

THE INFLUENCING RELATIONSHIP OF POLICE PRESENCE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS WITH COMMUNITY'S TRUST: AN ASSESSMENT

ABSTRACT

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This chapter contains the background of the study, related literature and studies, relevance of reviewed related literature and studies to the present study, theoretical framework, conceptual framework, statement of the problems, assumption, scope and delimitation of the study, significance of the study, and definition of terms. A community's impression of safety, justice, and accountability is greatly influenced by the presence of police enforcement. This chapter provides a detailed description of the research methodology, covering the research design, respondent selection, sampling techniques, data collection instruments, instrument validation procedures, methods for administering and retrieving instruments, and statistical techniques used for data analysis. A diverse sample of community members, representing various socio-economic backgrounds, was surveyed to assess their perceptions of police presence, safety, and trust. The survey included questions about their experiences with law enforcement, frequency of police encounters, and overall sense of security. Both closed- and open-ended questions were used to gather quantitative data as well as personal narratives. The findings describe the data collected by the researchers through tables, analysis, and interpretation. It includes the demographic profile of the respondents, providing essential context for understanding their perspectives and experiences. Participants who reported positive interactions with police officers—characterized by professionalism, respect, and effective de-escalation tactics—demonstrated higher levels of trust. These individuals were more likely to believe that the police were genuinely committed to the community's well-being. The discussion highlights the summary and conclusions derived from the study, which aimed to identify the problems affecting the relationship between police presence and community trust in Barangay Varsa. The results clearly show that one of the most important factors influencing trust is the behavior of police officers during interactions with residents. Higher levels of trust are strongly correlated with positive encounters characterized by professionalism, respect, and the use of de-escalation strategies. These findings support the idea that daily actions prioritizing dignity and respect—beyond formal policies—are crucial in building and maintaining community trust.

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