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Preface

Introduction to Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice was written to present an overview of the field and the numerous complexities within it. It also seeks to instill an appreciation for those who "serve and protect" our society and an understanding of this exciting, challenging profession.

The future of our lawful, democratic society depends in large part on those currently in the field of criminal justice and those preparing to enter it. Law enforcement officers have awesome power and tremendous responsibilities that must be met under constantly changing circumstances and in a way that protects individual rights and society's rights simultaneously—a tremendous challenge.

When we wrote the first edition of this text almost 25 years ago, law enforcement seemed more predictable and faced different challenges than now. In the 1970s law enforcement was focused on restoring its image after the disturbances and civil unrest of the 1960s. It saw organized crime as a major national threat. Crime fighting was its most obvious mission. Victims were seen primarily as sources of information. AIDS, crack cocaine, drive by shootings and children shooting children, domestic violence and terrorism were not perceived as problems. The first edition contained no chapters on community policing, problem-solving policing, juveniles or victims because these were not priorities. The beginnings of community policing could be seen, however, in the discussions of team policing and community service—helping citizens help themselves. The first edition also had no chapters on courts or corrections, focusing solely on the law enforcement component of the criminal justice system. The current edition recognizes the interrelationships of the components of the criminal justice system and the need for coordination among them.

Themes

As you learn about law enforcement, you will find three recurring themes in this text. The first theme is that of community or service orientation to law enforcement and the critical importance of partnerships, viewing citizens as coproducers of justice. A second theme is that of police officers as peace officers as well as crime fighters and a concern for not only criminal justice but social justice as well. The third theme is that of police officers' discretion in their role as gate-keepers to the criminal justice system.

Major Features— Context

Each chapter in the text serves as an overview of an area that could be expanded into an entire course. Not unexpectedly, the text begins with chapters that provide needed background (Section I). Our present system of law enforcement did not just magically appear. It has evolved slowly, shaped by numerous factors, including social and political influences. Chapter 1 describes the evolution of law enforcement and the criminal justice system from its ancient roots to the

present system. Chapter 2 describes the laws all U.S. citizens are expected to obey and how they came to be. Chapter 3 explores crime in the United States: what types of crimes are occurring and theories about why, who commits crime and the effect it has on victims. This section provides the context within which to understand contemporary U.S. policing: its history and traditions, the laws under which it operates and which it enforces as well as the individuals who choose to disobey the laws and their victims. Policing is, at its heart, about people.

Section II helps you understand the traditional organization and functions of law enforcement, most of which can still be found within our law enforcement agencies. First, an overview of the organization, goals, characteristics and culture is presented (Chapter 4). Next, two approaches to policing gaining popularity throughout the county are introduced—community policing and problem-oriented policing (Chapter 5). This is followed by a discussion of the general functions of most agencies, patrol and traffic (Chapter 6), and the specialized assignments frequently found in larger agencies, such as investigators, SWAT teams, school resource officers and reserve officers (Chapter 7).

Section III explores important challenges to the profession in the twenty-first century. It begins with a discussion of the challenge of policing within the law, apprehending criminals without violating their constitutional rights (Chapter 8). Next, the challenges posed by gangs, drugs and terrorism, problems which have overshadowed the previous concern with organized crime, are discussed (Chapter 9). Then significant issues involved in policing are described, including discretion, discrimination, racial profiling, use of force, pursuit, liability, corruption and ethics (Chapter 10) This is followed by a discussion of departmental issues, including recruiting and retaining officers, civilian review boards, sexual harassment, unions, moonlighting, privatization of law enforcement, accreditation and professionalism (Chapter 11). The section concludes with an examination of the other two components of the criminal justice system, the courts and corrections, and how they interrelate with law enforcement. The need for collaboration and cooperation among the three components has become an important focus during the past decade (Chapter 12).

New to this Edition

This Seventh Edition has been completely updated, with the majority of sources cited being published between 1999 and 2002. The text has also been reorganized. The portion of the text dealing with criminals and victims has been moved forward to Chapter 3 so they can be kept in mind throughout the text. The community policing chapter has also been moved forward so the impact of community policing on all aspects of law enforcement can be explored throughout the remainder of the text. The chapters on courts and corrections have been combined and moved to the end of the text so they would not interrupt the discussion of law enforcement. Finally, the chapter on the juvenile justice system has been eliminated, with discussions of specific aspects of that system being incorporated within existing chapters; for example, the history of the juvenile justice system is now included in the history chapter (Chapter 1).

