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POLICING 5.0. THE NEXT ERA OF URBAN POLICING

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ABSTRACT

Based on published literature and international organizations workshop, Policing 5.0 proposes a future-ready framework for Policing in an era of rapid social, environmental, technological and institutional change. Rather than prescribing a single reform model, it offers six interdependent themes: foresight and innovation, digital readiness, community trust and legitimacy, adaptive resilience, future skills, and organizational wellbeing. Supported by five enablers, the framework redefines Policing around anticipating potential crime, public value first, ethics, continuous learning, and community-centered legitimacy. Organizations could use it to assess readiness, identify gaps, and shape transformation roadmaps aligned with local conditions and evolving public safety needs.

1. Introduction.

Policing institutions operate at the intersection of public trust, community well-being, safety, and justice. Rapid social change, evolving environmental risks, accelerating technology, and growing expectations for transparency and accountability demand that policing organizations continually adapt, maintain healthy and motivated internal teams, and remain anchored in legitimacy and ethical principles.

Despite these challenges, we also operate in a moment of unprecedented opportunity: advances in human capability, professional expertise, and emerging technologies provide powerful tools; while international cooperation enables the exchange of best practices and shared learning. Together, these assets allow policing and law enforcement institutions to design more integrated, human-centric strategies, rooted in community needs, supported by skilled personnel, and strengthened by technology used responsibly and ethically.

The Policing 5.0 strategy should address these structural challenges. It does not propose a single model or reform program. Instead, it focuses on how to manage police action under persistent pressure and constantly changing physical and social conditions. The framework presented here establishes legitimacy, adaptability, professionalism, and service to the community as the fundamental pillars of effective policing. It reflects a shift in how public safety is organized, with greater emphasis on anticipation, learning, and legitimacy, always keeping focus on the community we serve.

The paper examines six themes that describe the main strategy that Policing will need to develop. Each theme highlights an area where existing arrangements are being stretched and needs strategic evolution decisions. These themes include strategic principles that shape the internal strategies and different core functions of policing. Those principles vary from theme to theme. These themes have additionally some work enablers. These enablers will show us the practical requirements necessary to face the challenges posed today and in the near future.

In addition to the in-depth research conducted on the available literature, this paper reflects the workshops outcomes with professionals from policing and law enforcement, government, civil society, academia, international association, private sector and community organizations. While diverse perspectives were presented, a common topic emerged from the discussions. Many current systems rely on the extraordinary work from highly motivated personnel and informal management to sustain performance, while the structural risk associated with inertia and slow processes accumulates over time.

Policing 5.0 outlines a standard framework with key themes to consider and Enablers that drive future strategies to address the more-than-ever-before accelerated pace of change in our society. Based on these themes and principles, a self-assessment Maturity Model will be provided so that each organization can evaluate its current status, identify gaps, highlighting areas where organization is leading or lagging, and assess its overall readiness for change, enabling them to prototype initiatives that shape a transformation roadmap.

While Policing 5.0 provides suggestions and main levers to activate, it does not intend to prescribe solutions, as each organization differs in resources, priorities and local conditions. The intention is to provide a comprehensive set of topics from which each organization can identify what is most relevant and develop its own strategic plan, fully aligned with the needs and priorities of its community.

2. Why An Integrated Model for Future-Ready Policing

The current demands for Policing are more diverse, digital, and interdependent with other organizations than ever before. Policing 5.0 aims to align policing practices with these societal needs. In addition to traditional policing activities, effective policing must involve supporting communities to become more resilient to natural and human-induced disasters and social

conflicts, thus shortening the recovery of order and well-being after such disruptions. Public safety must be co-created with communities, rather than solely provided by the police. The most effective policing may resemble facilitation as enablement, assisting communities in conflict resolution and recovery.

The framework should also recognize that public trust cannot be maintained without internal trust and strength. The well-being and mental health of police personnel directly impact their performance. Continuous learning and adaptation are always necessary in today's dynamic environment.

2.1. Redefining the Policing Mission: From Enforcement-Centered Control to Community-Centered Public Value.

Traditional policing missions have been largely framed around law enforcement, order maintenance, and response to incidents. While these functions remain essential, they are no longer sufficient in modern societies characterized by complex social vulnerabilities and inequality; declining institutional trust; increasing expectations of transparency and participation; fast technological change, including AI-driven decision support; and growing psychological and ethical pressures on policing personnel. Under these conditions, a policing mission defined narrowly by enforcement risks becoming reactive, legitimacy-deficient, and unsustainable.

Police organizations evolve from a Policing 1.0 (Traditional, reactive, individuals dependent) to 2.0 (Opportunistic, emerging, experimenting) to 3.0 (Repeatable organizational practice, developing, non-integrated, silos-based) to 4.0 (managed, standards-based, integrated, consistent, programmatic, but not truly adaptive) to 5.0 (adaptive, future-ready, optimized, anticipatory, human-centered, resilient and trusted)

3. The Policing 5.0 Framework.

3.1. A Mission Grounded in Public Value and Community Wellbeing

Proposed Redefined Mission Statement:

“Policing exists to maintain the safety, wellbeing, and rights of communities by preventing harm, resolving conflict, upholding the rule of law, and building trust through fair, transparent, and accountable service, leveraging strategic foresight to anticipate change and guide responsible action”.

This mission prioritizes the well-being of the community; it considers law enforcement as a means to achieve this; and it aligns police work with SDG 16: “Effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions”1. Finally, technology is considered an essential ally; not a means in itself, but a tool to keep police intelligence ahead of criminal activity.

What changes? Success is measured by trust, prevention, fairness, and community outcomes2. Authority is exercised through legitimacy3 and service, not fear. Technology is governed, not assumed neutral, not as an external threat. Permanent learning and adaptation become normal, with principle of care for our people.

What does not change? Commitment to the rule of law. Professional responsibility and accountability4. The duty to protect life and uphold rights.

A Mission Fit for the Future. Redefining the policing mission5 is about strengthening its relevance, legitimacy, and sustainability6 in modern societies. A future-ready policing organization is one that adapts without losing its ethical principles, serves community7 rather than controls it8, uses strategic foresight9 (not only technology) intensively but responsibly, and protects both citizens and public servants.

3.2 The Policing 5.0 Themes

We will work on six strategic themes that together describe the capabilities policing requires under this new framework. These themes are interdependent and lose effectiveness when

treated separately. They define the capabilities that allow Policing manage this situational change and lead it effectively over time. Each theme is shaped by the Enablers to develop it.

Figure 1: The Policing 5.0 Framework: Six Main Themes supported by Five Enablers



Source(s): Author's.

