1. The operator will urge other operator employees to become certified at the earliest possible date.
2. The operator will utilize all employees, insofar as possible to the fullest degree of their recognized competence.