
POTENTIAL RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS AND SUBTOPICS
Policing: recruitment, selection and training (city, state, and federal)

The subtopics listed below are meant to provide some guidance with regard to choosing your own research paper topic. You are not limited to what is listed below, and your paper topic may of course be a variation of any subtopic listed.

Police recruitment:

- Trends and unique features of how police are recruited
- Distinguishing features of what police recruiters are looking for?
- Educational requirements? Should police officers be required to have a college education?
- Budgetary implications in police recruitment—does the economy have an impact on how police are recruited?
- Recruiting candidates from the military, is this a wise choice?
- Does recruitment vary comparing local, state or federal law enforcement agencies?
- Gender specific recruitment?
- The historical perspective of the police hiring process over the last 20 years

Police selection:

- What is the process of police selection? Are there improvements to be made?
- How do various agencies differ in their selection process?
- How are police officers selected for special projects?
- Background investigations and why they do it?

Police Training:

- What training is required for police officers and why?
- What training is required for special police projects? (i.e. k-9 units, narcotics, gang, community policing, etc.)
- What stressors are present during training process?
- Can you avoid police corruption or brutality with proper training?