•Theme 1 examines foresight and innovation as leadership disciplines. Future readiness depends on the ability to anticipate risk, test responses, and adapt deliberately. Future Ready Policing.

•Theme 2 addresses the new and emerging technologies as they increasingly shape authority, decision-making, and accountability. Navigating Digital Realities.

•Theme 3 focuses on community-police relationships as a condition of effectiveness. Strengthening Community-Police Partnerships.

•Theme 4 addresses sustainability, agility, and resilience. Adaptative Policing.

•Theme 5 brings these capabilities together through skills and talent development. Future Skills and Talent Development.

•Theme 6 positions wellbeing as central to professional performance. A Culture of Wellbeing.

We will research each theme to understand why it matters, what are its strategic principles, how the Enablers pave the way for its improvement and accordingly, we will suggest tactics to explore and action.

3.3. How the framework operates as a system

The framework operates through two interconnected layers:

• Six capability domains, which describe what the police must be able to do. These are the themes/agents of the change to be studied. Each theme includes some strategic principles to lean on.

• Five enablers, which describe how these capabilities should be developed and governed. From its implementation, each organization could conclude best practices and KPIs.

The framework was developed to support a comprehensive change management process, based on the criteria of leadership, organizational alignment, the expectation of improvement and adaptation to changing external conditions, the optimal use of resources, and legitimacy by default. Future preparedness will depend on the police's ability to adapt to new ways of performing their duties. The fundamental challenge is whether the organization can adapt and manage change while maintaining community trust.

We placed the community at the very center of our strategy, both as the objective to be served and as the main topic to be integrated, working for, by, and with it in the evolution of the police function. Closely, we find our organization undergoing an adaptive transformation to meet new demands. Under our organization, we have the two internal areas supporting our human capabilities: a culture of well-being and care for our people, and the need for continuous reskilling to develop talent and capabilities to always remain at the vanguard on readiness and technological expertise. This is synonymous with optimal performance. Above our community, we see an increasingly virtual reality to which we must adapt, resulting from our citizens' massive digital technology use. And finally, we place the strategic foresight & innovation to anticipate disruptions, emerging risks, new potential ways of crime and proactively prepare to tackle on future challenges.

3.4. Enablers to develop the framework

Analysis of the six strategic themes underpinning the Policing 5.0 framework identifies five interrelated enablers. Built on a strong organizational foundation and a clear transformation process, the framework depends on two essential pillars: adequate resources and legitimacy grounded in trust and ethical principles. Overarching both is technological innovation, always under human judgment and supervision. At the center is service to the community and the creation of public value for its wellbeing and development.

- Organization Transformation - The organization adopts a leadership model suited to complexity, where change is rapid, cause and effect are unclear, and decisions cannot rely only on fixed rules or rigid hierarchies. It commits to continuous, governed adaptation in response to social, cultural, economic, and environmental uncertainty. Adaptation becomes an ongoing leadership responsibility, moving policing from a reactive posture to a more proactive approach. Governance frameworks support experimentation, piloting, and iterative improvement while preserving accountability, compliance, and public oversight. Learning from evidence, experience, success, and failure becomes a core organizational function. This model also supports a broader professional identity that values emotional intelligence, ethical reasoning, and adaptive problem-solving alongside traditional competencies. Wellbeing is embedded into the organization as a condition of effectiveness, legitimacy, and resilience. Safe working conditions, ethical guidance, and support systems protect personnel from burnout and moral harm, while transparent leadership and open dialogue strengthen internal trust.
- Resources Availability and Capacity.

Forces need the right technology, training, and facilities to perform effectively. The goal is not investment abundance by default, but sufficient, advanced, and well-chosen resources that help officers use the right information and tools at the right moment. Motivation and professionalism cannot compensate for a lack of adequate capability.

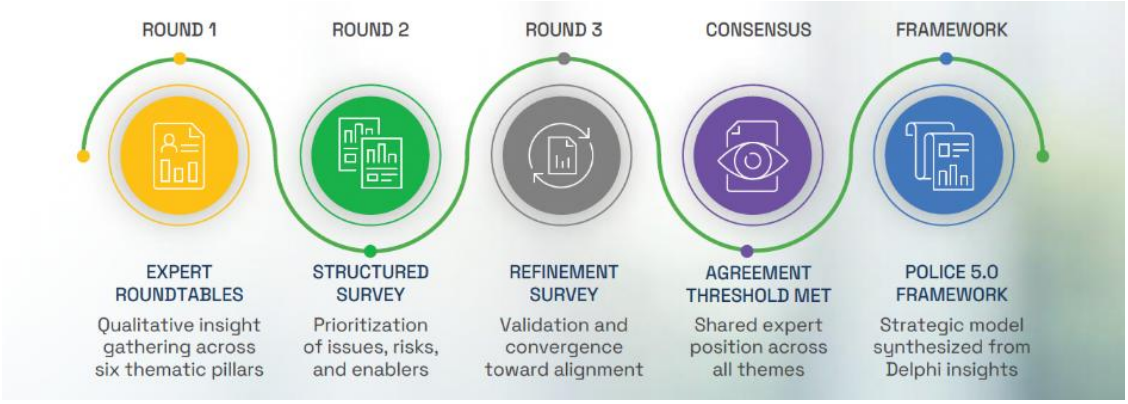
- Community-first, Public value-first - Policing is one actor within a broader civic ecosystem that includes health, education, social services, and community life. It works in service of community wellbeing, defining success through measurable contributions to safety, trust, inclusion, and social cohesion. Communities are treated as partners and co-creators, actively involved in shaping priorities, policies, and services through inclusive, transparent, and continuous participation. Collaboration with the public should be seen as a normal part of policing, not an exception.
- Legitimacy by default. Trust and legitimacy require policing by consent, with humility, especially in communities that have experienced marginalization or over-policing. Public trust is a strategic asset that must be built proactively through fairness, transparency, proportionality, and respect for human rights. Ethics, explainability, and oversight are increasingly essential, particularly where automated or data-driven systems are used. These systems must be governed with clear accountability, auditability, and safeguards against bias, discrimination, and misuse. Authority may be lawful and still lose consent if those affected do not see it as justified. Future-ready policing must therefore communicate decisions clearly and rebuild trust where historical harm has weakened it.

- Human-Centric Innovation Adaptation. Technology should place citizens at the center of policing and should strengthen human judgment, care, and accountability. Data must be governed in the public interest, with strong safeguards for privacy and security. Used well, technology can reduce repetitive work, improve service quality, and allow officers to focus more on relational, preventive, and community-oriented tasks. Policing must also stay ahead of criminal misuse of emerging technologies by gaining early understanding, and readiness. This requires continuous evaluation and training, especially as technologies such as AI evolve rapidly.

