

## Self Check Answers Chapter 3

### 3.1 Self Check

1. Which police force was to become the first official state police organization in America?  
The Texas Rangers became the first state police organization in the United States when Texas was admitted into the union in 1845.
2. What was the role of the casual deputies in the Old West?  
The casual deputies were legal citizen police who were deputized to perform a few duties whenever needed, such as joining posses, guarding jails, or filling in when officers were called away for other duties.

### 3.2 Self Check

1. What was the name of the first federal law enforcement agency to be created?  
The first federal law enforcement agency in the United States was the U.S. Marshals Service, which was created in 1789.
2. What was the “spoils system” all about?  
The spoils system was a patronage system that dominated policing during the political era. Under this system, local governments controlled the hiring, firing, and activities of their police departments. When a new mayor took office, one of the “spoils” of office was that he decided who would be able to work at the police department.

### 3.3 Self Check

1. How did the Wickersham Commission view the role of police?  
The Wickersham Commission, which was created in 1929 and conducted a two-year study of law enforcement, felt that the police role should concentrate more on crime fighting and less on social services, which were more prevalent in the political era and have since been revived in the community-policing era.
2. What impact did the LEAA have on crime?  
They had very little impact on crime, but they did have some positive impact on other aspects of policing. Two outcomes were
  1. An increased emphasis on research, which produced landmark studies that reshaped the thinking of police administration and established new standards for policing
  2. Police management began requiring that policing programs be evaluated

### 3.4 Self Check

1. How does problem-oriented policing work?  
Problem-oriented policing emphasizes solving problems that cause crime, not just responding to calls for service. This approach helps police officers get to the root of the crime problems in a proactive manner, rather than continuously responding to them in a reactive manner that does not ultimately prevent or reduce crime.
2. Why do community-policing experts emphasize the importance of the Big Six?  
They emphasize the importance of the Big Six—the police, community, elected officials, business community, other agencies (e.g. civic, religious, social service, mental health), and media—because these groups comprise the entire community. Support and interaction among the Big Six are necessary for successful community policing.