

Lambda Alpha Epsilon



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Association Objectives

- To improve criminal justice through educational activities.
- To foster professionalism in law enforcement personnel and agencies.
- To promote professional, academic, and public awareness of criminal justice issues.
- To encourage the establishment and expansion of higher education and professional training in criminal justice.
- To provide a unified voice for professionals in, and students of, criminal justice.
- To promote high standards of ethical conduct, professional training, and higher education within the criminal justice field.

History

- During the first three decades of the twentieth century, law enforcement in the western United States was simple and extremely rudimentary by comparison with today's high-tech standards. The ability to do a "cop's job" relied heavily on physical brawn to maintain the peace and a degree of political connections to maintain one's job. Ethics and standards varied between states and political subdivisions if, indeed, heed was paid to these virtues.
- There was little formalized training of peace officers, and only in the 1920's did any formalized U.S. governmental agencies begin to develop standards which might someday affect local police operations.
- One of the most significant law enforcement officers in the early development of professional law enforcement in California was August Vollmer. Entering law enforcement by accident in Berkeley (California) in 1905 as "Marshal", Vollmer soon moved to the position of "Chief" in a rapidly growing University community. Utilizing resources of the University's technical and behavioral scientists, he studied the criminal and his modus operandi, means of identifying physical characteristics, and other information. From these studies, he developed advanced methods of detection and apprehension of criminals by scientific and deductive investigative conclusions. Some of the by-products of several decades of experience were:
 - A School of "Criminology" at the University of California at Berkeley;
 - Specialized training and orientation of officers hired to be policemen, with motivation to move on and train others;
 - Research, experimentation and evaluation of new methods of crime detection and investigation, with results promulgated to other jurisdictions that would accept and utilize them;

The ultimate result was many former Berkeley-trained officers in college instructor positions, state agencies and other positions where "the Gospel according to August Vollmer" could be further spread and inspire others.

Sigma Delta Omega CHAPTER



Sigma - Service

Delta - Discretion

Omega - Order

Chapter

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