

## Self Check Answers Chapter 9

### 9.1 Self Check

1. What three core concepts are used to define integrity?  
The three concepts are professionalism, discretion, and ethics. Professionalism contributes to integrity by requiring officers to maintain high standards, which are scrutinized by higher authorities within their profession. Discretion contributes to it when the correct use of discretion guides officers to handle situations in a fair manner, which engenders public trust and confidence. Ethics is important to integrity because officers must have strong personal ethics in order to maintain integrity in their job performance.
2. How do police officers show integrity?  
Police officers demonstrate integrity when they routinely exhibit the seven virtues—prudence, trust, courage, honesty, justice, responsibility, and self-effacement—in their professional conduct, exercise of discretion, and adherence to ethical standards.

### 9.2 Self Check

1. Why has professionalism been difficult to establish in policing?  
Historically, policing has been viewed as a craft, not a profession. As a result, early efforts to establish a professional element to policing required a structuring of police education, standards, and methods of accountability. It also meant that the public's perception of police as professionals had to be encouraged.
2. What are the key elements of police professionalism?  
The four key elements of police professionalism are:
  1. Advanced education, such as by academy training, college studies, and professional development
  2. Demonstrated familiarity with the field's core body of knowledge, which can be achieved by academy training, field training, and work experience
  3. Accountability through peer review, such as by one's supervisors and coworkers; in policing, this also includes accountability through civilian review boards
  4. A code of ethics that clearly states behavior that is allowed and behavior that is not allowed by one's police department

### 9.3 Self Check

1. What factors influence the exercise of discretion?  
Five factors that influence the exercise of discretion are
  1. Use of force
  2. Limited resources
  3. Ambiguity within criminal statutes and procedures
  4. Informal expectations of legislatures and the public
  5. Situational characteristics
2. What are some methods for controlling discretion?  
Some methods include the implementation of standards in the areas of arrest, investigations, and recurring peacekeeping activities. Discretion can also be controlled by revising criminal codes so that vague or unnecessary statutes are removed from the books.

### 9.4 Self Check

1. Why is the practice of ethics in law enforcement important?  
An officer needs ethics in order to interpret situations and perform his or her job with integrity. An officer without ethics is morally adrift and will probably not be able to exercise discretion in a fair and legal manner.
2. What is the connection between ethics and professionalism?  
Ethics is important to professionalism because officers must be able to know right from wrong in order to perform their jobs well. Professionalism relates to ethics by requiring officers to maintain high standards, which are scrutinized by higher authorities within their profession.