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ETHICS-BASED LEADERSHIP: VISIONS AND DECISIONS

Never before, in the history of law enforcement, has ethical behavior been so scrutinized. Law enforcement officers are finding themselves in court on a daily basis, justifying their orders and subsequent actions. An action that may take seconds to execute, will be scrutinized for years. Thus, ethical behavior and personal integrity are essential components of success in any profession; especially in law enforcement. Too many leaders are concerning themselves with “harmony”, rather than demanding “ethical behavior” and the subsequent actions that reflect personal integrity. Understanding ethics creates a stronger leader while also providing information that allows one to become a better follower. It is an accepted fact that officers, who cannot take orders from leaders, seldom become leaders. The greatest leaders in the world are, in actuality, servants to those who must follow them. It is virtually impossible to excel in a leadership role without understanding that the main ingredients of successful leadership are ***visions and decisions***. Creating visions with regards to the actions necessary to achieve goals, and then making correct decisions in furtherance of attaining those goals are skills that set leaders apart from others. Decisions must necessarily follow visions or nothing is gained. Leaders are not “born”. Leadership skills are learned. This workshop provides tips on avoiding poor decisions and answers the questions, “Why do decisions fail?” “What are the ten traits of a good leader?” “What are the traits associated with failure?” And, “what are the most common mistakes made by leaders?” Seven challenges of today’s leaders are presented and, as a workshop bonus, learn the secrets of motivating others. Remember, there can be no success with a successor. 07-08