

A Survey of Contract Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Services Provided by Florida's Sheriffs

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Abstract

This paper will analyze the delivery of contract law enforcement and criminal justice services by Florida's Sheriff's. A basic tenant of government is that governments provide services that citizens cannot produce themselves. When government entities seek to procure law enforcement and criminal justice service delivery from Florida Sheriffs, what factors beyond political and economic factors influence service delivery? Surveys sent to Florida's 67 Sheriff's Office found county population and the number of existing municipalities in a county appear to have a substantial influence on contract service delivery by Florida Sheriffs. As county population increases and as the number of municipalities in a county increase, so does the demand for service delivery, approaching a point of certainty when certain demographic factors are reached and/or exceeded.