4. Research Methodology

The development of the Police 5.0 framework necessitated a methodologically robust and consultatively rich approach to insight generation. Given the complexity and interdependence of the framework's six strategic themes, a Delphi methodology was selected to facilitate structured engagement with a cross-disciplinary panel of subject matter experts.

Figure 2: Development of the Police 5.0 Framework Through a Multi-Stage Expert Consensus Process



Source: Author's

Recognizing the importance of contextual nuance and operational depth, the first round of the process was delivered through a series of dedicated, in-person roundtable discussions, one for each thematic pillar. This approach allowed us to hold open discussions, shared experience and develop insight before moving to round 2 and agree priorities.

Expert Panel Composition. Approximately sixty participants took part in the study, drawn from law enforcement, academia, technology, community organizations, and criminal justice sectors. We organized six roundtable discussions aligned to the six themes. Each roundtable had between 10 and 12 people.

Round 1: Thematic Roundtable Discussions. We held six in-person roundtable sessions. There was a moderator for each roundtable and a youth champion who took notes. The moderator structured the discussions to address current challenges, opportunities for the future, and emerging innovations. The notes from each roundtable were formalized into structured statements for use in the later rounds.

Round 2: Online Prioritization Survey. Each statement from Round 1 was rated using a scale of 1 to 5 to evaluate the importance, feasibility and the timeframe.

Round 3: Consensus Refinement. Output from Round 2 was presented and re-evaluated. Items reaching ≥75% agreement were deemed to have achieved consensus.

Analytical Approach. Round 1 data was thematically analyzed to generate structured statements. Rounds 2 and 3 data was analyzed using medians, interquartile ranges, and Kendall's coefficient of concordance (W). Kendall's Coefficient of Concordance (W) was used to measure the level of

agreement among panelists in Rounds 2 and 3. The coefficient ranges from 0 (no agreement) to 1 (complete agreement). A coefficient of 0.7 or above demonstrated strong agreement. Where the coefficient was lower, we parked those items for future examinations.

5. SIX MAIN THEMES

5.1 THEME 1 – Future-Ready Policing. Foresight and Innovation in the Transformative Era

a. Why this matters now

Social, political, environmental, and technological developments are moving faster, interacting more intensely, and creating more uncertainty than before. Effective policing therefore depends not only on leadership and strategy, but also on foresight: the ability to detect emerging risks, opportunities, and disruptions early enough to prepare for them. [10]

Future-ready policing is not about predicting a single future accurately. It is about exploring plausible futures, understanding how change may affect policing, and preparing the organization to respond with legitimacy, resilience, and confidence. This requires police forces to monitor broad societal developments such as political polarization, demographic change, migration, housing pressures, climate risks, evolving expectations of privacy, and declining trust in institutions. It also requires attention to major technological shifts, including AI, digital finance, drones, deepfakes, genomics, blockchain, quantum technologies, and immersive digital environments.

The pace of change creates both opportunity and risk. Police organizations can use new tools and knowledge to improve readiness, anticipation, and service delivery. But they may also become disoriented if change outpaces their ability to process, govern, and integrate it. In this context, policing must move from a largely reactive posture to a more anticipatory one. A future-proof police force requires not only new technologies, but also new mindsets, structures, and capabilities that help it operate effectively amid uncertainty and disruption.

“Policing must shift from trying to control complexity to working with it, by becoming adaptive, networked, and experimental.”11

b. Strategic Principles

Future-ready policing is guided by a set of strategic principles that help organizations respond to accelerated change without losing trust, accountability, or sound judgment.

Balance, judgment, and confidence in change. Future-ready policing is not about chasing innovation for its own sake. It is about testing ideas carefully, using sound judgment, and building confidence as change unfolds.

Predictive policing with safeguards. Predictive tools can help identify patterns, detect anomalies, and support resource allocation, but only when governed transparently, validated regularly, and deployed with fairness safeguards. Predictive systems must remain accountable to the public and must support, not replace, professional judgment.

From excessive caution to informed risk. Caution has traditionally been a strength in policing, especially where authority and trust are involved. Yet excessive risk aversion can weaken resilience when change is constant. Organizations that avoid experimentation lose the opportunity to learn safely and instead end up learning under crisis conditions. The goal is not reckless experimentation, but the ability to test early, fail cheaply, learn quickly, and adapt before larger consequences arise.

Managing the speed of change. A central leadership challenge is not simply how fast a capability can be deployed, but whether the organization, workforce, and public are ready to trust it. The key strategic risk is misalignment between the speed of technological or operational change and the speed of oversight, workforce preparedness, or public confidence. Change that moves faster than trust can be built is more likely to fail or require revision.

Agility and adaptive leadership. Agility is the ability to adapt effectively under uncertain conditions while preserving governance and legitimacy. This requires more flexible structures, decentralized decision-making where appropriate, faster learning cycles, and leadership capable of operating in complexity rather than relying only on rigid command-and-control models.

Experimentation within boundaries. Policing 5.0 proposes experimentation within clear ethical and operational boundaries. Innovation should be piloted, explained, supervised, and evaluated before scaling. Oversight must evolve alongside innovation so that new capabilities do not undermine trust.

Global cooperation and systems awareness. Policing increasingly operates within an international environment shaped by cybercrime, organized trafficking, climate-related instability, misinformation, and geopolitical volatility. Future-ready police forces need global situational awareness, stronger interoperability, and trusted partnerships across borders and sectors.

c. How the enablers perform in this theme

Organizational Transformation. Future-ready policing requires embedding long-term thinking, scenario planning, experimentation, and learning into leadership, and performance management. Foresight helps organizations question assumptions, identify strategic risks, and make better decisions.

Resources Availability and Capacity. Readiness depends on having the right capabilities in place: skilled personnel, specialist training, modern infrastructure, and environments for testing and learning. Agile governance models, local autonomy for prototyping, and investment in emerging technologies are all important.

Community-first, Public Value-first. Foresight must reflect changing community expectations, not only internal policing priorities. Societal shifts in values, diversity, participation, and legitimacy are reshaping how safety and justice are understood. Police must therefore work with communities, and public services to understand evolving needs and co-create safer futures.

Legitimacy by default. Innovation must be trusted. New tools and systems need ethical frameworks, transparency, explainability, and clear accountability. When change is introduced without explanation or safeguards, resistance increases among both staff and the public. When innovation is well governed and aligned with public values, it is more likely to be accepted and sustained.

