FIGURE 6.1

Early History of Policing: A Timeline

1066

Frankpledge system created;
An example of chiefdom

1285

English created night watch system;
Members of the watch shouted if trouble was at hand

Late 1200s

Sheriff, constable, and watch-and-ward system fully implemented;
Sheriff also collected taxes

1693

Thief-taker system created;
Thiefs paid for catching other thiefs

1748

Bow Street Runners created by Henry Fielding;
Fielding hired constables to patrol Bow Street District in London

1797

Patrick Colquhoun created Marine Police Force to respond to crime near the River Thames

1829

Under leadership of Sir Robert Peel, the Metropolitan Police Act of 1829 was passed;
London Metropolitan Police Department was the first modern police department

1845

First police department in the United States created in New York City