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**Chapter Objectives**

- 1. Understand the traditional role and functions of the police.
- 2. Articulate the role of the Community Oriented Police Officer.
- 3. Discuss education and training for new and existing police officers.

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- 1. What is the one ultimate determining factor regarding the viability of Community Oriented Policing? p. 205.
- 2. What are the two distinct functions the text says are the traditional roles of the police?
  - A. *Law Enforcement* pp. 207-209.
    - What is its goal?

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- 2. Two distinct functions, continued
  - B. *Order maintenance* pp. 209-210.
    - What is its goal?
- 3. Which of these functions has been more prevalent in the last 25 years? (individual opinions)
- What is meant by “situational policing”?
  - “All things to all people...” pp. 210-214.

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- 4. What is the almost universal attitude of police officers – initially – regarding Community Oriented Policing? p. 216.
- 5. What does the text say about research into police officer job satisfaction after implementation of Community Oriented Policing? pp. 219-222.

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- 6. What should police departments look for when hiring new applicants under Community Oriented Policing? p. 223.
- 7. What are some of the basic skills all officers should learn? pp. 225-227.
  - A. Basic ideas of Community Oriented Policing.
  - B. Personal Communication skills - speaking

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- 7. Basic skills, continued
  - C. Personal Communication skills – listening
  - D. Public Speaking skills
  - E. Conflict Resolution and Mediation skills
  - F. Cultural attitudes, beliefs, values and communication training

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- 7. Basic skills, continued
  - G. Decision-making and problem-solving skills
  - H. Research skills
  - I. Typing and computer skills
  - J. Multi-agency cooperation skills
  - K. Others??

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- 8. Is a college educated officer a better officer? pp. 227-229.
- 9. According to the text, what are some benefits that a college education might provide to Community Oriented Policing officers? p. 228.

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