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Dear Illinois Sworn Law Enforcement Officer

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute (ILETSBEI) is conducting a research project on *Police Perceptions of Research and Empirically-Based Practices*. The purpose of this project is to gain a better understanding of law enforcement officers’ perceptions of research and research-based police practices in the state of Illinois.

Study participants are asked to complete a 10 - 15-minute online survey considering officers’ experience with, and perceptions of police research. The information provided is anonymous and will be reported only in the aggregate (as group statistics). The data and information gathered will be used to consider how to strengthen the partnership between police researchers and law enforcement officers in establishing and employing best practices in the field.

*Survey Participants*

*Any sworn law enforcement officer in the state of Illinois may participate.* The electronic survey is easily accessible by clicking [Police Perceptions of Research and Empirically-Based Practices](mailto:Police Perceptions of Research and Empirically-Based Practices) link.

The co-principal investigators for this research project are ILETSBEI staff member Joanne Kurt-Hilditch, PhD, Manager of Research and Development and Kimberley McClure, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Western Illinois University.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute is pleased to conduct this research that will strengthen the relationship between police researchers and law enforcement officers for continued premium training and education for law enforcement in Illinois.

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