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Policing In The 21st Century: Community Policing



Synopsis

Dr. Lee P. Brown, one of America's most significant and respected law enforcement practitioners, has harnessed his thirty years of experiences in police work and authored *Policing in the 21st Century: Community Policing*. Written for students, members of the police community, academicians, elected officials and members of the public, this work comes from the perspective of an individual who devoted his life to law enforcement. Dr. Brown began his career as a beat patrolmen who through hard work, diligence and continued education became the senior law enforcement official in three of this nation's largest cities. The book is about Community Policing, the policing style for America in the Twenty-First Century. It not only describes the concept in great detail, but it also illuminates how it evolved, and how it is being implemented in various communities throughout America. There is no other law enforcement official or academician who is as capable as Dr. Brown of masterfully presenting the concept of Community Policing, which he pioneered. As a philosophy, Community Policing encourages law enforcement officials, and the people they are sworn to serve, to cooperatively address issues such as crime, community growth, and societal development. It calls for mutual respect and understanding between the police and the community. The book is written from the perspective of someone whose peers identify as the "father" of Community Policing, and who personally implemented it in Police Departments under his command. It is a thoroughly amazing book that has been heralded as a "must read" for anyone who has an interest in law enforcement. Elected officials, academicians, leaders of the nation's police agencies and members of the public will be captivated by Dr. Brown's literary contribution.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone who is interested in the institution of law enforcement in America should read Policing in the 21st Century: Community Policing, written by former New York City Police Commissioner Lee P. Brown. Commissioner Brown has combined his varied practical experiences in law enforcement, as an officer on the beat and senior police executive, with his academic background and shares with his readers a very thorough and analytical commentary on the history of policing in America. I highly recommend that anyone who has an interest in law enforcement read his knowledgeable work. Bill Bratton Former New York City Police Commissioner & Former Los Angeles Police Chief

The book is founded upon the practices and philosophies of law enforcement that Dr. Brown implemented while Chief of Police in New York City, Houston and Atlanta, Georgia. His book presents readers with concrete steps that should be taken, rather than mere abstract and disjointed ideas. Policing in the 21st Century: Community Policing is one of the most important books ever written about the police function and the role that they perform in society. Every law enforcement official, public official, college professor, student and private citizen should read it. Andrew YoungFormer Atlanta Mayor

Looking over the reviews on this book I have to agree with the negative reviews. This text was over 500 pages long and I firmly believe that the core ideas and principles of this book could have been easily conveyed in about 200-250 pages. Clearly, the author was very impressed with himself. Dr. Brown lays claim to being the father of Community Policing he also mentioned that he introduced the concept of Community Policing to the people of South Africa. I was unable to substantiate either of these claims. In the preface, the author states that he received his Ph.D. in 1970 and that this book is based on his 30 years in law enforcement. Perhaps a better name for this text would be "Community Policing in the 20th Century"? The author rambles on about concepts and topics he makes reference to video tape and other dated media formats He would drone on about new programs, processes, changes, and cutting edge methods that he implemented in different government entities that he lead. In the next paragraph he would state that after he left office the involved entity reverted back to the way things were before Dr. Brown's arrival. I would never tell anyone that this was a "great read" or suggest that they select it as optional reading to learn about community policing. I can not help but think that there has got to be a more current and better written text about community policing.

Dr. Brown's book is scholarly written and engaging for its readers. As the "Father of Community Policing," he has made yet another significant contribution to law enforcement and to the people they serve. I can only say: "Thank you Dr. Brown." David Dinkins Former Mayor of New York City

This could have been half as long if it weren't for the author rambling on about himself and repeating himself over and over. He proclaimed himself to be the "father of community policing" when most accounts of community policing never mention him. However, Joseph D. McNamara was given that title. He places himself on the same level as true historical contributors and pioneers in policing such as August Vollmer, J. Edgar Hoover, and Herman Goldstein. He uses the word "I" very frequently as if he is responsible for greatness when in fact, simple research into the organizations he claimed to have made great strides in no longer use any of the program's he initiated save one or two. This much self-bragging really encourages me to question the claims this author makes about himself. The content of the book is good once you get past the self-centered display of his PhD. However, none of the concepts are original to the author and at the same time he was initiating the program's he spoke about, so we're many other departments in the country. I recommend reading true works by true academics and practitioners who have produced true research data and made true strides in the improvement of policing.

Worst book ever written. I doubt it was even edite because here were so many word usage errors and one paragraph just ended in mid-sentence. He contradicts himself several times and even calls his own principles by the wrong name a few times..

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