**Ethics in Security Services Key Terms**

1. Ethics: a philosophy that examines the principles of right and wrong, good and bad
2. Morality: the practice of moral principles on a regular basis
3. Moral development: the theory that we develop morally just as we develop physically
4. Ethical egoism: the view that human conduct should be based exclusively on self-interest
5. Values: beliefs that guide a person or organization’s behavior
6. Departmental values: the values that are expressed though the actions of the department
7. Professional: exhibiting a courteous, conscientious, and generally business-like manner in the workplace
8. Misfeasance: the performance of a duty or act that one is obligated or permitted to do in a

manner that is improper, sloppy, or negligent (examples: sloppy report writing, unsafe operation of a motor vehicle, aggressively “reprimanding” a citizen, improper searching of arrestees)

1. Nonfeasance: failure to perform an act that one is obligated to do either by law or

directive due to omission or failure to recognize the obligation (example: failure to file a report)