

FOREWORD

"Given the range of responsibility which the police have, they cannot be held to a system of decision making which involves no risk-taking-anymore than can psychiatrists in deciding whether to release a person who has attempted suicide or parole board members in voting upon the release of an inmate. The formulation of police policy and its articulation to the public world, over a period of time, begin to educate the public into recognizing that the police must not only exercise discretion, but must assume a risk in doing so. Prior statements which "put the community on notice" with regards to police functioning in various areas would affect some relief from the current dilemma in which, in the absence of such police formulations, the police are both subject to ridicule for not exercising discretion and subject to condemnation for making such judgments when they do not work out."

President's Commission on Law enforcement and Administration of Justice, The Police, 1967 , p.20.

This Police Operations Manual is for Lyons Police Department use only and does not apply to any criminal or civil Proceeding. Police Department Policy should not be interpreted to create a higher legal standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims.

**CITY OF LYONS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE OPERATIONS MANUAL**

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