

# Columbia Police Department

## Policy Manual

### **CHIEF'S PREFACE**

Policing in the City of Columbia as in all American cities is characterized by many thousands of public contacts each year, some of which are under very challenging circumstances and conditions. In each and every one of these contacts the constant must be to accomplish our lawful objectives while carefully safeguarding the public trust.

I am pleased to present you and the citizens we serve with the new Columbia Police Department policy manual from Lexipol. Lexipol is an industry leader in law enforcement risk management and policy development, and you may be confident that our new policy manual is current with applicable State of Missouri and federal laws and that it is based on "best practices" of the law enforcement profession.

There is no magic formula for dealing with the many facets of human behavior that police officers encounter every day. While this manual does establish guidelines for the performance expected of all members of our Department, it cannot reasonably anticipate the myriad of situations that might be encountered as we police our community. It is my hope that with the application of these guidelines, our employee's good judgment and a sincere desire to serve the public, the Columbia Police Department will provide our citizens and visitors the most professional police services possible.

Kenneth M. Burton

Chief of Police