



CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING

Public acceptance of police authority is largely due to the perception of fairness and impartiality in how law enforcement agencies interact with their constituents. Most of the tension between the public and the police is inversely proportional to the level of trust between the citizens and the police. It is therefore vitally important to know and understand the principles and practices that make up the Constitution. We are its agents. Unfortunately, many police officers understand the constitution on a relatively superficial level. This course seeks to deepen and expand that understanding.

Throughout this class, the student will:

- Describe how the key elements of the constitution and related case law affects a police officer's daily work
- Identify the key elements of the fourth, fifth, and fourteenth amendments and discuss practical applications of each
- Identify resources that will help them become more well-versed in constitutional law
- Identify how self-awareness of implicit bias and blind spots is critical in assuring their ability to operate impartially and fairly
- Describe how group identity and behavior can unconsciously lead to biased based practices

What Albuquerque PD officers said about the course:

- "I loved the implicit bias exercise and the scenarios."
- "It was interactive, good format, knowledgeable instructors. This class should be made available to all officers on the department."
- "This was the best class I've had in my 10 years with APD."

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