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## Motivational and attitudinal determinants of police discretion: Investigation of Turkish patrol officers' responsiveness

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Police behavior literature suggests that the nature of police profession gives patrol officers the choice of exercising discretion when practicing daily policing activities. The study uses a motivational perspective to examine factors that affect Turkish patrol officers' responsiveness in enforcing the law. It aims to investigate the role of both extrinsic and intrinsic motivation and also attitudes toward selective enforcement on officer decision to responding street contingencies. The study develops and validates measurement models and also structural equation modeling (SEM) to investigate causal pathways among latent variables. Based on findings, to what extent extrinsic and intrinsic motivational variables and individual attitudes might affect responsiveness of patrolman will be discussed.

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