

A New Look at the Politics of Policing

Abstract

The presentation will explore the penetration of politics throughout policing against the traditional model of shared governance. Politics is essential in the management of policing:

- upward, concerning government;
- downward, with respect to internal management;
- and sideways, with respect to the public.

The conclusion is that issue of political accountability needs to be rethought.

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