Human-Centric Innovation Adaptation. Innovation requires curiosity, psychological safety, co-design, and practical learning. Human-centered innovation means using technology to support judgment, service, and accountability while remaining alert to risks such as bias, exclusion, or misuse.

d. Suggested tactics to explore and best practices

Police organizations should embed foresight and scenario planning into strategy and investment processes, strengthen board-level technological literacy, and monitor weak signals across social, political, and technological domains. They should invest in innovation capacity, specialist training, and resilient infrastructure, including networks and cybersecurity.

Organizations should also build partnerships with universities, research institutes, technology firms, and other police forces to share experimentation, reduce costs, and accelerate learning. Cross-sector innovation coalitions, joint centers of excellence, and innovation labs can help police test new tools and develop solutions tailored to policing needs. International collaboration and stronger global intelligence capabilities are also important to interpret geopolitical, technological, and social shifts that shape local policing environments.

Agile governance should support experimental sandboxes, micro-pilots, reflection tools, and structured debriefs so that experimentation becomes routine and learning is retained across the organization.

Overall, the aim is to make foresight, experimentation, and learning part of everyday policing practice. Future-ready policing is not defined by technology alone, but by the organization's ability to anticipate change, test safely, adapt responsibly, while maintaining public trust.

5.2 THEME 2 – Navigating Digital Realities. Public Safety in the Age of Immersion and Digitization

a. Why this matters now

Policing is no longer confined to physical streets, buildings, and public spaces. Crime, harm, and disorder move fluidly across physical and digital environments, often beginning online and producing real-world consequences. Fraud, harassment, misinformation, coercion, radicalization, and other threats increasingly emerge through data streams, platforms, algorithms, immersive spaces, and connected devices. In this context, public safety depends as much on what happens online as on street.

This shift requires police organizations to develop fluency in emerging technologies such as AI, digital twins, IoT, natural language processing, wearables, predictive analytics, extended reality... These technologies can improve situational awareness, anticipation, prevention, training, and operational coordination. Technology alone does not make policing more effective. It must be introduced with strong ethical safeguards, transparent decision-making, and a clear human judgment, accountability, and public trust.

The challenge is intensified by the speed of technological acceleration. Digital tools that were recently experimental are moving quickly into operational use. Criminal actors often adopt new technologies faster than police institutions do, because they face fewer constraints and can exploit cheap, open, or widely available tools. Police forces, by contrast, must operate within legacy systems, governance requirements, and uneven digital maturity. This creates an adoption gap between the pace of digital exploitation and institutional readiness. Closing that gap requires not only investment, but also capability-building and partnerships.

Digital transformation therefore goes beyond modernizing equipment or digitizing workflows. It changes how policing makes decisions, allocates attention, interacts with citizens, and exercises authority. People increasingly want accessible digital services, faster responses, clear communication, and greater participation. If designed and governed well, digital policing can improve transparency, responsiveness, and prevention. If designed poorly, it can reinforce inequality, widen distance from communities, and weaken trust.

b. Strategic Principles

Technology as an enabler, not a substitute. Technology should support policing, not define it. AI, automation, digital twins, drones, XR, and predictive tools can improve preparedness and efficiency, but they must augment rather than replace human judgment, empathy, discretion, and ethical reasoning. Data should guide decisions, not replace them.

Digital transformation is organizational, not only technical. Digital change is not just a matter of acquiring tools. It requires organizational transformation in leadership, governance, workforce capability, decision-making, and public engagement. Digital systems are now operational environments in which policing takes place, not just instruments applied to it. Continuous training, scenario-based learning, ethical guidance, and leadership development are essential.

Public trust must be built into digital systems from the start. Trust cannot be added after deployment. It must be designed in from the beginning through transparency, fairness, privacy protection, explainability, auditability, and meaningful safeguards against bias, misuse, and exclusion.

Digital policing must remain inclusive and Human-centered. Citizens are not just recipients of public safety; they are digital actors. Digital systems should enable participation, access, and responsiveness, but they must also account for different levels of digital access, literacy, and confidence. A system that works only for digitally fluent populations deepens inequality. Tools should solve real problems, reduce unnecessary workload, improve service quality, and support relational, preventive, and community-oriented work.

Lead with agility, govern with integrity. Digital transformation requires openness to experimentation, but within strong ethical and institutional boundaries.

c. How the enablers perform in this theme

Organizational Transformation. A future-ready police force must transform not only its technologies but also its management model, leadership culture, and operational systems.

Resources Availability and Capacity. Intelligent use of data, automation, and decision-support should deploy people, time, assets, and budgets where they create the greatest public safety value.

Community-first, Public Value-first. Digital policing should treat communities as active participants, not passive recipients. Digital platforms, multilingual chatbots, digital police stations, open data, participatory tools, and citizen dashboards can improve inclusion, responsiveness, and co-creation.

Legitimacy by default. As digital systems increasingly shape attention, decision-making, and power, legitimacy becomes a central design requirement. Predictive tools, surveillance technologies, automation, and AI can improve policing, but they can also amplify bias, reduce nuance, or undermine privacy if governance is weak. Trust depends on fairness, explainability, accountability, independent oversight and community participation. Bias, exclusion, privacy risks, and cybersecurity are central issues.

Human-Centric Innovation Adaptation. Adapting to digital realities requires a people-centered approach. Internally, officers and staff should be involved in the design, testing, and evaluation of systems so that adoption is operationally relevant and trusted. Externally, digital tools must remain transparent, accessible, and respectful of rights. Human-centered innovation also requires training, digital literacy, ethical support, and organizational conditions that allow people to learn and use advanced systems responsibly.

d. Suggested tactics to explore and best practices

Police organizations should build connected and intelligent systems that enable secure data flow, coordinated action, and real-time operational insight across policing environments. They should invest in interoperable infrastructure, resilient networks, cybersecurity, and platforms that support both current needs and future integration.

They should also embed immersive and scenario-based methods into daily practice, using XR, digital twins, and simulation to improve readiness, judgment, and training in complex situations. Predictive and data-informed approaches should be adopted with strong ethical safeguards, transparency, and regular review.

Digital engagement with communities should be expanded through accessible and inclusive platforms that improve participation, service responsiveness, and shared accountability. These tools should be multilingual, easy to use, and designed to reduce digital exclusion.

Police services should strengthen digital readiness across the workforce through continuous learning, ethical reflection, leadership development, and support for digital fluency and emotional intelligence. They should establish a shared ethos of values first, not tools first, ensuring that transformation is guided by human dignity, fairness, transparency, and public accountability.

