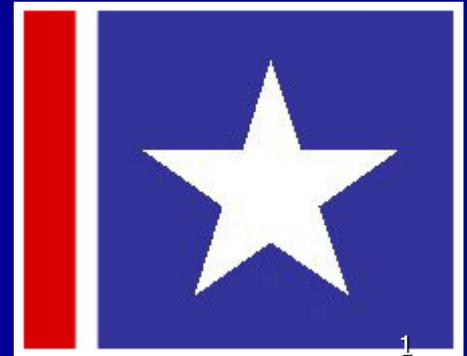


Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas

**Leadership Command College
Writing Workshop
Module I**



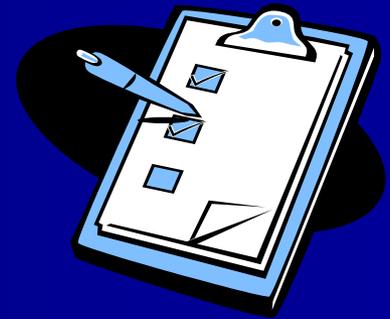
Goals for Today

- What is a Leadership White Paper (LWP)?
- What are the due dates?
- What are your responsibilities?
- What is a thesis?
- What resources are available?
- What are the Research Day expectations?

Expectations

■ To graduate, you will

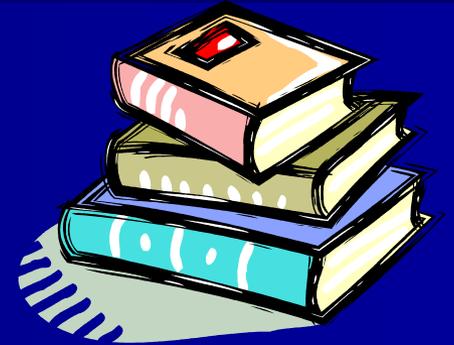
- Write Leadership White Paper
- Present/Defend Leadership White Paper
- Display Leadership Portfolio



Steps to Accomplish Expectations

■ **Module I**

1. Library Research Day
 - Work with Research Librarians
2. Complete Draft and Complete Outline
 - 10 pages minimum, 10 sources minimum
3. Oral presentation on topic, thesis statement, points, counterpoints, etc



Steps to Accomplish Expectations

■ **Module II**

1. Complete polished draft
2. Complete a portion of the Leadership Portfolio

■ **Module III**

1. Obtain “Final Approved” LWP prior to attending
2. Display completed Leadership Portfolio
3. Present Oral Defense of Leadership White Paper

What is an LWP?

- Presents a two-sided argument about an issue
- Takes a stand on an issue and then defends that position
- Does not persuade – but factually states a position and provides support
- Establishes possible counter arguments and provides research-based support
- Investigates/Researches a key issue, interest, or problem identified as an important issue in the field of law enforcement/criminal justice

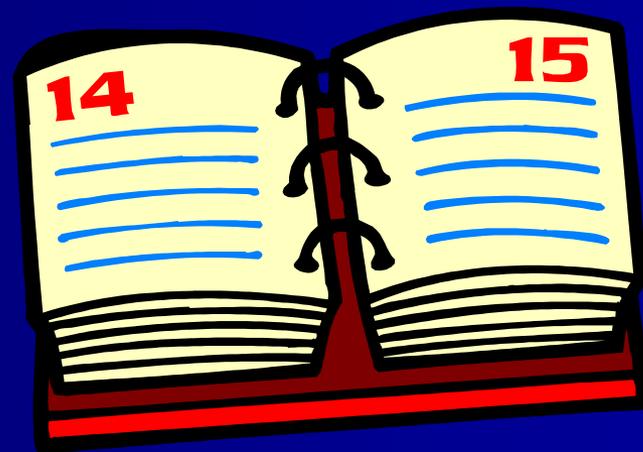
Why an LWP?

- Organizes and outlines viewpoint on an issue
- Formally informs others of position
 - Foundation to build resolution to difficult problems
- Allows passion to be demonstrated by the depth/breadth of argument
- Creates consistency in maintaining position in negotiations

Why require an LWP within the LCC?

