

PRIVATE POLICING ON PUBLIC STREETS



CIRCUMSTANCES, OPPORTUNITIES, PROBLEMS & STRATEGIES (C.O.P.S.)

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C.O.P.S

- **CIRCUMSTANCES:**
Descriptions of Privatized Patrol Arrangements
Relevant Questions
- **OPPORTUNITIES:**
Why Now?
What is driving Private Patrols?
- **PROBLEMS:**
Issues or concerns relating to Private Patrols?
What conclusions were derived from the study?
- **STRATEGIES:**
Suggested Remedies or Guidelines

CIRCUMSTANCES

PRIVATIZATION ARRANGEMENTS:

1. BID's/Property & Community Associations
2. Private Patrols paid by Real Estate Taxes or by Association Dues
3. Interact &/or Cooperate with Government & Police
4. New "Policing" Model

PRIVATIZATION ARRANGEMENTS

PROVISION

Substitute

Supplement

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Private

Public

Proprietary Security	Corporate Campuses Gated Communities
Reminderville, Ohio Sussex, New Jersey	Marquette Park Starrett City Grand Central Center City District

PRIVATIZATION ARRANGEMENTS:

Most research addresses:

Crime rates

Citizen surveys

Environmental/community impact

This research addresses:

Private Patrol Functions

Legal/Constitutional Questions

Issues & Implications

RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. What functions were performed?
 - » Observe & Report
 - » Order Maintenance
 - » Law Enforcement

2. Are security personnel public actors?
 - » Predominate Functions
 - » Environment
 - » Level of Interaction w/State

3. Do constitutional violations occur?
 - » Remedies/Implications

OPPORTUNITIES

Why Privatized Patrols?

1. Crime/Fear of Crime
2. Economic/Operational Issues
3. Order Maintenance Techniques

CRIME/FEAR OF CRIME

- **Crime & Its Attendant Consequences**
Fear/Flight/Community Deterioration/Memory Rinse
- **Crime & the Media**
Violent & Sensational Focus
- **Crime & Terrorism**
Audience larger than Victim-Primarily Theater
Terrorism designed to Induce Fear/Disorientation

ECONOMICAL/OPERATIONAL

- Salary & Benefit Structure (public vs. private)
- Community Policing (nature & cost of model)
- Operational Issues (response time vs. visibility)
- Service Functions (Alarm response/Babysitting)

ORDER MAINTENANCE

- “Broken Windows” Theory
 - Social (Loitering/Drinking/Minor Crimes)
 - Environmental (Buildings/Vacant Lots/Graffiti)
- Order & Surveillance = Control
- Enhanced Control Prevents Crime
- Historical Role of Security (Private Police)
 - Private Police focus on prevention
 - Public Police tendency is arrest/reactive

PROBLEMS

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Public vs. Private Provision
- Nature of the Service Provision
- Security vs. Constitutional Rights

PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE PROVISION

GOVERNMENT

Sovereignty
Coercive Power
Moral Authority
Monopoly
Historical

PRIVATIZATION

Market Forces
Self-Defense
Personal Acumen
Competition
Back to the Future

NATURE OF PROVISION

- Observe & Report
(deterrence & reporting)
- Order Maintenance
(incivilities & order)
- Law Enforcement
(serious crimes)

NATURE OF PROVISION

Function Type	Number Incidents	% Total Incidents
Observe & Report	791	32.0%
Order Maintenance	1281	51.5%
Law Enforcement	413	16.5%
TOTALS	2486	100%

SECURITY vs. CONSTITUTION

Public Actor

- Functional Assessment (Police Powers: 68.1% duties)
- Nature of Property/Environment
- Government Involvement:
 1. Licensing Regulations
 2. City Council Resolution
 3. Real Estate Tax Disbursements
 4. Oversight Commission appointed by Alderman
 5. Contract Documents drafted by City Corporation Counsel
 6. Contract with City of Chicago
 7. Interaction/Cooperation with Chicago Police

SECURITY vs. CONSTITUTION

Conclusions

- Functional analysis demonstrates use of Police Powers (68.1% of duties)
- Facts establish Public Actor test
- Observations/Inferences illustrate violations of constitution

STRATEGIES

REMEDIES/GUIDELINES

- » Skills/Training Gradations
- » Accountability Methods
- » Societal/Economic Issues

Skills & Training Gradations

Functionality/Criticality Continuum

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Traffic Control	Patrol Officer	Tactical	Detective	SWAT HBT
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Desk/ Greeter	Building Patrols	Street Patrols	Investigator	Nuclear Utility Forces
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Accountability Methods

- Define specific patrol functions
- Articulate Policies & Procedures
- Develop Formal Complaint process
- Productivity/Functional Assessment Method
- Communication channels w/police & community

Societal & Economic Issues

- Financial benefit Diminished (Need More \$)
- Security + Constitutional Considerations
- Consider “Dual System” of Policing
- Security Industry/Policing Partnerships
- Leaders from Public/Private Sectors are Key

QUESTIONS



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