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SUGGESTED READINGS

Session 1
September 22

Becoming an Officer

Use Google or other search engine, enter Peel's Nine Principles. Different links will give versions with slightly different wording of these nine. I've not been able to pin down which is the definitive, original text – but the core sentiments are all the same.

Rosa Brooks, *Tangled Up in Blue*. Brooks, a professor at Georgetown University Law School, wrote her path becoming a reserve officer with the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department.

For data on the numbers of officers in police departments, go to the FBI publication, *Crime in the United States*, published annually. Ignore those entitled *Preliminary Report*, go to *Crime in the U.S. 20--*. Under the heading **Police Employee Data**, click on **Go To Police Employee Data**. You can then select the table you want – city police, county police, etc. Each table is broken down by state. Within each state, are entries for every department that reported its data to the FBI (not all departments do that).

For information on the Los Angeles Rampart scandal, go to Wikipedia and enter Rampart Scandal as a search term.

For the Miami River Cops scandal, go on Google and enter Miami River Cops. You will get links to numerous articles.

Session 2
September 29

Police Training

For information on Los Angeles Police officer involved shootings
Go to **www.lapdonline.org**
Scroll down. Towards bottom left, click on **Reference Library**
Click on **2021 Use of Force – Year End Report**.

For information on NYPD officer involved shootings:
Go to the NYPD website:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/index.page>

Click on the **STATS** tab (top, center).
Scroll down, click on **REPORTS AND DASHBOARDS**.
Scroll down, lower left, click on **USE OF FORCE**
Under **ANNUAL REPORTS**, select **2020 Use of Force Report**.

For information on Houston officer involved shootings:
Go to www.houstontx.gov/police
In right hand column, click on **Transparency**
Click on **Officer Involved Shootings**
Link to NU students' report analyzing Houston OIS data is at the bottom:
HPD Officer Involved Shooting Report (PDF)

For report analyzing wandering officers in Florida, see Ben Grunwald and John Rappaport, "The Wandering Officer," 129 *Yale Law Journal* 1676-1782 (2020).

For information on the National Decertification Index:
Go to **Iadlest.org**
Click on **NDI**

For Georgetown's ABLE program:
Go to <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/cics/able>

October 6

No class

**Session 3
October 13**

Police Culture and Policies

James Zagel, *Money to Burn* – a fictional account of a U.S. District Court judge's plot to steal millions of dollars of worn out currency, slated for destruction.

For a partial account of the fatal shooting of LaTanya Haggerty, see Todd Lighty, "Untold Story of Haggerty Shooting," *Chicago Tribune*, September 12, 1999.

For the lawyerly types in the class: A lengthy summary of the evidence produced at the Police Board hearing of the Haggerty matter is in the Illinois Appellate Court's decision in that case:

Go to <https://caselaw.findlaw.com>

Scroll down to **State Resources**, click on **Illinois**
Scroll down, click on **Illinois Court of Appeals**
Enter in the Party search box, **Daniels v. Police Board**
You will get a link to the Court's decision in that case,

**Session 4
October 20**

Supervising Officers

Annie Dookhan and Louis Scarcella each has an article on Wikipedia.

For Ronald Watts: there will be numerous articles on the websites of the *Chicago Tribune* and other local media.

To see how one agency developed an Early Intervention System (EIS), go to <https://cops.usdoj.gov> This is the site for the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (colloquially known as the "COPS Shop).

Click on **Resources**; select **Resource Center/Publications** from the drop down menu.

In the search box, enter **San Diego**. The first item listed should be: *San Diego Police Department: Enhancing Cultures of Integrity Technical Assistance Guide*.

For additional insights on EIS, see Chapter 6 in Samuel Walker and Carol Archbold, *The New World of Police Accountability* (third edition). SAGE Publications, 2020. Sorry for its limited availability. Chicago Public Library has a copy; none of the north suburban libraries have this book. It is a pricey purchase on (\$60 the last time I looked).

Session 5
October 27

Holding Police Accountable: Civil Suits

Mark Iris "Your Tax Dollars At Work! Chicago Police Lawsuit Payments: How Much, and for What?" 2 *Virginia Journal of Criminal Law* (2014): 25-61.

NOTE: Instead of searching for this on the web, you can contact me directly and I can e-mail you a pdf of the article.

Joanna Schwartz has done great research documenting how rare it is for an officer to be personally liable for damages in a civil suit. See her article, "Police Indemnification," 89 *New York University Law Review* (2014) 885-1005. Prof. Schwartz' website on the UCLA Law School has links to this and all of her other articles – she is prolific.

Session 6
November 3

Holding Police Accountable: Criminal Prosecution

Wikipedia has a lengthy entry on the criminal trials of Derek Chauvin and the three other officers involved in the death of George Floyd. Wikipedia also summarizes the criminal trials of the four Los Angeles officers involved in the beating of Rodney King.

Google searches will take you to various media reports on other officers accused in high profile criminal cases: Joseph Miedzianowski in Chicago (labelled by some as the most corrupt cop in Chicago history), Michel Brelo in Cleveland, Ronald Watts in Chicago . . . etc.

Session 7
November 10

Holding Police Accountable: Administrative/Disciplinary Action

The website for the Chicago Police Board has many documents on that

agency's activities. Go to **Chicago.gov**
Click on the **Government** tab; select **Police Board** from the drop down menu

For insights on arbitration of police discipline, see the following articles:

Mark Iris, "Unbinding Binding Arbitration: The Public Policy Exception," 1 *Virginia Journal of Criminal Law* (2013): 540-594.

Mark Iris, "Police Discipline in Houston: The Arbitration Experience," 5 *Police Quarterly* (June 2002): 132 -151 .

Mark Iris, "Police Discipline in Chicago: Arbitration or Arbitrary?" 89 *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* (Fall 1998): 215-244

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Session 8
November 17

Holding Police Accountable: Consent Decrees

The Consent Decree for the Chicago Police Department, and many related documents, including the court appointed monitor's semi-annual reports, can be found on the Illinois Attorney General's special website:
Chicagopoliceconsentdecree.org

To view consent decree for other police departments, go to the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division website, **justice.gov/crt**
Click on **About the Division** in the left hand column
Click on **Special Litigation** in the left hand column
Click on **Conduct of Law Enforcement Agencies**. That page will have a number of links to connect you to documents on many DOJ activities with police agencies.

November 24

No Class – Thanksgiving

Session 9
December 1

Holding Police Accountable: Civilian Oversight

The National Association for the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement has a website, **NACOLE.org** It has a wealth of information on civilian oversight entities across the US.

See Samuel Walker (listed for Session 4, October 20), chapter 7.

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