Assignments

1. Interview a police officer who works in your region and give a 10-minute class report about the interview. Include a table of the organization of the officer’s agency, the officer’s opinion about the system, their career advice, their day-to-day activities on the job, and their opinion of the job.

2. Ask students to go online and evaluate the websites of a variety of police agencies. Ask them to specifically look for information regarding community policing. Is community policing adequately explained? How is community policing achieved by the various agencies? Is there variation in the way that agencies practice community policing?

3. Have students examine crime mapping in practice by going online to the Los Angeles Police Department’s website: <http://www.lapdonline.org/crime_mapping_and_compstat> . How is crime mapping being used in Los Angeles to direct patrol and administer resources? How is crime mapping related to crime prevention?

4. Have students learn more about cold cases by reading “An Inside Look at Cold Case Sleuths” at <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/the-lineup/cold-case-sleuths-an-inte_b_8032068.html?utm_hp_ref=cold-cases#comments>. Have them write a 1 page paper on the Cold Case Investigative Research Institute.

* + 1. Have your students think about where “hot spots” of crime occur in your local area or the nearest metropolitan area. Have the students write a report the cause of this crime and how they would combat this problem.