

Police Integrity In Law Enforcement: Are We Really Doing Enough?

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Law enforcement officers are the pinnacle of integrity and as such are held to higher ethical standards in both their work and personal life, yet we continue to hear daily about officers terminated for or convicted of violating the same laws they swore to uphold. This study examines previous and current research on ethics violations in law enforcement to determine if we are doing enough to prevent these violations, has the point in time at which officers are most vulnerable to ethical discretions in their career changed since the 1990's, should we continue to intervene only after violations are committed, is integrity training the answer and what changes should be implemented to reduce ethical violations?