Partnerships with leading technology firms, research organizations, and universities can help police organizations test new tools, build stronger platforms, and accelerate capability development. Areas such as data governance, advanced communications, and AI are particularly important. At the same time, digital transformation should remain grounded in co-creation with citizens through ethics panels, civic AI labs, foresight forums, and other mechanisms that allow communities to shape the tools and systems that affect them.

5.3 THEME 3 – Forging the Future of Community Safety: Strengthening Community-Police Partnerships

a. Why this matters now

Stronger community-police partnerships are now essential to effective public safety. In Policing 5.0, safety is not something delivered to communities by police alone; it is co-created with them. This requires a shift from transactional outreach to participatory partnerships built on trust, transparency, inclusion, and shared responsibility. When police act not only as enforcers but also as enablers and collaborators, communities become more confident, more engaged, and more capable of contributing to safer and more resilient environments.

This shift is necessary because communities are increasingly diverse, digitally connected, and shaped by complex social dynamics. Public safety challenges are no longer confined to crime alone; they are closely linked to vulnerability, housing, health, education, migration, inequality, and online harm. At the same time, public expectations of policing are changing. Across many countries, legitimacy is increasingly judged by the quality of the relationship between police and the people they serve, especially in communities affected by discrimination, over-policing, neglect, or weak accountability. In this environment, effective policing requires cultural intelligence, digital fluency, empathetic leadership, and systemic accountability.

Community trust has become a core condition of lawful and effective public safety. Trust cannot be built through visibility alone, nor restored through messaging alone. It grows through consistent, fair, and proportionate behavior over time, through meaningful engagement, and through visible evidence that communities can influence priorities, decisions, and accountability. By embedding participation, equity, and cross-sector collaboration into core operations, policing can contribute not only to public safety, but also to broader social renewal and collective wellbeing.

b. Strategic Principles

Digital communities and citizenship. Communities now experience policing across face-to-face encounters, online platforms, and data-driven systems. Police therefore need a credible presence in digital spaces, with ethical engagement, timely responses, and accessible two-way

communication. Digital outreach must be purposeful, inclusive, and aware that not all communities have equal access or digital fluency. Police should help strengthen digital literacy, prevent online harm, and support responsible civic participation.

Safety is shaped through partnership, co-creation, and prevention. Police can no longer deliver community safety alone. Many persistent safety challenges lie at the intersection of crime, vulnerability, health, housing, education, and social care. Effective partnership does not weaken police authority; it makes it more informed, legitimate, and sustainable. Community co-creation means involving residents in shaping priorities, designing responses, and reviewing outcomes, not simply consulting them after decisions are made. Citizen panels, youth councils, neighborhood workshops, and digital co-design platforms are examples of how communities can become real partners in defining safety outcomes. Prevention also depends on coordinated action with health, education, housing, and other sectors, using place-based and trauma-informed approaches.

Community engagement and public trust. Trust is built through continuous and inclusive engagement grounded in fairness, transparency, accountability, and recognition of past harms. Communities that have experienced over-policing, discrimination, or neglect often require more than conventional outreach; they require humility, cultural competence, consistency, and visible follow-through. Trust grows through everyday respectful engagement, not only during crises, and depends on officers' ability to listen, communicate, and act with empathy. Transparency is also essential: communities gain confidence when they can see how decisions are made, how data is used, and what accountability mechanisms exist. Meaningful participation must have visible influence, otherwise consultation becomes performative and skepticism deepens.

Borderless communities and cross-border collaboration. Transnational identities, migration, diaspora networks, and digital connections shape how people experience safety and risk. Police therefore need stronger collaboration across neighboring jurisdictions, national agencies, and international partners, especially for challenges such as cybercrime, trafficking, extremism, and digital exploitation. These partnerships should support, not override, local priorities. Their effectiveness depends on cultural intelligence, trust, transparency, human rights compliance, and adaptation to local context.

c. How the enablers perform in this theme

Organizational Transformation. Participation must move beyond consultation, and inclusion must be visible in the decisions made. Leadership needs governance models that define clearly what communities can influence, and how learning from lived experience informs policy and practice.

Resources Availability and Capacity. Police need a strong communication plan, qualified professionals for community engagement, and training for all staff in local diversity, customs, traditions, and ways of life. Trauma-informed engagement, knowledge of sociology and psychology, and targeted efforts to include disenfranchised groups are especially important. Community spaces, including police stations, should be welcoming, inclusive, and easy to use, serving as places for dialogue, conflict resolution, and integration.

Community-first, Public Value-first. Governance models therefore need to reflect local histories, cultures, and expectations rather than applying one standard model everywhere. Communities should help define priorities, shape responses, and evaluate outcomes. Lived experience must be treated as a central input, especially for groups often excluded from public safety discussions. Open and understandable data sharing, neighborhood-based problem-solving, long-term relationships, and coordinated work with schools, youth services, housing, health, and civil society are all essential.

Legitimacy by default. Transparency, open data, shared governance, and visible accountability help strengthen trust, while poor follow-through, token participation, privacy concerns, digital exclusion, and short-lived initiatives undermine it. Legitimacy depends on continuity, honesty, and consistent use of feedback.

Human-Centric Innovation Adaptation. Digital engagement can widen participation when used thoughtfully. Social media, community portals, messaging tools, dashboards, sentiment analysis, and neighborhood-based apps can create dialogue, share updates, counter misinformation, and humanize the service. But reach must be balanced with accessibility, cultural awareness, and trust. The future of community safety depends on combining digital participation with rights-based practice, place-based partnerships, international cooperation, accessible technology, and long-term relationship-building. Equity must remain the driver, not efficiency alone.

d. Suggested tactics to explore and best practices

Police organizations should make an explicit commitment to co-creating safety strategies with communities, moving beyond consultation toward shared leadership in governance, policy design, and problem-solving. Local strategies should be planned with communities, not for them, using workshops, story circles, walking audits, scenario labs, and other participatory methods from the beginning of the process.

A mix of engagement modes should be used to deepen participation and trust: neighborhood assemblies, pop-up listening posts, youth and marginalized voice panels, digital feedback hubs, and officers embedded in community spaces such as schools, youth hubs, housing centers, or health settings. Early visibility and engagement in schools and colleges can also help build longer-term trust. Police should deliberately include underrepresented voices, using trauma-informed, accessible, and culturally competent approaches that make it safe and practical for people to participate.

Police should also democratize safety data by sharing relevant information through clear dashboards, community analysis sessions, and privacy-protected data hubs. Transparency should be active rather than passive.

