



# Texas A&M University

## Police Leadership



**Edwin E. Powell**  
1964–1971

A native of Plainview, Texas, Powell was a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He was a member of the Texas Department of Public Safety and Sheriff of Taylor County. He came to Texas A&M University in 1956 as a member of the Texas Engineering Extension Service Law Enforcement Training Division. In 1964, he was selected as the Chief of Security. In 1967, after the passage of Senate Bill 162, Powell was appointed Texas A&M University's first Chief of Police.



**O.L. Luther**  
1971–1978

A native of Frost, Texas, Luther served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Texas Department of Public Safety, where he served as a Texas Ranger in Company F for 10 years. He spent most of his career in the Brazos Valley, where he was admired by many. In 1971, he was selected as the Chief of Security and University Police, a position he held for seven years until his death in 1978.



**Col. Thomas R. Parsons '49**  
1978–1983

After graduating from Texas A&M University, Col. Parsons served in the U.S. Army for 28 years. During this time, he served as the Commandant of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets for over six years, the longest term ever by an active duty officer. Upon his retirement from the U.S. Army, Col. Parsons was selected as the Director of Security and University Police, a position he held for seven years.



**Robert E. "Bob" Wiatt**  
1984–2004

At the age of 17, Wiatt enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. After his military service, Wiatt attended the University of Cincinnati, followed by a 30-year career as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 1984, he was selected as the Director of Security and University Police, a position he held for 20 years.



**Elmer E. Schneider '71**  
2004–2013

A native of Devine, Texas, Schneider came to Texas A&M University in 1967 to pursue a degree in Agriculture Education. He began his career at the University Police in 1971 as a student worker and served the department for over 40 years. Schneider is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the 138th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. During his career, he held several leadership positions, serving as University Police Chief from 2004 to 2013.