

## ABSTRACT

This study, "The Acceptance of Subinspector's Authority : A Case Study of Noncommissioned Officer's Perception at the North Metropolitan Constabulary Police Station", has the objectives of the study as follows:

1) to study the acceptance of subinspector's authority by studying the noncommissioned officer's perception at the north metropolitan constabulary police station.

2) to study the relationship between noncommissioned officer's perception in having and exerting the types of subinspector's power, the noncommissioned officer's experience about the delegation of authority from the hierarchy of police organization, the noncommissioned officer's personal data, and the noncommissioned officer's acceptance of subinspector's authority.

3) to study and examine the factors that affected the noncommissioned officer's acceptance of subinspector's authority by studying the noncommissioned officer's perception at the north metropolitan constabulary police station.

Respondents of this study were those 245 noncommissioned officers at the north metropolitan constabulary police stations. The multi-stage, proportioned probability sampling and systematic random sampling techniques were employed for selecting the sample.

A set of data was collected by questionnaire, observation and interviewing. All data collected during November 1993 - February 1994 were then analyzed by percentage, mean, chi-square and gamma.

The results of this study revealed the noncommissioned officer's perception in having and exerting the types of subinspector's power and noncommissioned officer's experience about the delegation of authority from the hierarchy of police organization were correlated significantly with the noncommissioned officer's acceptance of subinspector's authority ( $p = .05$ ). Furthermore, the following 4 types of subinspector's power were found significantly with affecting the noncommissioned officer's acceptance of subinspector's authority ( $p = .05$ ) on attractive power, reward power, referent power and expert power. One social factor, the delegation of noncommissioned officer's authority from the hierarchy of police organization, was also found significantly affecting the noncommissioned officer's acceptance of subinspector's authority. At the same time, noncommissioned officer's education and lines of work--test factors in this study, could help understand and explain the relationships between the above factors and noncommissioned officer's acceptance of subinspector's authority as well.