Finally, safety strategies should also connect with wider social infrastructure, including schools, youth services, community hubs, faith groups, housing, and grassroots organizations. In diverse communities, police should understand countries of origin, cultural norms, and different understandings of rights, authority, and community obligations, always applying this knowledge with care and respect.

5.4 THEME 4 – Adaptive Policing: Sustainability, Agility, and Resilience

a. Why this matters now

Policing in the 21st century operates under converging and persistent pressures: climate disruption, energy shocks, pandemics, cyber threats, social fragmentation, workforce strain, and public trust crises. Traditional policing structures, designed for more stable conditions, are no longer sufficient to manage this level of volatility and interdependence. Systems may appear functional, but often only because pressure is being absorbed through overtime, informal workarounds, and personal resilience. This creates an illusion of stability while quietly eroding institutional capacity and increasing the risk of sudden, system-wide failure.

Adaptive policing is the ability to operate effectively under sustained pressure by combining sustainability, agility, and resilience. These three concepts are related but distinct. Agility supports resilience, and resilience supports sustainability. Without agility, policing becomes slow and brittle; without resilience, it becomes fragile and reactive; without sustainability, it cannot endure.

Police forces now face not only crime, but also vulnerability, digital harm, public health pressures, environmental emergencies, and broader social instability. Adaptive policing therefore requires more than better crisis response. It requires systems that can flex, recover, and learn without overburdening staff or weakening legitimacy.

WEF12 defines future readiness around sustainable growth, societal impact, and adaptive capacity, and describes future-ready organizations as those able to grow over time, create positive social and environmental outcomes, and respond successfully to shocks and opportunities. In WEF language, agility and resilience fit mainly inside adaptive capacity, while sustainability is reflected in long-term growth and societal impact.

For OECD13, these three concepts relation themselves this way:

Future Adaptative readiness relies on:

├─ Agility → adjust quickly to change

├─ Resilience → absorb shocks and maintain function

└─ Sustainability → preserve long-term environmental, economic, and social viability

Organizations that can decentralize intelligently, learn from stress points, strengthen cross-sector partnerships, and embed sustainability into their infrastructure and culture are more likely to remain effective, trusted, and operationally sound over time. Adaptive policing is therefore not simply a managerial improvement; it is a new model for how policing is governed and delivered in a world of permanent uncertainty.

b. Strategic Principles

Adaptive policing begins beyond enforcement alone. Contemporary challenges such as climate disruption, institutional fatigue, digital harm, and social fragmentation cannot be solved through enforcement by itself. Policing must operate as part of a wider ecosystem of public services and become a steward of trust and resilience, not only a manager of risk. This requires deeper collaboration with health, housing, social care, urban planning, and environmental actors.

Sustainability is shifting from capacity to endurance. Traditionally, sustainability was measured through staffing, funding, and infrastructure. Sustainability now means whether policing can continue delivering effectively over time while managing workload, public confidence, capability, learning, environmental impact, and workforce health. Police organizations cannot rely on goodwill, overtime, or personal sacrifice to absorb pressure indefinitely. Adaptive policing requires interventions that reduce structural pressure, normalize discussion of wellbeing, and support sustainable performance.

Organizational agility depends on clarity and flexibility. Decentralized structures, flexible resource allocation, and local decision rights allow faster more context-sensitive responses. Scenario planning, simulation, futures thinking, and adaptive platforms strengthen preparedness for complex and emerging risks. Systems should have clear thresholds, escalation routes, and recovery mechanisms so adaptation becomes deliberate rather than improvised. Distributed leadership, protected space for experimentation, and cultures that value learning over control are essential.

Resilience must be designed, not improvised. A resilient police organization can absorb disruption, continue operating, and recover with transparency. Resilience is not only technical or operational; it includes workforce wellbeing, institutional learning, and public trust.

Together, these principles move policing away from rigid command models and toward more distributed, learning-oriented, sustainable, and resilient systems that can remain legitimate under prolonged strain.

c. How the enablers perform in this theme

Organizational Transformation. Adaptive policing requires stronger governance models that embed climate intelligence, scenario thinking, risk anticipation, and inclusive accountability into routine decision-making. Cultural resistance also remains a barrier, especially where hierarchies and risk-averse leadership resist decentralization, experimentation, and adaptive leadership.

Resources Availability and Capacity. Adaptive policing also depends on how organizations manage infrastructure, assets, and environmental impact. This includes electric fleets, low-emission materials, energy-efficient estates, sustainable procurement, and smarter use of resources. Without sustained funding and cross-sector co-investment, adaptive infrastructure and resilience capability remain underdeveloped.

Community-first, Public Value-first. Adaptive policing must be designed around the lived experience of officers, communities, and vulnerable groups. Community engagement should address what matters to people, not only internal police metrics. Adaptive policing is therefore relational as much as operational.

Legitimacy by default. Without trust between institutions, between police and communities, and within teams, systems become defensive and slow. Adaptive policing therefore requires transparency, shared learning, and visible willingness to adjust based on evidence and feedback. It also requires collaboration across sectors so that policing becomes part of broader civic resilience rather than an isolated responder.

Human-Centric Innovation Adaptation. Predictive analytics, machine learning, climate intelligence, resilience dashboards, IoT monitoring, and mobile decision-support tools can help organizations anticipate pressure and act earlier. However, many forces still rely on fragmented legacy systems that limit interoperability, agility, and coordination. The purpose is not automation for its own sake, but more informed, equitable, and forward-looking public safety.

d. Suggested tactics to explore and best practices

Police organizations should adopt human-centered operational models that use empathy, inclusion, and user-centered design to shape services and internal systems.

They should build cross-sector resilience platforms with health, housing, transport, environmental, and social services to address upstream causes of insecurity and strengthen coordinated response.

A strong adaptive strategy should also include net-zero operational transformation, such as emissions audits, fleet decarbonization, and transparent sustainability reporting.

Success should be measured not only by response times, but by stronger relationships, better resilience, improved environmental performance, and a policing institution more prepared to meet future demands with legitimacy and purpose.

5.5 THEME 5 – Future Skills and Talent Development: Building Tomorrow's Police Force

a. Why this matters now

The gap between what modern policing requires and how skills are currently developed is no longer marginal; it is structural. New demands such as AI integration, cybercrime,

environmental disruption, rebuilding community trust, and operating in more complex and interconnected environments require a different type of police workforce. Officers increasingly need to combine technical fluency with sound judgment, emotional intelligence, cultural awareness, and ethical reasoning.

