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"This book is a NEEDED resource to the teaching of history and policing. I can't wait for its publication!" — Randy Whittingstall, *Mitchell College, New London, CT*

"Allison and Wadman's text . . . synthesizes new literature, and weaves it together with older interpretations, to show students how this dynamic field has evolved and continues to change. Recommended." — Sally Hadden, *Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL*

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*To Protect and To Serve: A History of Police in America* fills a void in both criminal justice and historical scholarship regarding the history and development of American police. The leaders, the organizational strategies, and the community problems that created the need for police departments are presented in an insightful and readable format that will appeal to students and scholars alike.

*To Protect and To Serve* explores the influence of slave patrols, corruption by political machines, urbanization, and the desire for reform and professionalism in America's police departments. Since the inception of the concept of policing, the organizational developments designed to deal effectively with crime problems have had an interesting and pertinent history. The authors bring together the fields of criminal justice and history, as well as the roles of practitioner and scholar, to create a fascinating survey of the evolution of police in American society.

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