

# Battle Creek Police Department

## Policy Manual

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### **CHIEF'S PREFACE**

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The Battle Creek Police Department has been serving the community with excellence, pride and resilience since 1900. We are committed to insuring the public safety of all our residents and guests, providing a full spectrum of police services that enable this department to respond efficiently and effectively to meet our community's safety needs.

The Battle Creek Police Department has a responsibility to our community to deliver proactive and creative community policing strategies and an obligation to treat all in our community with dignity, respect, honor and compassion.

#### **Introduction**

The foundation of police operations are based on the successful employment of Police Officers, past and present. This Policy Manual describes law enforcement activities and actions and outlines an operating framework from which we conduct all operations.

This policy manual builds on the collective knowledge and wisdom that is gained through recent operations, numerous lessons learned, and policy and procedure revisions, throughout the law enforcement profession. It is rooted in time-tested principles and fundamentals, while accommodating new technologies and organizational changes.

The foundations of police operations that are provided in this manual will support the actions and decisions of Police Officers at all levels. This manual is not meant to be a substitute for thought and initiative among our law enforcement professionals. No matter how robust the policy or how advanced the police capabilities and systems, it is the Police Officer who must understand the operational environment, recognize shortfalls, and use professional judgment to adapt to the situation on the ground. It is the adaptable and professional Police Officers of the Battle Creek Police Department who are most important to our future and who must successfully and ethically perform their duty to accomplish the mission—with or without technological assistance.