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by Professor Lorraine Mazerolle

The Power of Policing Partnerships

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The Power of Policing Partnerships

The power of policing partnerships is explored within the context of Third Party Policing (TPP) Theory. In TPP, police forge partnerships with “third parties” to prevent (or control) crime problems in places (or situations) where guardians are ineffective or absent. Third party partners access legal levers to regulate, control or prevent crime problems. Drawing on the Australian Research Council (ARC) funded ABILITY Trial, this lecture explores the power and dynamics of TPP and the relative effectiveness of different types of partnerships and legal levers. In ABILITY, police partner with a third party (the Department of Education and Training) and use existing, school-based legal levers (such as truancy letters, warnings of intention to prosecute and parental prosecution for persistent non-attendance at school) to reduce truancy and other anti-social behaviour (including crime). The ABILITY experimental intervention involves the use of Family Group Conferences as a forum for bringing together high-level truanting young people, their guardian(s), as well as representatives from police and schools. This lecture focuses on the partnerships between police and schools, presenting results from the ABILITY Trial, and discussing the impact of police partnerships on the lives of young truants.

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Chair:	Peter Wilson (Scottish Policing International)
18.00	Welcome Introduction: Professor Nicholas Fyfe (Director, SIPR)
18.10	Professor Lorraine Mazerolle The Power of Policing Partnerships
19.00	Q & A Session Vote of Thanks
19.30	Buffet
20.00	Depart

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