

CRJ 201 -POLICING

American Government & the Police

INTRODUCTION

- Discuss American governmental structure and its relationship to the police
- Review the public safety apparatus in the U.S.
- Explain the differences between federal, state, and local law enforcement
- Describe common challenges to U.S. law enforcement agencies

AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE

- *Review chapter reading: Federalism*
 - Federalist structure – no national police force
 - Approach to law enforcement is unique in the world, reflecting the our federalist government
 - Law enforcement is primarily the responsibility of local governments (local control) and regulated at the state level



PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION

- *Review reading: Local Police Departments, 2016*
 - The public safety industry operates on all governmental levels
 - There are approximately 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the U.S.
 - Most police agencies are operated at the local level of government under local control (cities, towns, villages, counties, etc.)
- *Review FBI police data weblink*
 - Approximately 975,000 sworn officers in the U.S.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT



- Department of Justice (DOJ) agencies:
 - FBI
 - DEA
 - ATF
 - U.S. Marshals

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- Department of Homeland Security

Review origins of DHS

- Customs and Border Protection
- Immigration and Naturalization Secret Service
- TSA
- FEMA

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- DEPARTMENT of the Treasury
 - Internal Revenue Service
 - Executive Office for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crime
 - Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

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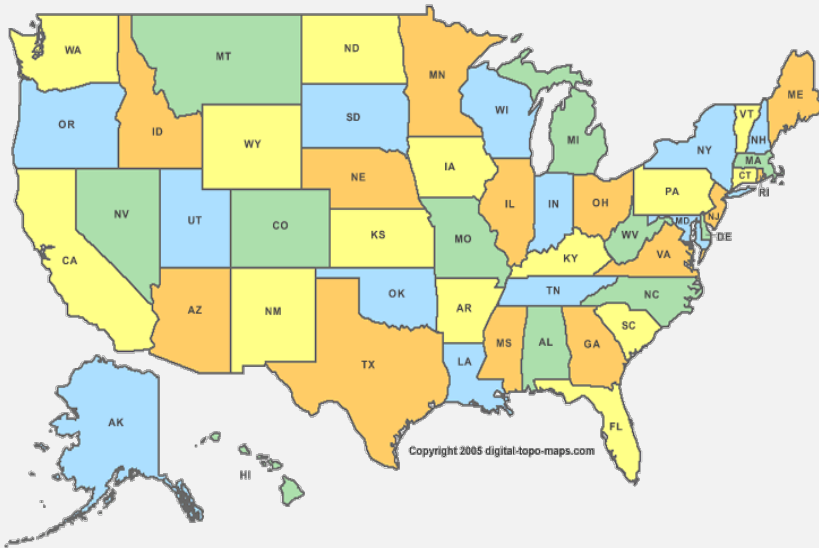
- Department of the Interior
 - National Park Service
 - Fish and Wildlife
 - U.S. Park Police
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs

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- Other Federal Agencies:
 - Amtrak Police (Penn Station)
 - U.S. Capitol Police
 - Food and Drug Administration
 - Security and Exchange Commission
 - Interstate Commerce Commission

STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT



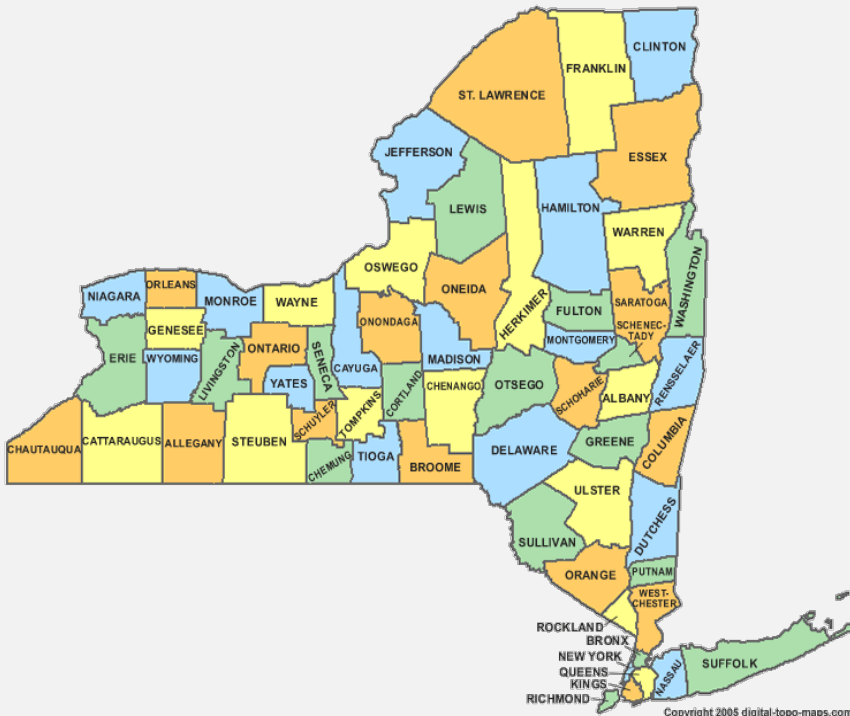
- State Law Enforcement
 - 50 states – each has authority over its law enforcement and criminal justice apparatus.
 - Some are more **centralized**, others are **decentralized**

STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT



- New York State Law Enforcement
 - Overseen by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYSDCJS)
 - Review *NYSDCJS website*
 - NYS Police (Troopers)
 - NYS Park Police
 - NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT



- Local Law Enforcement
 - County Sheriff
 - Many are elected
- *Review BJS reading on Sheriff's Offices*
 - County Police
 - City Police
 - Town Police
 - Village Police

ISSUES AFFECTING POLICE

- Diversity
- Resources
- Recruitment
- Drug and marijuana enforcement
- Militarization
- Anti-terrorism
- Immigration enforcement
- Accountability
- Training
- Recruitment
- Responding to individuals in mental health crisis
- Police stress and suicide

INTERNATIONAL POLICING

- **Interpol**
 - International Criminal Police Organization
 - Worldwide organization established for the development of cooperation among nations regarding common police problems
 - Police officials of any member country may initiate a request for assistance on a case that extends beyond their country's jurisdiction.