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WHAT IS THE IACP/UC CENTER FOR POLICE RESEARCH AND POLICY?

The Center brings together renowned scholars, current and former police executives, highly motivated programmatic staff, and dedicated researchers working together to conduct cutting-edge research and share findings with law enforcement leaders around the world.

The Center is designed to do the following:

- Empower police leaders with information and evidence-based solutions
- Identify and fill gaps in research and practice
- Produce and disseminate high-quality and innovative research and related tools and information to advance policing
- Expand access to, and understanding of, effective policing practices developed and identified through action-focused research and summaries
- Serve as a model for law enforcement agencies and researchers to work together to help protect communities, safeguard citizens' rights, and ensure the fair treatment of all individuals

With fact sheets, research summaries, and a number of other resources, the Center for Police Research and Policy is every chief's go-to site for ideas, solutions, and practices and policies that work.

HOW DOES THE CENTER WORK?

IDENTIFY
Critical Policing Issues

GATHER
Expert Knowledge

CONDUCT
Innovative Research

TRANSLATE
Research into Practical Assistance

GUIDE
Agencies on Implementation & Evaluation

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Why is this important to law enforcement?

It is critical for law enforcement to identify and implement the best policing policies and practices. There is currently a gap in the field as agencies adopt practices, without evaluating those practices or understanding the long-term effects of those efforts. Agencies that implement evidence-based policies and practices do the following:

- Expand the ability to identify challenging issues and develop effective responses
- Improve decision-making by knowing what questions to ask and where to turn for information
- Enhance their credibility with their communities and among stakeholders
- Provide an opportunity to gain insight on the success of implementing policies and initiatives
- Contribute to the development of evidence-based policies, programs, and practices

RESOURCES

The following resources can be found on the Center for Police Research and Policy webpage www.theIACP.org/Research

- *Police Chief* (www.PoliceChiefMagazine.org) Articles from subject matter experts and Research in Brief columns.
- Model Policies (www.theIACP.org/Model-Policy) Policies on more than 100 topics developed by the IACP's National Law Enforcement Policy Center

To start implementing evidence-based solutions in your agency, visit
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