

**Mission of Department:**

The basic mission of the Department is to protect life and property, and all rights guaranteed by law, by preserving the peace, maintaining order, controlling crime, apprehending offenders, and enforcing the law.

**Priorities of Department:**

The Department seeks to reduce crime and injury through preventive measures as well as immediate action in emergencies. It attempts to determine the community's needs and direct its resources toward controlling crimes that are considered most serious, frightening and economically damaging. It seeks to protect life and limb by restricting the use of force to situations of absolute necessity. It limits the exercise of authority to those functions prescribed by the laws of the United States, the State of Michigan, and the Village of Carleton.

**Guidelines Regarding Relationship With the Public:**

The Department acknowledges that its effectiveness depends upon acceptance of its authority and approval of its actions by the community. The Department, therefore, expects exemplary conduct of its employees; it attempts to provide or direct the public to other sources for needed information and seeks public cooperation through the news media; and it encourages positive public reaction to its service through careful attention to complaints received and services provided.