Career Killers for Police Leaders: Avoiding Costly Mistakes

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OVERVIEW

 Exploring internal agency and personal failures that will get you in trouble

 Internal Policies, Training, Oversight, and Personal Actions



EXCESSIVE FORCE

- Inadequate department policy
- Lack of early warning system
- Less lethal program in place
- Inadequate training
- Inadequate sanctions when excessive force occurs
- Inefficient tracking of data and trends



MISUSE OF FUNDS, CARS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Failing to exercise good judgment

DO NOT engage in questionable practices

Inadequate monitoring policy



DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

City or private car

Serious violation of state motor vehicle law

Career ending situation



SEXUAL HARASSMENT HOSTILE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Inadequate policy

Inadequate training and supervision

• Failure to take leadership role

In discussions, always engage the adult



INABILITY TO BE A TEAM PLAYER

- Work with department members, community leaders, city department managers
- Long term morale problems = Vote of No Confidence
 - Be proactive
- Must relate with peers and community
 - CARE



SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Be a family role model

Do not date subordinates

Career ending situation



THEFT

Must be overly honest

Borrowing from evidence IS theft



EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY

- Inadequate policy
- Inadequate oversight
- Formal inspection system
 - Four quarterly internal inspections
 - One annual external inspection
- Document Inspections



POOR POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Review high liability directives annually

Continuously updated

Add new policies as need arises, e.g.
 Homeland Security



FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)

Knowledge of FLSA issues and potential violations

Monitor overtime at least monthly

Inadequate supervisory training in FLSA issues



Questions?

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