

A DISCUSSION OF INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Abstract:

The problem for this essay is uncovering the sense of innovation as Davenport and Prusak, Nonaka and Takeuchi and Polanyi seem to mean it. The essay is an attempt to map the terrain of the idea of innovation. The essay discusses firstly Nonaka, secondly Polanyi, Davenport, and concluding with its implication and application to one profession in particular—law enforcement. Law enforcement is one profession that relies heavily on training (explicit knowledge), mentoring (implicit knowledge), and inductive reasoning (tacit knowledge). As criminal activity, in some cases, has become more sophisticated, so has become the need for better and different law enforcement approach. It can be argued while relying primarily on knowledge management, innovation has been integrated through technological tools that provides the basis for better knowledge management

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