- Provides an edge in the law enforcement field
- Helps develop applied research skills
- Enhances written AND oral communication skills
- Provides a format to use in future presentations to command staff, city council, etc.
- Significant component of the LCC program
- Become a published author

DUE DATES



Module I

LWP Timeline and Due Dates

- LWP Outline (Topic & Introduction Section Only) due to (lccresearch@shsu.edu) by **noon tomorrow**
 - Do not wait until Library Research Day to select your topic
 - Your Outline will be returned to you on Library Research Day
- Complete Draft and Complete Outline due **3rd Thursday**
 - Minimum of 10 pages in length and includes 10 sources
 - Email a copy of your LWP to lccresearch@shsu.edu
 - Email your completed outline to lccresearch@shsu.edu
- Power Point presentations will be given on **3rd Thursday**

Module I

Oral Presentation Information

5-7 minutes in length

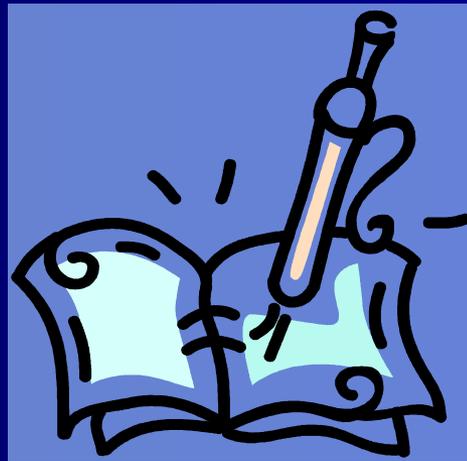
- **Introduce yourself (1 minute)**
 - Give some background about yourself/credibility
- **Inform class**
 - What is your LWP topic and how is it relevant to law enforcement/criminal justice ?(1-2 minutes)
 - Who is your audience? (1 minute)
 - What is your thesis sentence? (1 minute)
 - What are your proposed position points and counter arguments and rebuttals? (1-2 minutes)
 - Why is your paper important to law enforcement, the community, and others (1-2 minutes)

Module II

LWP Timeline and Due Dates

- Polished draft of LWP due

3rd Thursday of Module II



Module III

LWP Timeline and Due Dates

- Final Approved LWP is complete before confirmed attendance to Module III
- Draft Leadership Portfolio - 1st Thursday
- Final Leadership Portfolio - 3rd Monday
- Oral Defense
 - 15 minute presentation - 3rd Thursday
 - Panel of LCC faculty and LCC graduates

THESIS SENTENCE

Thesis Sentence

- Is a single sentence you could read to tell someone the claim of your paper
- The entire paper will offer a logical defense in support of your claim
 - The thesis tells them what your stance is
- A statement that clearly communicates your view on the subject
- Is usually a single sentence somewhere in your introduction that presents your argument to the reader
 - Rest of paper gathers/organizes evidence that will inform reader of the logic of your interpretation

Developing a Good Thesis Sentence

- A good thesis sentence will ...
 - Be complete
 - The claim of your paper should be obvious with in statement. No mystery needed
 - Be concise
 - Use only as many words as it takes to communicate your paper's central point
 - Be clear
 - Use grammatical correctness and precision so the statement is clearly understood and articulate
- Include the word “should”
- It is in statement format- not a question
- A thesis sentence can change during a paper

Thesis Sentence Examples

- Pro sports teams cause increases in taxes for those cities that have such teams.

Vs.

Our city leaders **should** oppose acquisition of any major sports teams.

- LEA's **should** use social media.
- Body cameras **should** be worn by LEO's.

LWP- OVERVIEW



What is included in the LWP?

Abstract (written last)

- Purpose of the paper
- High-level overview
- Establishes importance of topic
- States thesis

Introduction

- Introduces topic
- Explains topic
- Gives background information regarding the topic
- Asserts thesis sentence

What is included in the LWP?

Position

- Assert Point 1
 - Statement
 - Evidence
- Assert Point 2
 - Statement
 - Evidence
- Assert Point 3
 - Statement
 - Evidence

Counter Arguments

- State the counter-arguments
- Provide evidence of counter-arguments
- Refute counter arguments with rebuttals
- Provide evidence of rebuttals

What is included in the LWP?

■ **Conclusion/Recommendation**

- Restates thesis
- Restates position, counter arguments, and rebuttals
- Restates evidence where needed
- Restates importance of topic to LE and/or society
- Provides a plan of action (if applicable)

What is included in the LWP?

