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### THIS WE BELIEVE (PART I)

This Bulletin consolidates the policy of the Detroit Police Department on civil rights as already expressed in current departmental rules and regulations. Further, this Bulletin reaffirms this department's determination to observe, uphold and enforce all laws pertaining to the individual rights of each person without regard to race, creed, national origin or economic status.

All citizens of this country are guaranteed protection against unlawful arrest and unreasonable search. Members of this department will uphold these rights by:

Taking a person into custody only:

- (a) when in possession of a warrant;
- (b) for the commission of any felony or misdemeanor committed in his presence;
- (c) when such person has committed a felony although not in the presence of the officer;
- (d) when a felony in fact has been committed and he has reasonable cause to believe that such person has committed it;
- (e) when he has reasonable cause to believe that a felony has been committed and reasonable cause to believe that such person has committed it.
- (f) when he has received positive information by written, telegraphic, (teletypic, telephonic, radio) or other authoritative source that another officer holds a warrant for such arrest;
- (g) when he has received such positive information broadcast from any recognized police or other governmental radio station, or teletype, as may afford him reasonable cause to believe that a felony has been committed and reasonable cause to believe that such person has committed it.
- (h) when he has reasonable cause to believe that such person is an escaped convict, or has violated a condition of parole from any prison, or has violated a condition of probation imposed by any court or has violated any condition of a pardon granted by the executive.

When an officer, in good faith, believes that a person has committed a felony and his belief rests on such grounds as would induce an ordinarily prudent and cautious person under the same circumstances to believe likewise, then he has such reasonable cause as would justify an arrest without a warrant.

As professional police officers, we should never show bias or prejudice against any race, religion, group or individual. We should act, speak and conduct ourselves in such a manner as to bring respect upon ourselves and this department; treat all persons with complete courtesy and with the respect due them as human beings; meet all persons halfway and never be insolent when requiring a person to comply with our directions or orders; never talk down to any person or group or engage in the use of derogatory terms.