

**LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS PREFACE**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**1) This statement forms the bedrock upon which our quality of service philosophy is based: (12.2.1A)**

“The purpose of the Lincoln Police Department is to uphold the law fairly and firmly; to prevent crime; to pursue and bring to justice those who break the law; to keep the peace, to protect, help and reassure the community: and be seen to do all this with integrity, common sense and sound judgment.

We must be compassionate, courteous and patient, acting without fear or favor or prejudice to the rights of others. We need to be professional, calm and restrained in the face of violence and apply only that force which is necessary to accomplish our lawful duty.

We must strive to reduce the fears of the public and, so far as we can, to reflect their priorities in the action we take. We must respond to well founded criticism with a willingness to change.” (Adapted from the West Mercia Constabulary, UK)

