

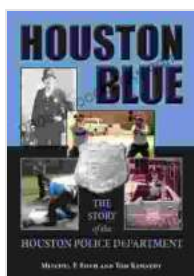
# The Story of the Houston Police Department: North Texas Crime and Criminal



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serving the city of Houston, Texas, which is home to over 2.3 million people.

The HPD has a long and storied history, dating back to the 1800s. The department was founded in 1837 as the City Marshal's Office. In 1860, the City Marshal's Office was renamed the Houston Police Department. The HPD has undergone many changes over the years, but its mission has always remained the same: to protect and serve the people of Houston.



## **Houston Blue: The Story of the Houston Police Department (North Texas Crime and Criminal Justice Series Book 8)** by Mitchel P. Roth

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The HPD has played a major role in the history of Houston. The department has been involved in some of the city's most famous cases, including the murder of President John F. Kennedy and the Hurricane Katrina disaster. The HPD has also been a leader in the fight against crime, and the city's crime rate has declined steadily in recent years.

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Houston, and they do so with courage, compassion, and integrity. The HPD is a vital part of the Houston community, and the city is fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional police department.

## **The History of the Houston Police Department**

The Houston Police Department was founded in 1837 as the City Marshal's Office. The department's first marshal was James H. Bell, who was appointed by the city council. The City Marshal's Office was responsible for enforcing the city's laws and ordinances, and for keeping the peace. In 1860, the City Marshal's Office was renamed the Houston Police Department.

The HPD underwent several changes in the early 1900s. In 1905, the department was reorganized and a new chief of police was appointed. The new chief, Henry F. Stude, was a former Texas Ranger who brought a new level of professionalism to the HPD. Stude implemented a number of new policies and procedures, and he also increased the size of the department.

The HPD continued to grow and evolve in the 20th century. In 1923, the department moved into a new headquarters building. In 1941, the HPD was reorganized again and a new chief of police was appointed. The new chief, Jesse H. Jones, was a former FBI agent who brought a wealth of experience to the HPD. Jones implemented a number of new programs and initiatives, and he also expanded the size of the department.

The HPD played a major role in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. The department was responsible for enforcing the city's segregation laws, but many HPD officers were sympathetic to the civil rights movement. In 1960, the HPD was involved in the desegregation of the city's schools. In

1963, the HPD was involved in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The HPD's involvement in the civil rights movement helped to improve the department's image and to build trust between the department and the community.

The HPD continued to grow and evolve in the late 20th century. In 1972, the department moved into a new headquarters building. In 1980, the HPD was reorganized again and a new chief of police was appointed. The new chief, Lee P. Brown, was a former New York City police commissioner who brought a wealth of experience to the HPD. Brown implemented a number of new programs and initiatives, and he also expanded the size of the department.

The HPD played a major role in the Hurricane Katrina disaster of 2005. The department was responsible for evacuating the city and for providing security in the aftermath of the storm. The HPD's response to Hurricane Katrina was praised by city officials and by the federal government.

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## **The Houston Police Department Today**

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The HPD is organized into eight patrol divisions and several specialized units. The patrol divisions are responsible for providing basic law enforcement services to the city's neighborhoods. The specialized units include the SWAT team, the K-9 unit, the dive team, and the bomb squad.

The HPD is committed to community policing. The department's officers work closely with the community to identify and address crime problems. The HPD also offers a variety of community programs, such as the Citizens Police Academy and the Neighborhood Watch program.

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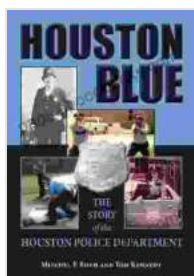
## **The Future of the Houston Police Department**

The Houston Police Department is facing a number of challenges in the 21st century. The department is facing increased crime rates, a shrinking budget, and a changing population. The HPD is also facing the challenges of terrorism and homeland security.

Despite these challenges, the HPD is committed to providing the best possible law enforcement services to the people of Houston. The department is working to increase its efficiency and effectiveness, and it is

also working to build stronger partnerships with the community. The HPD is also working to address the challenges of terrorism and homeland security.

The HPD is confident that it can meet the challenges of the 21st century. The department is committed to providing the best possible law enforcement services to the people of Houston, and it is confident that it can make Houston a safer and more livable city.



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