

# GENERAL ORDER

## PORT WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT:	<b>AGENCY ROLE</b>	NUMBER:	1.1.1
		ISSUED:	5/1/09
SCOPE:	All Police Personnel	EFFECTIVE:	5/1/09
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**INDEX AS:** Department Values  
Goals and Objectives  
Mission Statement

**PURPOSE:** It is the policy of the Port Washington Police Department to maintain a Mission Statement. The Department has established goals and objectives and institute procedures for evaluating the progress made toward attaining those goals and objectives. It is the policy of the department to strive for the attainment of these goals and objectives.

This Order consists of the following numbered sections:

- I. MISSION STATEMENT
- II. DEPARTMENT VALUES
- III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

I. Mission Statement:

The Port Washington Police Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our city by working in partnership with the community, to protect and serve our citizens' quest for a peaceful and safe existence, with democratic values applied equally to all.

II. Department Values:

The men and women of the Port Washington Police Department are committed to uphold the following values:

Human Life  
Integrity and Public Trust

Courtesy, Compassion and Respect  
Community Opinion and Response  
Problem Solving and Teamwork

### III. Goals and Objectives:

- A. To identify criminal offenders and criminal activity and, where appropriate, to apprehend offenders and participate in subsequent court proceedings.

This consists of identifying those thought to be guilty of having committed a criminal offense and subsequently proceeding against them. The investigation process typically involves the gathering of information from victims and witnesses, the collection and analysis of physical evidence, and the relating of the results of these and other inquiries to one or more individuals identified as likely to have committed the offense.

- B. To reduce the opportunities for the commission of some crimes through preventive patrol and other measures.

The department is responsible for interacting with the community to generate mutual understanding so that there may be public support for crime prevention. Community involvement is essential to facilitate a free flow of information between the public and the department to assist in the identification of problem areas and to inform the public of crime statistics and trends.

- C. To aid individuals who are in danger of physical harm.

This aid extends beyond incidents in which the threatened harm is the result of a criminal attack, but also against hazards, accidents, or even discomforts of life.

- D. To protect Constitutional guarantees.

An officer may enforce any Federal, State, or local statute which is valid on its face without fear of abrogating the Constitutional rights of the person violating that statute. An officer who lawfully acts within the scope of his/her authority does not deprive persons of their civil liberties.

- E. To facilitate the movement of people and vehicles.

The police have assumed a major share of the responsibility for achieving and maintaining the high degree of order that is necessary to make the free movement of people and vehicles possible.

- F. To assist those who cannot care for themselves.

Policing consists of providing care and assistance to those who cannot care for themselves because of their age, their state of health, the physically disabled, the mentally ill and developmentally disabled, and those suffering from alcohol and drug addiction.

G. To resolve conflict.

The police contribute to the order of the community by resolving inter-group conflict with the objective of resolving clashes before they involve physical confrontation.

H. To identify problems that are potentially serious law enforcement or governmental problems.

The police identify problems that plague the community and channel complaints to the proper governmental agency. Police sort out situations that require attention and identify policies and practices of their governmental agencies which are in need of correction.

I. To create and maintain a feeling of security in the community.

Police help to create an atmosphere that makes it possible for people, exercising reasonable care and precaution, to carry on their ordinary, daily activities with the expectation that they will not be endangered, interfered with, or subject to criminal attack.

J. To promote and preserve order.

The handling of a civil disturbance is viewed as extraordinary, but is among the most firmly established responsibilities of the police.

K. To provide other services on an emergency basis.

Saving lives and aiding the injured, locating lost persons, keeping the peace, and providing for many other miscellaneous needs are basic services provided by the department. To satisfy these requests, the department responds to calls for service and renders such aid or advise as is necessitated or indicated by the situation.

L. To promote officer/police civilian training and education.

Our greatest assets are the employees of the Port Washington Police Department who are dedicated to service to this community. Education and training are very important to help accomplish the goals of this department.

M. To promote a safe workplace.

We will continue to train, research, and provide equipment and technology to provide the safest environment possible for all of our employees.

N. To promote Community Policing.

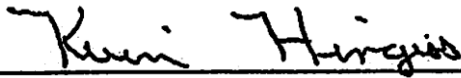
We will work closely with the community to anticipate needs, foster cooperation, and solve law enforcement issues and concerns in order to create a safe place to live, work, and visit.

III. Administrative Review

A. The Goals and Objectives of the Port Washington Police Department will be reviewed and updated annually and made available to all personnel.

**APPROVED:**

**DATE:**



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