

# Higher standards

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As an officer in your department, you are expected to live a higher standard than the people you're responsible for during a shift. John D Rockefeller Jr said, "I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."

As a leader, you lose rights. You would think the opposite and say since "I'm the boss", you would have more rights. As a leader, you just lost the ability to rant and complain to your subordinates. Someone once said, "If you're going to throw up, throw up" meaning if you're going to spew negativity from your mouth, do it up the chain of command, so something can be done about it and not on the troops. By "throwing up" negative words or complaints on your guys, that cancels you as a leader.

As a leader, you must take responsibility for your actions and the ones following you. If no one is following you, guess

what, you're not a leader. If you're in the back on the crowd waving your hands saying "wait up, wait up, I'm your leader", you're not a leader. Leaders lead from the front and are the last ones in line for dinner.

As a leader, you would expect a new fire fighter or EMS guy not to complete an assignment given to them for various reasons. As an officer, there should never be a time that your boss must keep asking you, "Has the project or assignment been completed"? The ultimate leader says to his boss, "it's already been done" before he or she ask. 🔥

