

Self Check Answers Chapter 5

5.1 Self Check

1. What are the characteristics of American policing?
The basic characteristics of American policing are
 - It is large.
 - It is multilevel.
 - It is changing.
 - It shares overlapping jurisdictions.
 - It has three distinguishing characteristics: responsiveness to citizen requests, public accountability, and openness to evaluation.
2. How can police operations be defined?
The operations consist of the preventive, investigative, and crime-fighting work performed by police.

5.2 Self Check

1. What does jurisdiction mean?
A jurisdiction is the geographic area or type of crime over which a law enforcement organization extends authority.
2. Name three examples of federal law enforcement agencies.
Answers can include any of the following: Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), U.S. Marshal's Service, U.S. Secret Service (USSS), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF).

5.3 Self Check

1. How is community policing linked to organizational change within police agencies?
It causes change by forcing police organizations to give more responsibility and authority to officers and expand most departments' focus on helping people.
2. What is POST?
Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) are the state programs that ensure that police officers meet minimum standards of competency and ethical behavior.

5.4 Self Check

1. How is American private policing raising its standards?
More states are requiring training for both armed and unarmed officers, and they are trying to create a more thorough licensing process.
2. What are some problems associated with private policing?
Lack of communication between public and private policing organizations has resulted in botched investigations, destruction of evidence, and overzealousness by private police. Private police are also less skilled in observing crime scenes and tend to omit important evidence. Furthermore, security officers may often fail to advise police of important information, jeopardizing the officers' safety.