Priorities

Safety & Wellness (Pillar 1)

FOCUS
Organizational Wellness and Culture
Officer Safety and Wellness of Mind and Body
Recruitment and Retention
Training and Development
Management and Supervision

Community Trust & The Legitimacy of Policing (Pillar 2)

FOCUS
Policing with Communities
Police Responsibilities and Role
Race, Crime, and Disparities
Technology, Data, and Privacy

Violence & Force (Pillar 3)

FOCUS
Gun Violence Reduction
De-escalation and and Strategies to Reduce Use of Force
Policing Strategies to Reduce and Prevent Violent Crime

Values

- Non-Partisan, Evidence- and Experience-Informed Work
- Deeply Rooted Relationships with Scholars and Practitioners
- A Legacy of Challenging the Status Quo When and Where Needed
- Partial Only to Science

Goals

- Translate Research into Practice
- Increase Opportunities for Broad Collaboration and Partnerships
- Strengthen Relationships Between The Institute and The Field, and Among Scholars and Practitioners
- Deepen and Expand The Institute's Reputation and Expertise
Safety & Wellness (Pillar 1)

We seek to encourage police organizational cultures that prioritize and reflect the safety and wellness of the organization and those that serve within it in order to ensure optimal policing services to communities.

We take a holistic and systemic approach to safety and wellness and base our work on empirical definitions and measurements first.

We believe a holistic and systemic approach is most effective to foster healthy organizations, officers, and professional (non-sworn) staff.

Community Trust & The Legitimacy of Policing (Pillar 2)

We seek to take on the difficult issue of building trust between the police and the communities they serve and the realities that impact the relationship, including race, economic status, culture, and accountability.

We strive to understand and share more about the ways police behaviors, tactics and strategies impact a community’s sense of police legitimacy, and how police can maintain safety while enhancing trust and justice.

Violence & Force (Pillar 3)

We seek to reduce gun violence and identify pathways toward reducing deadly force.

We pursue knowledge in illegal firearm regulation and enforcement and the improvement of response and investigation to reduce community harm.

We seek to examine the organizational and environmental factors as well as the tactics and technologies related to the use of deadly force and to promote the policy, training, and technologies that can offer alternatives.
Mission
The National Policing Institute advances policing through innovation and scientific research. We are a nationally known, non-partisan, non-profit, and non-membership-driven organization dedicated to improving America’s most noble profession—policing. We were established in 1970 and for nearly 50 years, we were known as the Police Foundation.

Vision
At the National Policing Institute, we envision police and communities working together to implement best practices that are informed or supported by research and that result in safe, healthy, economically thriving, and mutually trusting communities.

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