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Call Background:
The criminal justice system is experiencing growth in the use of artificial intelligence, or 'intelligent machines' that have the ability to "perceive and respond to its environment independently and perform tasks that would typically require human intelligence and decision-making processes, but without direct human intervention" (Rigano, 2019, p. 1). The inclusion of such technology is currently seen in the field of policing in forensics, virtual reality training, license-plate readers, personnel management, and increasingly, analyzing body-worn camera footage. Importantly, these tools raise critical ethical questions even while they promise impressive results. As the prevalence and sophistication of these tools and technologies continue to increase, it becomes crucial to understand how policing agencies use these tools, as well as the potential impact they have on a variety of outcomes, including those related to case outcomes, personnel management, organizational efficiency, etc.

Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies addressing the topics of technology and tools in policing are welcome. The horizon for these advances is quite wide, but here are some example topical areas that would fit within the scope of the special issue:
- Artificial intelligence
- Geospatial analytics
- Drones and other aerial technologies
- Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) in police training
- Wearable technologies beyond body-worn cameras
- Integration of data systems
- Mental health technologies
- Autonomous vehicles and policing

In keeping with the journal's editorial vision, submitted papers should:
- Focus on a topic related to one or more aspects of public policing
- Provide clear statements as to the study's policy or practical implications
- Consider the global scope of our audience
- Be methodologically rigorous

Deadlines & Timeline:
December 1, 2023 – 150-word abstract submitted via email to both Kathleen E. Padilla (kepadil@txstate.edu) and Ian Adams (ian.adams@sc.edu) for review
Jan 10, 2024: Authors notified of invitation to submit full studies to the special issue
April 1, 2024– Invited papers submitted to *Police Practice and Research* via ScholarOne (adhering to journal submission criteria)
May 1, 2024 – All papers gone through initial peer-review and decisions provided to authors
June 1, 2024 – All revisions completed and resubmitted (where relevant)
July 1, 2024 – The issue is complete and queued for production scheduling (before the end of 2024)

Please contact the guest editors with any questions and include "PPR Special Issue: Emerging Technologies & Tools" in the subject line.

*Depending on the number of papers, accepted pieces will either be published in a stand-alone issue or in a thematic section of an issue encompassing other work published in the journal. In any case, articles will be published online before being assigned to an issue.