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### Office of Justice Programs Releases *Managing the Boundary between Public and Private Policing*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today released *Managing the Boundary between Public and Private Policing*, the latest addition to the *New Perspectives in Policing Series*, a new paper in the series from the Harvard Executive Sessions on Policing and Public Safety. Initiated in the 1980s by Harvard’s Kennedy School and OJP’s National Institute of Justice, the Executive Sessions are an opportunity for collaboration on improving society’s responses to timely and critical issues. Previous Executive Sessions are credited with helping create the idea of community policing.

Written by Malcom K. Sparrow, Ph.D., Professor of Public Management at the Kennedy School of Government, this bulletin discusses the operational issues and policy challenges presented by private security and private policing organizations. Using scenarios discussed by law enforcement executives, the paper is designed to be a teaching tool for public law enforcement executives, providing a framework to examine interactions with private policing and to determine how best to maximize the benefits to society while minimizing the associated risks.

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