

About the book

Published in February 2020, policing scholar Brenda J. Bond-Fortier shares the story of an urban police agency's transformation from a traditional police agency into a national model of community policing. Using longitudinal data, this research offers a rich account of the complexity of police management and change within one particular mid-sized city.

Through a multidisciplinary lens, the research findings provide crucial insight into how and why police organizations respond to a changing environment, set certain goals, and change to achieve those goals. The book describes the changes that enabled the Lowell, Massachusetts Police Department to achieve national model status, and builds a nexus between influencing forces, interdisciplinary theory, and the creation of an adaptive 21st-century police organization.

This book is for academics and students in criminal justice, organizational studies, public administration, sociology, political science, and public policy programs, as well as and public- and private-sector managers and leaders interested in municipal government, policing and organizational change.

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She has conducted research across the United States, published her work in prestigious journals, and been cited in major media outlets. Bond-Fortier is a nationally respected and recognized policing scholar who is valued by practitioners and policymakers for her participation and contributions to police practice and management. She serves as a Subject Matter Expert for the US Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance Strategies for Policing Innovation initiative, and is a Senior Research Fellow for the National Police Foundation. She previously served as a Research Associate at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Program in Criminal Justice Policy & Management, as Research Advisor for the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, and as Director of Research and Development at the Lowell, Massachusetts Police Department.

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