Today, traditional workforce models no longer match operational reality. Static, front-loaded training leaves officers underprepared for complexity, while narrow recruitment pipelines and fragmented talent systems limit diversity, adaptability, and future readiness. The main problem is not simply a shortage of skills, but an uneven distribution of capability across the organization. Police institutions must be designed to develop, refresh, and reallocate skills continuously over time.

Technological adoption, partnership-building, legitimacy, and adaptive performance all depend on whether the workforce is prepared for them. The workforce to build must be technologically fluent, ethically grounded, community-connected, and resilient in complexity.

b. Strategic Principles

Specialist expertise is becoming more critical and more fragile. As crime, technology, and public expectations evolve, policing needs specialist capability not only in cybercrime, digital investigation, and data analytics, but also in safeguarding, communication, ethics, trauma-informed practice, and complex vulnerability work. These skills are scarce, transferable, and in demand across sectors. Specialist knowledge must therefore be treated as a shared organizational resource, protected through succession planning, manageable workloads, and structured development.

Baseline expectations across the workforce are rising. At the same time that specialist expertise is deepening, baseline expectations for the wider workforce are also increasing. Officers are now expected to understand how technology shapes decisions, how data informs risk, and how ethical considerations apply. Skills such as digital confidence, cultural fluency, reflective judgment, and systems thinking are becoming part of the professional baseline.

Traditional career pathways are misaligned with emerging needs. Future-ready policing requires progression models that reward contribution, adaptability, and continuous learning, not only tenure or rank. Many current systems still rely on rigid career structures and one-size-fits-all development models that fail to value specialization, lateral movement, interdisciplinary expertise, or lived experience. Tomorrow's police workforce will increasingly include digital analysts, resilience planners, community designers, and trauma-informed practitioners alongside traditional roles.

Learning must become lifelong, modular, and adaptive. Policing needs modular, stackable, career-long learning systems that combine technical skills with ethical reasoning, emotional intelligence, cultural awareness, and adaptive thinking. Learning should be treated as an organizational function, not a discretionary activity left vulnerable to short-term pressure.

Talent competition is intensifying beyond policing. Police services compete in a labor market where digital, analytical, and specialist skills are highly mobile. Without deliberate talent strategies, forces risk becoming training grounds for other sectors. Recruitment must therefore extend beyond traditional profiles and value lived experience, interdisciplinary skills, and strong community ties. Talent strategy must understand why people join, why they stay, where they stagnate, and where the system loses them.

Diversity strengthens both capability and legitimacy. A workforce that reflects the diversity of the communities it serves is stronger, more trusted, and more legitimate. This requires dismantling structural barriers in recruitment and progression and creating talent systems that value lived experience and diverse pathways.

Digital fluency must be paired with human judgment. Modern policing requires officers who can work confidently with AI, predictive systems, and digital tools while maintaining ethical boundaries, empathy, and reflective judgment. The future police professional must combine tactical readiness, analytical capability, and emotional intelligence.

Leadership behavior shapes learning culture. Leaders must take explicit ownership of talent strategy, align skills development with future demand, protect time for learning, and build cultures of coaching, reflective supervision, and facilitative leadership.

Together, these principles reposition workforce development as a core strategic function of policing rather than a supporting HR activity.

c. How the enablers perform in this theme

Organizational Transformation. Talent systems should connect HR, training, and operations so that workforce planning becomes more integrated, people are matched to roles more intelligently, and future capability needs can be anticipated earlier.

Resources Availability and Capacity. To build future-ready policing, talent must be treated as a strategic asset. This requires investment in learning infrastructure, adaptive learning platforms, mentoring, reflective supervision, and technology-enabled development systems.

Community-first, Public Value-first. Police forces should recruit, retain, and promote talent that reflects the diversity of the communities they serve. This means widening pathways into policing, reducing structural barriers, and ensuring that inclusion is embedded in progression, leadership development, and opportunity.

Legitimacy by default. Future policing requires officers who can interpret data, understand technology-enabled decision-making, and act within ethical boundaries in both physical and digital settings. Cross-cutting capabilities such as emotional intelligence, systems thinking, cultural fluency, reflective practice, and ethical reasoning are central to fair and legitimate policing.

Human-Centric Innovation Adaptation. Officers and staff should be supported as learners and change agents, not only as recipients of training. Learning should be modular, flexible, and human-centered, with clear pathways for specialization, lateral movement, and continuous development. Technology can support this shift through AI-powered learning, immersive training, and secure digital record systems.

d. Suggested tactics to explore and best practices

Police organizations should develop lifelong, modular, stackable, and transferable learning systems that combine micro-credentials, scenario-based training, and personalized development plans. Open badge systems, AI-powered adaptive learning platforms, and role-specific learning pathways can help make development more flexible, visible, and relevant to operational needs.

They should also invest in leadership for complexity, training mid-level and senior leaders in facilitation, reflective supervision, coaching, and distributed decision-making.

Recruitment and progression models should be redesigned to support cross-sector talent pathways. Competency models should give more weight to systems thinking, emotional intelligence, ethical reasoning, and reflective practice, alongside tactical and technical ability.

Finally, police organizations should build a culture where learning is expected, supported, and visible at every level. This means connecting learning to wellbeing, mentoring, peer coaching, and clear career pathways; recognizing specialist expertise; protecting time for development; and aligning workforce strategy with future mission demands. The core aim is to create a

workforce that is skilled, motivated, diverse, and ready to lead the wider transformation of public safety.

5.6 THEME 6 – A Culture of Wellbeing: The Keystone of Policing Excellence.

a. Why this matters now

At the core of effective, ethical, and future-ready policing is the wellbeing of its people. Police work is marked by trauma, complexity, scrutiny, and sustained pressure. Officers regularly face conflict, moral ambiguity, high workload, limited recovery time, and support systems that are often fragmented or culturally sidelined. In these conditions, protecting mental, physical, and emotional health is not optional. It is essential to operational readiness, sound judgment, public trust, and long-term institutional resilience.

Historically, wellbeing was often treated as a support service activated only after harm became visible. That model is no longer sufficient. Persistent stress reduces performance, increases errors, weakens adaptability, and erodes trust inside the organization and outside it. Cultural stigma still leads many officers to struggle in silence, especially in environments where toughness and emotional control are valued but help-seeking is seen as weakness. Many organizations have wellbeing strategies on paper, but outcomes are still shaped more by daily leadership behavior, informal norms, and workload realities than by written policy.

b. Strategic Principles

Strategic principles redefine wellbeing as part of how policing is led and governed.

Wellbeing is a core capability, not a reactive service. Policing excellence should be achieved by governing pressure intelligently, designing systems that protect professional capacity, and leading in ways that sustain people as well as performance. Wellbeing must therefore be embedded into leadership, organizational design, and everyday practice.

