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## **FOREWORD**

The purpose of this manual is to establish policy for the collection, preservation, and disposition of property and evidence.

The objective of this publication is to ensure that whenever property or evidence comes into the possession of a member of this Department, the items are processed in a uniform manner consistent with existing laws and departmental policy.

It is imperative the Department maintains the integrity of an efficient property and evidence system that is well structured and includes strict measures with respect to the handling, security, and disposition of property or evidence. The mismanagement of property or evidence can result in the dismissal of charges in criminal cases, disciplinary action, embarrassment to the Department, and the loss of public confidence. These consequences may be avoided by adherence to statutory requirements, awareness by all employees of the importance of the property and evidence functions, and by the diligent oversight of managers and supervisors.

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