

Special Issue of the *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling* on Police Decision Making

The ways in which police both individually and collectively make decisions have a dominant influence on both the public and the wider criminal justice system. Its study help us better understand, for example, how senior investigation officers' decisions affect criminal investigations, how strategic command decisions are made, how and when police discretion is exercised, or how best to deal with 'looters' as seen in recent riots in England. To encourage the development of this burgeoning multi-disciplinary area of study, we invite original papers for a special edition of this journal.

Although papers from any discipline are welcome, they must touch on the broad issue of police decision making. Papers may, for example, relate to the array of contexts in which police make decisions, such as complex investigations, cold case reviews, public safety, or road traffic accidents, or, for instance, deal with cognitive, emotional, or instrumental aspects of police actions. Reports of original empirical work that is qualitative or quantitative in orientation and/or theoretical critiques and overviews will all be considered.

Manuscripts should follow the usual instructions for electronic submission of papers to the *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*. Authors should indicate that they wish the manuscript to be reviewed for inclusion in the Special Issue. The editor of this issue would be happy to discuss ideas for papers and review plans for papers in advance of their receipt. All papers will be peer reviewed. The closing date for the submission of papers is on 31 March 2012. The editor responsible for this Special Issue is

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