Culture matters more than formal policy alone. What shapes behavior are the cultural signals sent by leadership, informal norms, and reward systems: how stress is discussed, how mistakes are treated, whether recovery is respected, and whether asking for help is safe. When leadership behavior contradicts policy, this gap is treated as a governance failure, not a communication issue.

Moral injury is a leadership issue, not an individual weakness. Beyond trauma, officers face ethical strain created by conflicting demands, inconsistent leadership, limited support, and perceived injustice. Moral injury reflects how authority is exercised, how trade-offs are framed, and whether people feel safe to acknowledge strain. Silence is not resilience; often it signals that speaking up no longer feels safe or worthwhile.

Prevention is stronger than crisis response. Reactive mental health care is not enough. Long-term resilience requires proactive approaches that address fatigue, trauma exposure, cumulative stress, burnout risk, and moral injury before they become deeper harms. This includes balanced workloads, strong peer support, routine checks, early interventions, and better managerial capability.

Wellbeing is linked to legitimacy and service quality. Officers who feel supported make better decisions, de-escalate more effectively, and act with greater empathy and professionalism. Internal wellbeing therefore translates into external legitimacy. A culture of wellbeing is not only good for staff; it directly improves public service and confidence.

Leadership must own wellbeing visibly and structurally. Leaders must model self-care, normalize discussion of mental health, train supervisors to recognize early signs of distress, and

accept accountability for team wellbeing. Burnout, absenteeism, morale, and engagement should be treated as measures of leadership effectiveness.

c. How the enablers perform in this theme

Organizational Transformation. Leadership must treat wellbeing as a core organizational function and embed it into policy, development, and decision-making. Culture change begins with leaders' daily behavior: creating psychological safety, encouraging open dialogue, responding to distress with empathy, and showing through action that care is inseparable from authority.

Resources Availability and Capacity. Many organizations have invested in peer support, trauma services, and training, but these efforts often remain inconsistent and insufficient for the scale of need. Effective wellbeing support must be accessible, relevant, and equitable across gender, culture, age, role, and personal circumstance. Routine psychological support, early intervention, supervisor training, protected recovery time, and more coherent support systems are all necessary.

Community-first, Public Value-first. A healthy workforce delivers better decisions, more respectful engagement, stronger procedural justice, and more consistent service. Officers who feel safe and valued are more likely to act with empathy, stay in the profession, and uphold organizational values.

Legitimacy by default. As complexity rises, police forces must move from reactive care to proactive resilience-building. This includes mental health strategies, balanced workloads, trauma-informed and culturally competent support, and flexible working arrangements where possible.

Human-Centric Innovation Adaptation. Wellbeing must be supported by systems, governance, metrics, and incentives that make it part of routine operations. Digital platforms, AI-enabled monitoring, dashboards, and wearables can support early intervention and more preventive governance when used carefully and ethically. The aim is to move from reactive support to informed, strategic, and human-centered wellbeing management.

d. Suggested tactics to explore and best practices

Police organizations should establish a cross-departmental Wellbeing Governance Committee that reports to executive leadership and ensures wellbeing is addressed strategically. They should define a small set of wellbeing KPIs for regular review, including absenteeism, psychological injury, burnout indicators, engagement, satisfaction, and uptake of support services. Anonymized data should be used to identify stress hotspots, systemic pressures, and early warning signs.

Senior leaders should communicate clearly that wellbeing is mission-critical, model help-seeking and self-care, and encourage open discussion of mental health without stigma. Supervisors need training in psychological safety, early recognition of distress, and supportive conversations. Wellbeing outcomes should also be reflected in leadership evaluations and promotion decisions, so that duty of care is treated as part of professional authority.

Organizations should also strengthen the practical architecture of support: peer networks, confidential counseling, trauma-informed supervision, routine check-ins, flexible access to services, and recovery-supportive scheduling where feasible.

Ultimately, Theme 6 calls for a wellbeing culture that is honest, preventive, and structurally embedded. With sustained leadership, proper metrics, and visible action, police organizations

can reduce stigma, improve resilience, retain talent, and create conditions where officers can perform ethically and effectively.

6. Conclusion

This paper does not offer a rigid blueprint. Instead, it presents a strategic foundation, a way of thinking, designing, and evolving that can be shaped to fit local realities and diverse community contexts. It places confidence in the intelligence of practice, the judgement of leaders and the creativity of teams closest to the communities. It recognizes that meaningful transformation rarely comes from directives alone but emerges through consistent, intentional acts of learning, reflection, and alignment over time.

Policing 5.0 is a paradigm shift in policing. It invites us to move from fragmented reform to systemic transformation. Across the themes explored, leadership, workforce, data, wellbeing, education, and foresight, a clear pattern emerges: the need to embed reflection, learning, and adaptability into the core of policing practice. Progress does not demand perfection, but momentum. It relies on the willingness to experiment, adjust, and focus on long term legitimacy, capability, and public value. Some solutions will be uniquely local; others will scale widely. All must be guided by a clear purpose and a shared commitment to serving community wellbeing. Together, these themes reinforce one essential imperative: build the conditions for continuous, ethical, future- oriented practice.

Policing 5.0 is not a technology plan. It is a transformation of the relationship between policing and the community, recasting it as a strategic partnership. This shift requires investing across the full lifecycle of the policing profession, from recruitment to reintegration. It reframes wellbeing as a foundation for performance rather than a last resort remedy. It calls for education systems that treat learning as lifelong and foresight as standard practice. And it redefines leadership not by rank or hierarchy, but by the ability to create safety and trust within current increasing complexity.

Across all of this, technology must be integrated with intention. New Agentic AI, immersive platforms, automation, robotics, vehicles, genetics data systems, information manipulation, advanced intelligence tools and many more yet to come cannot be governed as neutral instruments alone. Police organizations must understand, anticipate, and prepare for these technologies in advance of potential misuse by criminals, not as a reactive response for new crime activities.

The future of policing will not be inherited; it will be co-created. It will be shaped by the decisions made today: what we elevate as priorities, how we design systems of support and accountability, and where we direct attention and resources. Strategic, operational, or relational leadership has a role to play in making that future possible. This is a generational opportunity to reset, to reimagine, and to lead with clarity. And it starts not with abstract ambition, but with those willing to build forward, deliberately and ethically.

This Policing 5.0 Strategy model will be evolved as society, innovations and policing challenges do. Future versions will reflect new insights, new innovations, and the collective intelligence of the global policing community.

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