

Ethics in policing: Not Just Shoulds, Coulds, and Ought Tos

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Ethics research is currently one of law enforcement's greatest training and leadership needs. At no time in the history of policing is it more vital that leaders in law enforcement face the ethical issues challenging this profession. This project includes a summary of law enforcement misconduct in Florida from the years 1990-1996, a discussion of ethics in policing today, leadership, selection and recruitment, training, and the police officer code of ethics. Alternatives and suggestions for impacting ethical conduct such as modeling ethical behavior, and revising and re-prioritizing teaching methods, are offered by law enforcement administrators and leading educators.