

Contemporary Challenges- Making a difference

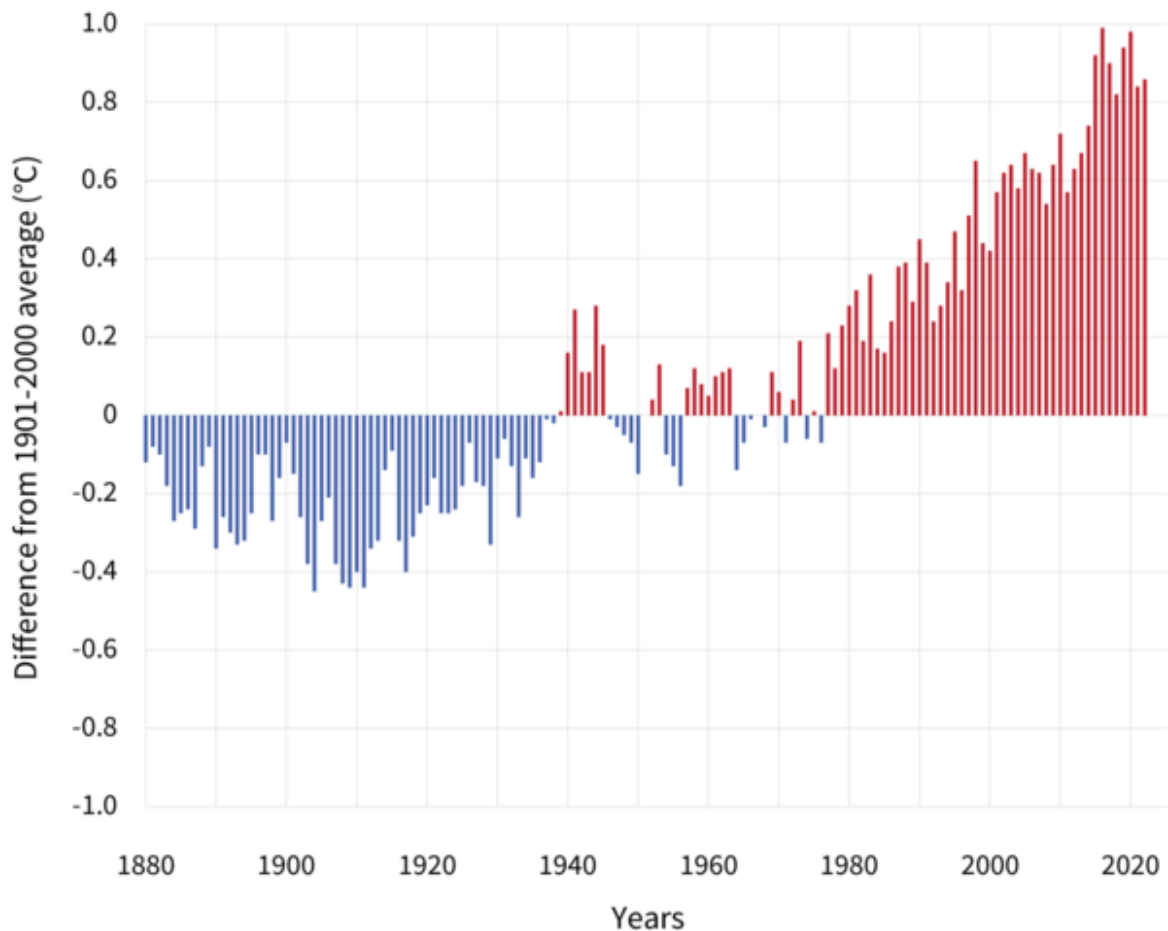


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What is the Biggest threat to Human Kind?

In my opinion Global warming is the biggest threat to human kind and this blog gives an insight into why. The image above displays the dramatic increase in the earth's temperature over the past centuries. Previous to human existence there was a balance within nature. According to, Crutzen et Zalasiewicz (2015) the phase of humans altering the earth's surface, formally known as the Anthropocene, first began at an early level around the 1800's. Over the century's humans have challenged nature in order to receive more from the environment, which has resulted in Global warming.

