

**Argosy University, Orange County Campus
Informed Consent Form**

Please read this consent agreement carefully before agreeing to participate in this study.

Title of Study: **An Analysis of Men and Women with and without Military Background in Law Enforcement Leadership Positions**

Purpose of the Study: This research study is being conducted by Annette Taylor at Argosy University, Orange County to determine whether having a military background is beneficial for advancement in law enforcement.

What you will do in this study: You will be asked to complete a questionnaire. This involves answering a series of questions. Questions will include details about your law enforcement affiliation, military affiliation and background, and your education.

Time required: The questionnaire will take approximately thirty minutes to complete.

Risks: There are no risks for participation in this study. This research study is designed to test theories on determining if United States military service in general, and military policing experience in particular is an advantage in gaining leadership positions in United States law enforcement. However, you may feel some emotional uneasiness when answering questions about your age and education level.

Benefits:

There are no direct benefits to participants. However, it is hoped that your participation will help researchers learn more about those military members who had transitioned into law enforcement after being discharged from the United States military. At the end of the experiment, you will receive a full explanation of the study and the potential impact of the results from the study.

Confidentiality:

All information provided will remain confidential and will only be reported as group data with no identifying information. All the information gathered from the study will be kept in a secure location and only those directly involved with the research will have access to it. After the research is completed, the information will be destroyed after a period of a year.

Participation and withdrawal:

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty and this will not affect your current or future relations with Argosy University, Orange County Campus. You may stop at any time without completing the questionnaire.

Researcher Contact:

If you have any further questions after participating from this study, please contact me at (678) 432-2247 or Madison200408@aol.com

Whom to contact about your rights in this experiment:

This study is conducted under the supervision of Dr. Nigel Searle from the Argosy University, Tampa Campus, Florida, Department of School of Business. He can be contacted at (813) 393-5279 or nsearle@argosy.edu or you can contact Dr. Aldwin Domingo at 3501 West Sunflower Avenue, Suite 110, Santa Ana, CA 92704-9888, (714) 338-6242, or auocirb@argosy.edu, Chair of Argosy University, Orange County Institutional Review Board.

Before agreeing to this consent form, please talk to the researcher to clarify anything on this consent form or any concerns you have about participating in this research study

Agreement:

The purpose and nature of this research study has been explained to me by the researcher and I agree to participate in this study. I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time without any penalty.

- By checking this box I agree to participate in this study.

Research online link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=3Zld_2ffs5FKDOIBnC5txZoA_3d_3d