

Promoting Ethical and Effective Leadership for Law Enforcement and

Public Safety Organizations:

Exemplary Works & Reflection

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Many things in the profession of law enforcement have changed and evolved over the past few decades. The introduction of new technology assisted us in our duties. It brought tensions with our communities and lawmakers to find the balance between keeping our streets safe and protecting our citizens' rights.

It is crucial for law enforcement leaders to implement processes and procedures to promote and ensure ethical and practical policing and decision-making. This program has challenged me to think outside the box to advance my thinking into the 21st century. I have learned the importance of implementing new policies and procedures to protect our officers and citizens. I have also learned how crucial it is to make decisions based on empirical data.

The three papers I have selected demonstrate the importance of respecting citizens' rights, implementing policies to protect privacy, and offering empirical data on new industries in my area.

My first exemplary paper, *Third Party Doctrine and CSLI Analysis*, argues that a search warrant is necessary to access cell phone information and cell site location. As law enforcement leaders, it is our responsibility to verify that the line between ensuring public safety and not violating a person's rights is not crossed. My second paper, *21st Century Surveillance Technology*, discusses implementing new innovative technology into the world of policing and the processes to collaborate with the community effectively. My third paper, *Data Fluency and Analysis Final Report* is possibly one of my favorite works from this program. This paper looks at empirical data to compare a new industry coming to North Platte and the potential for increased crime.

In my first paper, I argued the importance of obtaining a search warrant to access cell site information. Today, most people's cell phones hold essential their entire lives and sensitive information. With cell towers constantly updating locations, citizens expect privacy not only to the information on their phones but also their movements as they freely move about in their daily lives.

My second paper outlines different intelligent and advanced technology cities and departments can use. These tools can assist municipalities in making streets safer for their citizens and visitors and help officers solve crimes and information gathering. With this technology comes the concern of not violating a citizen's right to privacy.

My third paper hits close to home for a contentious subject in North Platte; a meat-packing plant. Many in North Platte are against this, citing no evidence but arguing meat packing plants bring migrant workers who will raise crimes in North Platte. This paper provided in-depth evidence comparing other similar Nebraska cities. This research showed that meat packing plants getting migrant workers, which increases the crime rate was not accurate. These results allow the North Platte Police Department to offer our citizens this can be a great new industry for our area. Providing the empirical data shows our department has reached this decision to support this and have crime information ethically and effectively.

Rebuilding and mending public trust is one of the most critical areas for an agency to focus its efforts. Through effective leadership, putting into practice the most up-to-date policies and procedures, and making sound ethical decisions, we can improve our relationship with the citizens, businesses, and community leaders of North Platte.