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ALAMO COLLEGES


POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Alamo Colleges Police Department is to provide a safe environment in which all members of the Alamo Colleges Community may work, teach, study and learn, in a highly proficient manner. This department in the daily performance of its function stresses service and the protection of life, property and to invest in the security of all campuses and the pursuit of excellence in public safety services.



Don F. Adams
Chief of Police

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Peel's Principles of Policing

The Alamo Colleges Police Department subscribes to the principles that make law enforcement a unique element in society. These ideals were originally set down by Sir Robert Peel, the father of modern law enforcement in 1832. The principles he established are hallmarks we follow today. Whether we are called *police, constables, deputies, officers, or agents*, the ideals remain the same, they are:

1. The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder.
2. The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions.
3. Police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the public.
4. The degree of cooperation of the public that can be secured diminishes proportionately to the necessity of the use of physical force.
5. Police seek and preserve public favor not by catering to public opinion but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law.
6. Police use physical force to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when the exercise of persuasion, advice, and warning is found to be insufficient.
7. Police, at all times, must maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.
8. Police should always direct their action strictly toward their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary.
9. The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it.