

## **Is Privatization of Police Services Feasible?**

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In recent years, police agencies have experienced increased demands from all segments of society, as well as a resounding cry of "no more taxes". As a result, a new management culture has begun to emerge which has caused police agencies across the country to look at how they currently do business, how they can eliminate waste, and how they can become more efficient. Over the years, police agencies have taken on many non-crime related duties which really do not require a sworn police officer to accomplish the task. Now, for reasons of economics, police agencies are beginning to consider shedding these ancillary services. These services would then be performed by private security firms under contract with government agencies or under contract with other private entities such as business districts or neighborhoods who desire these services. This research project looks at the feasibility of privatizing police services and the resulting impact upon the citizens.