## **Retention Issues for Smaller Police Organizations: Concerns, strategies and opportunites for the future.**

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Recruiting and retention of that ideal police officer, the one who seeks a long-term career as one of society's peacekeepers, is increasingly difficult for today's law enforcement manager. Through the use of factor analysis, focus groups and follow-up interviews this research will examine several strategies to meet the challenges of filling those vacancies and reducing turnover.

As we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, most of the major trends and issues for Florida will have something to do with population growth. Law enforcement must create a vision for, and acknowledge the fact that, recruiting and retaining a competent and qualified employee will have a direct relationship to the success or failure of the organization.