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Identifying Ways To Improve Preemployment Psychological Evaluations For Law Enforcement Officers: Accounting For Context-specific Variability In Stress And Lethal Force Decision-making

Previous research suggests scales on the MMPI-3 related to emotion regulation and mindfulness might moderate the relationship between stress and decision-making. The goal of this study was to evaluate these interactions using a novel research design to serve as a proof-of-concept study and guidance for future investigations in law enforcement (LE) populations exploring whether scales of the MMPI-3 can adequately predict variability in LE officers’ lethal force decision-making. Findings elicit new questions, provide a foundation for research continuing to evaluate the relationship between stress, decision-making and personality/psychopathology (as measured by the MMPI-3), and motivate efforts to pursue this research further.

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