# Special Issue

## Police Community Engagement and Evidence-Based Crime Reduction Strategies

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue requests papers that seek to understand the opportunities and challenges that police face in carrying out proactive crime reduction strategies along with proactive community engagement. Areas of inquiry might include the following: implementation by police and impacts on organizational culture and change; impacts on trust in and legitimacy of the police; the impact of crime reduction/prevention efforts on community perceptions and engagement; the impact on crime and disorder. In particular, papers that focus on how police organizations combine and integrate evidence-based approaches that are problem-oriented, place-based, person-focused, and community-based are sought. Other specific areas of focus might be the use of crime analysis to support crime reduction and community engagement implementation and mechanisms that lay out expectations and hold personnel accountability for proactive crime reduction strategies and/or community engagement. Papers might include results from surveys, interviews, observations, evaluations, and case studies. We also encourage submissions that consider the cross-national examination of these concepts.

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