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Criminology
Teaching Policing
Course Information

In the wake of high-profile shooting cases between police and civilians, increased attention has been paid to policing strategies. These videos feature some of these strategies, how they are implemented, and issues that arise from such strategies. Students will be exposed to different misconceptions and myths surrounding policing, as well as how policing is expected to change in the future.

Community-Based Policing
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/community-based-policing

Brian Fitch discusses policing and how it has become less community centered over time. He describes a recent move toward community-based policing to mend the connection between officers and the community they serve and protect.

Police Chief Perspectives: Community Policing
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/police-chief-perspectives-community-policing

Chief of Police Jeri Williams gives her perspective on community policing. She describes positive outcomes she has seen from programs that involve the community and law enforcement.

Issues Raised by Hot Spot Policing
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/issues-raised-by-hot-spot-policing

Professor Will Oliver describes hot spot policing as the concentration of resources on one geographical area. He explains that the strategy still has a number of unknowns, such as whether it is merely displacing crime to another location.

Policing Challenges and Misconceptions
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/policing-challenges-and-misconceptions

Tracy Keesee discusses the challenges of being a police officer, including race relations and common myths.

Policing: Preventing Abuse of Authority
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/policing-preventing-abuse-of-authority

Lieutenant Brian Fitch addresses preventing the abuse of authority in policing and the rise of transparency in law enforcement.

Future Directions of Policing
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/future-directions-of-policing

Tracy Keesee discusses the future of policing and how technology is changing the field.

Suggested Courses or Topics

These videos can be used in a variety of criminology courses, which might include:

> policing,
> survey of crime and justice,
> criminal justice systems, or
> entry-level criminology.

Classroom Clips

> Community-Based Policing: This clip discusses the movement toward community-based policing. Clip 0:03 – 2:34.
> Police Chief Perspectives—Community Policing: This clip provides examples of community policing. Clip 0:07 – 2:39.
> Issues Raised by Hot Spot Policing: This clip discusses hot spot policing and the issues that accompany this type of law enforcement. Clip 0:09 – 2:31.
> Policing Challenges and Misconceptions: This clip highlights some of the common myths about police as well as the challenges that police face. Clip 0:03 – 2:14.
Policing—Preventing Abuse of Authority: This clip discusses how police have become more transparent in recent years and how departments work to prevent abuse of authority. Clip 0:03 – 2:33.

Future Directions of Policing: This clip provides insight into how policing is changing and will continue to change in the future. Clip 0:05 – 1:57.

Research Assignment
Dr. Oliver discusses issues with hot spot policing (Clip 0:09 – 2:31). Find five research studies examining hot spot policing and its efficacy. How effective is hot spot policing? What does the research say about the resources used for hot spot policing? Are there better methods?

Classroom Discussion
Lieutenant Brian Fitch addresses preventing abuse of authority in policing and the rise of transparency in law enforcement (Clip 0:07 – 2:39). In what ways have police become more transparent? How does the media impact perceptions of the police? What have social movements, such as Black Lives Matter, affect perceptions of police and police transparency?