Glossary of Terms

(Blacks Law Dictionary)

Police
The governmental department charged with;
the preservation of public order,
the promotion of public safety, and
the prevention and detection of crime

Police Officer
A peace officer responsible for;
preserving public order,
promoting public safety, and
preventing and detecting crime

Peace Officer
A civil officer (such as a sheriff or police officer) appointed to
maintain public tranquility and order.

Civil Law
ROMAN LAW.
The body of law imposed by the state, as apposed to moral law.
The law of civil or private rights, as apposed to criminal law.

Criminal Law
The body of law defining offences against the community at large
regulating how suspects are;
investigated,
charged, and
tried,
and establishing punishments for convicted offenders

Common Law
1. The body of law derived from judicial decisions,
rather than statutes or constitutions; CASELAW
2. The body of law based on the ENGLISH legal system,
as distinct from a civil-law system
Has two classes of crime:
serious crime or felonies, and
minor crimes or misdemeanours

Crime
A social harm that the law makes punishable;

Society
A community of people, as of a state, nation, or locality, with
common cultures, traditions and interests.
An association or company of persons (usually unincorporated)
united by mutual consent, to
deliberate,
determine, and
act jointly for a common purpose