

CRJ 201-POLICING

Police History & Robert Peel

LESSON INTRODUCTION

- Discuss the early history of police
- Describe the English system
- Discuss Robert Peel and his influence on policing
- Explore different time periods in policing

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- *Review Lesson Reading:*
- **English System**
 - Constable-higher level official who responsible for keeping the peace among people in the mutual pledge
 - Shire-Reeve-An official who was placed in charge of peace within a geographical area (what we now know as Sheriff)
 - Even with these services, men in a given town were expected to serve night watch-known as “watch and ward” to protect against crime disturbances and fires.

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- **Metropolitan Police of London**
 - Industrialization and urbanization created a need for urban police.
 - In 1829, **Robert Peel**, helped lay the foundation for a modern, large-scale, uniformed paid police force.
- *Introduce Robert Peel link*
 - Officers were chosen among men based on their ability to reflect personal ideals.
 - Organized around the **Beat System**.

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- **Policing in early America:**
 - In the North the system replicated the early English model.
 - In the South, there were Slave Patrols
 - **Different regions – different functions:**
 - On Frontier, there were Sheriff's, the Posse, Federal Marshals, the Military, and State Police.
 - First U.S. Police Department Boston-1838, New York-1845
 - These were modeled after the London police and Robert Peel's nine principles.

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- **Policing in early America: Founding - 1890**
 - Characterized by politics, corruption, and brutality.
 - **Political influence:**
 - Politicians determined who would be appointed, promoted, dismissed, etc.
 - The police served as an enforcement arm of the political party, and control the rapidly increase number of immigrants.
 - **Generalist function:**
 - Officers performed duties such as: Street cleaning, inspecting boilers, caring for the homeless, operating ambulances.

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- **Policing in America: Reform Era, 1890 - 1920**
 - Implementation the civil service system-attempts to root out political patronage and corruption.
- **Policing in America: Professionalism Era, 1920 – 1960s**
 - Use of Technology –Radio, police vehicles, dispatch, etc.
 - Professionalism-standard procedures and training
 - Expansion of a Federal role after Prohibition (e.g. FBI and J. Edgar Hoover)

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- **Policing in America: Radical Change 1960s and 1970s**
 - Rapid social change
 - Marches, demonstrations, protests, riots
 - Civil rights movement
 - Rapidly rising crime rates
 - Vietnam era
 - Police were often the target of criticism
 - Often caught in the middle
 - Case law from Supreme Court-Miranda v.Arizona;Terry v. Ohio

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- **Policing in America 1980s & 1990s**
 - Diversity in policing
 - Crack epidemic
 - High crime rates
 - Zero-tolerance, Broken windows
 - Use of technology-Compstat
- *Rodney King video*
 - Terrorism
 - WTC 1993
 - Oklahoma City 1995

HISTORY OF THE POLICE

- **Policing in America 2000s**
- *Review Post 9/11 Policing from NCJRS*
 - Terrorism & 9/11
 - Communications technology
 - Community policing
 - Accountability
 - Lowering crime rates
 - Diversity
 - Use of force
 - Militarization