Policing in a More Perfect Union

Created in partnership with Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey and the Philadelphia Police Department, the National Constitution Center’s Policing in a More Perfect Union program is designed to give police officer recruits a historical understanding of the constitutional rights and restrictions that are defined in the Bill of Rights. Policing in a More Perfect Union also examines the history of policing in a democratic society, and provides a forum for new officers to discuss the importance of their role in protecting the rights of all citizens.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

• Introduction with Commissioner Ramsey relating the historical context to current issues in policing
• Facilitated discussions with National Constitution Center educators and community members about critical concepts including justice and fairness, and the issues surrounding public perceptions of police legitimacy
• Interactive tours of the Center’s exhibits on the history and ideas behind the founding documents, as well as key points in the evolution of policing in the United States
• In-gallery explorations of key Supreme Court decisions on the rights and responsibilities of police officers and citizens under the U.S. Constitution
• Participants receive a pocket-sized copy of the U.S. Constitution

PROGRAM RUNTIME IS 4 HOURS • $25 PER OFFICER

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