The Viability of Employing Private Business Strategies in a Law Enforcement Environment

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This paper examines the strategies found in private business enterprises and compares them to those found in public law enforcement agencies. Using input garnered from surveys of various law enforcement agencies, along with empirical information in various texts on business strategies, this paper discusses the potential value and viability of employing these private sector business strategies in a law enforcement setting. The strategies that this paper will focus on are those that are most often cited by business leaders as being vital to the success of their organization. Those strategies are measurement and continuous improvement, being customer-focused, developing employees, and promoting those that achieve results.