Relevant new information has also been included in this Seventh Edition. Most notable are the additions of considerable material on problem-oriented policing and community policing. In addition, the discussion of terrorism has been expanded to include the September 11, 2001, attack on America and its impact on the entire criminal justice system. Specific changes within each chapter include the following:

- Chapter 1—History: how southern law enforcement originated and the role of slave patrols.
- Chapter 2—Our laws: new Supreme Court precedents.
- Chapter 3—Crime: the FBI computer crime squad, hate crimes, the family as a training ground for violent behavior, cell phones and E911 technology.
- Chapter 4—Contemporary policing: the Blue Brotherhood, police subculture and code of silence.
- Chapter 5—Community policing: community partnerships created in response to terrorists' activities, private security's role in partnership with law enforcement, weapons in school and the effects of the proliferation of diversity on law enforcement.
- Chapter 6—Patrol: results of aggressive patrols, crime mapping,
 COMPSTAT, racial profiling, road rage, City of Indianapolis v. Edmond
 (2000) on drug check points.
- Chapter 7—Specialized roles: new guidelines for first responders to a crime scene, profilers and the future of DNA evidence.
- Chapter 8—Policing within the law: recent Supreme Court cases related to criminal procedure: Bond v. United States (2000) regarding luggage searches, Dickerson v. United States (2000) upholding Miranda, Florida v. J.L. (2000) regarding anonymous tips, Illinois v. Wardlow (2000) regarding sudden flight from police, Illinois v. McArthur (2001) regarding detention while executing a search warrant, Kyllo v. United States (2001) regarding thermal imaging and United States v. Spinoza (2001) regarding "knock and announce."
- Chapter 9—Gangs, drugs and terrorism: re-categorizing of gangs and gang activity, key findings of the National Youth Gang Survey, the dangers of Ecstasy, domestic and international terrorism and the role of local law enforcement.
- Chapter 10—Police conduct: expanded discussion of discretion, the federal model on use of force, new less-lethal weapons, and the police and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Chapter 11—Departmental issues: Brown v. Bryan (2000) failure to train.
- Chapter 12—Courts and corrections: community justice, restorative justice, specialized courts, community courts, community prosecution and community corrections.

Introduction to Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice is more than a text. It is a learning experience requiring your active participation to obtain the best results. You will get the most out of the book if you first familiarize yourself with the total scope of law enforcement: read and think about the subjects listed in the Contents. Then follow five steps for each chapter to achieve triple-strength learning.

Triple-Strength Learning

1. Read the objectives at the beginning of each chapter, stated in the form of "Do You Know?" questions. This is your *first* exposure to the key concepts of the text. The following is an example of this format:

Do You Know?



• What the basic instrument of government is?

Review the key terms and think about their meaning in the context of law enforcement.

2. Read the chapter, underlining or taking notes if that is your preferred study style. Pay special attention to all information within the highlighted area and the magnifying glass icon. This is your *second* exposure to the chapter's key concepts. The following is an example of this format:



The U.S. Constitution is the basic instrument of government and the supreme law of the United States.

> The key concepts of each chapter are emphasized in this manner. Also pay attention to all words in **bold print.** All key terms will be in bold print when they are first used.

- 3. Read the summary carefully. This will be your *third* exposure to the key concepts. By now you should have internalized the information.
- 4. To make sure you have learned the information, when you have finished reading a chapter reread the list of objectives given at the beginning of that chapter to make certain you can answer each question. If you find yourself stumped, find the appropriate material in the chapter and review it. Often these questions will be used as essay questions during testing.
- 5. Review the key terms to be certain you can define each. These also are frequently used as test items.

A Note: The material we've selected to highlight using the triple-strength learning instructional design includes only the chapter's key concepts. While this information is certainly important in that it provides a structural foundation for understanding the topic(s) discussed, you may not simply glance over the "Do You Know?" highlighted boxes and summaries and expect to have mastered the chapter. You are also responsible for reading and understanding the material that surrounds these basics—the "meat" around the bones, so to speak.

Exploring Further

The text also provides an opportunity for you to apply what you have learned or to go into specific areas in greater depth through discussion questions, InfoTrac College Edition assignments and Internet assignments. Complete each of these areas as directed by the text or by your instructor. Be prepared to share your findings with the class.

Good reading and learning!

Ancillaries

To further enhance your study of law enforcement and criminal justice, several supplements are available:

- Study Guide—A workbook that includes key concepts and terms, chapter summaries with fill-in-the-blank questions, and practice test questions in multiple choice format.
- The Criminal Justice Resource Center http://cj.wadsworth.com—An exceptional resource Web site containing links to over 3,000 popular criminal justice sites, jobs, news and other interesting and relevant links.
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