

## **Hamden Police Department General Orders**

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**Effective Date:** April 1 2012

**Section:** Role and Authority

**Rescinds:** No Original

**Title:** Goal Statement

**Approved By:** Police Commission

**Approval Date:**

### **PURPOSE:**

To state the goal that the department strives to achieve.

### **POLICY:**

In order to achieve success, the department needs to set goals to strive for. This is a statement of those goals. It is the mission of the Hamden Police Department to provide a safe atmosphere for the citizens of Hamden Connecticut by defending life and property, limiting the opportunity for crime and disorder, enforcing the law, assisting victims and providing other police-related services as needed by the community in a manner consistent with the values of a free society. The Hamden Police Department (HPD) embraces the historic tradition that "The police are the public and the public are the police[1]". We are committed to resolving problems collaboratively through a partnership between the Department and our community. The department must enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of police authority and the constitutional rights of all persons.

[1] Quote attributed to Sir Robert Peel Known as the "Father of Modern Policing"