■ References

- APA format
- Listed in alphabetical order
- Every listing cited must be found in the body of paper in the form of an in-text citation
- All information readers might need to further investigate or cross-reference the research

What is included in the LWP?

- **Appendix A (optional)**
 - Scenarios
 - Any detailed operational scenarios /plans
 - Examples of policy
 - Graphs, Figures, Tables

What is not included in LWP

- Questions
- Lists
- Charts
- Graphs
- 1st or 2nd person





HOW DO I FIND TOPICS OF INTEREST?

How do I get started?

■ Topic

- Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice

■ Challenge

- Use this as a leadership opportunity to leave a legacy to future officers



Issue Criteria

■ **Establish arguability of a topic**

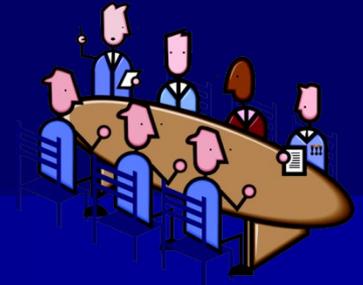
- Is it a real issue, with genuine controversy and uncertainty?
- **Can you distinctly identify two positions?**
- Are you personally interested in advocating one of these positions?
- **Is the issue narrow enough to be manageable?**
- Is there enough research/evidence to support your position?

Where do I find topics covered by former LEMIT students?

www.lemitonline.org

- Click on Resources
- Under Publications is a blue hyperlink to the Newton Gresham Library
- Once you've clicked through, enter in your search topic

Exercise



- Break up into groups
- Use your LWP Outline to guide your group through the brainstorming exercise
 - Complete Thesis Statement (last of Intro section)
- Report back to the classroom in **30 minutes**
- Read Thesis Statement aloud to group

Leadership White Paper (LWP) – Outline

Author: _____

Topic: _____

Is a 2nd Review Needed

Yes No

Content Editor: _____

Introduction Section

What is the concern your paper is addressing?	_____	Did you... <input type="checkbox"/> Explain topic <input type="checkbox"/> Explain importance of topic <input type="checkbox"/> Provide background info <input type="checkbox"/> State thesis
Why is the topic important to the field of law enforcement and criminal justice?	_____	
What is the thesis statement? (Should be "should" statement)	_____	

Position Section

Position Point 1: (Required)
Citation (Required)
Position Point 2: (Required)
Citation (Required)
Position Point 3: (Optional)
Citation (Required if Position Point 3 is provided)
Position Point 4: (Optional)
Citation (Required if Position Point 4 is provided)

Counter-Position Section

Counter Argument 1: (Required)
Citation (Required)
Rebuttal to Counter Argument 1 (Required).
Citation (Required)

Introduction Section
Due Noon Tomorrow



LWP RESEARCH WITH CJ RESOURCES (SHSU NEWTON GRESHAM LIBRARY DATABASE)

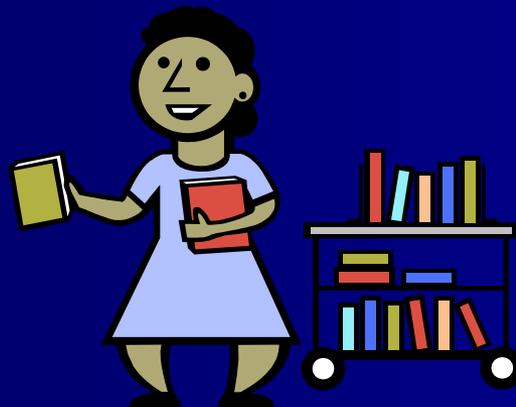
(THE START OF SEARCHING, READING, EVALUATING)

Library Day Details

- **Thursday, August 3rd**
- **8:00 am - Noon**
 - LWP Research w/Criminal Justice resources
 - Susan Strickland
- **Noon**
 - Lunch
- **1:00 – 3:00pm**
 - LWP Research w/Criminal Justice resources
 - Susan Strickland

Library Day Continued...

- Bring laptop & USB drive to class.
- We are providing you with expert assistance on Library Research Day
 - Research Librarian Susan Strickland will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Be Prepared

- Survival Guide Link (QR Code)
- Bring a list of keywords related to your topic
- Bring a flash drive
- Bring an attitude of discovery

Questions?

