

The British contributions to modern day policing are many. It started with Henry Fielding who started to experiment with solutions to London's crime problem. Fielding was appointed London's Chief magistrate of Bow Street in 1748. He created a small group of thief-takers in 1750 which made it more systematic to catch criminals. By 1785 these thief-takers would evolve into London's most famous police force the Bow Street Runners.

Then there is Robert Peel and his Metropolitan Police Act of 1829. This act took several years to pass in parliament as many people felt it would be an invasion of their liberties. Robert Peel is known as the father of law enforcement, and is the one who made it mandatory to wear a uniform with your number visible. He also created the 9 Principles of Policing, which is used even today as a standard for all officers to follow.

Because of these two gentlemen's contributions we here in America have a police force that has some of the most loyal and respectful members this society has to offer. We're all human, but as officers we're held to a standard that we must maintain. We must be impartial and devoted to the oath we take when we become officers.