

Instructions for the Survey and Consent

This research project seeks your response to several aspects of policing. This survey should take less than **30 minutes** to complete. While completing this survey will provide no direct benefit for you, it will provide data to be analyzed to support the ability to develop a greater understanding of police supervisors' attitudes and opinions and improve policing in general.

Please complete the provided survey and return it to the researchers. Your participation in the survey is completely **voluntary**. If you do not want to complete this survey, you don't have to. If you start to complete the survey, you can change your mind at any time. Also, you do not have to answer any questions that you don't want to answer. Returning a survey indicates your consent to participate in this study. Your decision to participate in this survey or to abstain from completing the survey will not be shared with the National Academy or your police department.

All responses will be **anonymous**. There is no risk to you. No one will know you participated in the survey, and no one can be identified from the answers that you provide. Do not include your name, badge number, or any other identifying information on the survey. In addition, your survey answers *will not* under any conditions be given to your police department or the National Academy. Your participation in this inquiry in no way affects your participation in the National Academy. Your information is for research purposes only and will not be used against you for any civil, criminal, or administrative purpose.

Participating in this survey is considered human subject research, FBI human subject research regulations grant you the right to insist that a signed record of your informed consent be retained by the researchers. If you elect this option, please contact the FBI Institutional Review Board (IRB) Administrator or FBI IRB Chair and reference study 386-16. You can contact the FBI IRB on this or any other question at 703-985-1306.

We would like to thank you in advance for your help, time, and especially your insights in filling out this questionnaire. By completing responses to this survey, you are consenting for your participation. If you have any questions, or want information on research results, please feel free to contact Amy Blasher, Crime Data Modernization Team by telephone at 304-625-4840. Additionally, you may contact the FBI point of contact: Dr. John P. Jarvis, Behavioral Research and Instruction Unit at 703-632-4128.

Once again thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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