

Chandler Quotes - Source Unknown

"I soon found that the police discipline is different from that of the Army. In the Army...the men are directly under the officers and their orders are carried out under their supervision. Policemen are alone and away from their officers, each man a little army unto himself."

"A policeman is only a citizen who has chosen to be a servant of the public and having no more nor less right than any other citizen...the more intelligent he is and the more he knows of police work, the less he will be an autocrat. [A Trooper] must work along prescribed lines and cannot be used by any persons or organization to coerce a citizen or to settle personal grievances or to enforce ideas of private morality. [He] should give maximum protection with the minimum of interference with the lawful rights of a citizen."

"You who wear the uniform of the State Troopers must...have the confidence in yourself which comes from knowing you are a trained horseman, a good shot, and a judge of what is right and wrong...Go about with the idea of helpfulness and friendliness that wins the confidence of the people. Never permit a child to be afraid of you. If you hear a grown person say to a child, 'Look out or I will have this man take you away,' tell the child at once that if he goes with you, you will give him a good time, will teach him to ride, and show him how to handle a gun. He will then become your friend. The parent, too, will learn from this that your attitude is one of friendliness to all.

"Never hesitate to render assistance of any kind, and let nothing be too much trouble which you can do for the people you come in contact with...Remember that you represent the authority of the Governor; that you are an executive officer and a State official.

"One slip by any member of this command will do more harm than one hundred good deeds can efface. Human nature, unfortunately, is not constructive, but likes to tear down. One mistake or unworthy act on the part of a trooper will subject the whole body to criticism."

"Common sense is a virtue. Exercise it in all your dealings. Put yourself in the other fellow's place. Deal with him as you would wish a member of your own family to be dealt with."

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the New York State Police is to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people of the State of New York with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism and integrity and to protect the inherent right of the people to live their lives in freedom and safety.