According to Houghton(2005), the term “global warming” describes the impact human activities have on the climate, particularly the burning of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas) and widespread deforestation, which results in significant emissions of “greenhouse gases” into the atmosphere, the most significant of which is carbon dioxide. These gases operate as blankets over the earth’s surface, absorbing infrared radiation that is emitted by the surface and keeping it warmer than it otherwise would be. Climate changes are linked to this warming.

So why is Global warming a threat and why should we be worried?

Despite efforts to lessen the threats, human-induced climate change is disrupting nature in a harmful way and harming the lives of billions of people worldwide. According to, Portner(2022) from the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment, those people and ecosystems least prepared to adapt are being impacted the worst.

Some evidence of Global warming includes extreme weather...

Flooding

In accordance with Baker(2013), floods are the leading cause of natural disaster deaths worldwide and were responsible for 6.8 million deaths in the 20th century. Nunez(2022) states since 1880, sea levels have risen an average of over 8 inches (23 cm), with nearly three of those inches coming in the past 25 years. The sea level rises by.13 inches yearly (3.2 mm.) A foot of sea level rise is anticipated by 2050.

As sea levels rise,many coastal towns and cities become submerged, even if we as humans were to act now, sea levels would still continue to rise as our oceans take a long time to respond to climate change. We will be witnessing the impact of our actions past the year of 2100.

Hurricanes

As specified by Denchak(2022), a hurricane is a strong low-pressure system made up of organised, whirling clouds and thunderstorms that receive their energy from warm tropical waters. Denchak(2022), also states that In their trail, hurricanes create a path of destruction that adds up in terms of lives lost and disruption to daily life. Some of the devastation includes: Destruction to homes and infrastructure, as well as economic loss and in the worst cases loss of human life.

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The Skills needed to be successful within Policing.

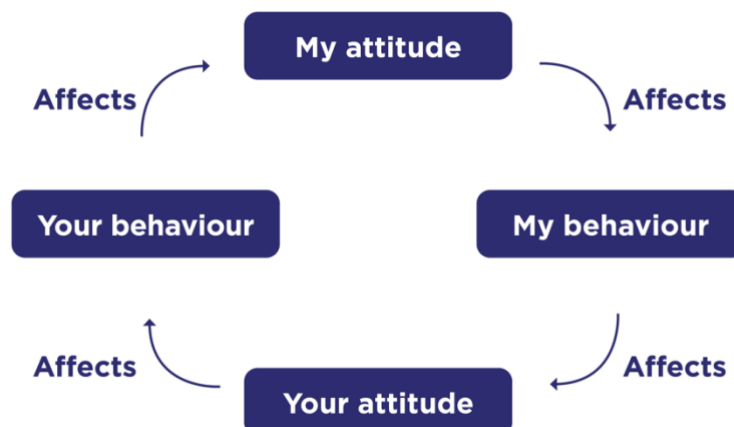
Obtaining a profession within the Public sector requires an ample amount of complex skills, especially when it comes to being a police officer. When dealing with the public on a day to day basis it is essential that the appropriate conduct and etiquette is followed.

One skill that is vital within the policing field is...

Conflict management

In accordance with Himes(2004), knowing how to recognise problems and handle them in a reasonable, equitable, and effective manner is the practice of conflict management. Himes(2004), also states that the process of managing conflicts deals with seen incompatibilities or disagreements brought on by, for instance, opposing viewpoints, goals, and wants.

According to Rowe(2008), since the 1800's the Metropolitan Police's main role has been to maintain peace within society. In accordance with The College of Policing (2020), police and staff frequently come up with non-violent solutions to conflict situations. While many already have a high level of proficiency in the non-physical aspects of conflict resolution, it is the duty of forces to guarantee that all officers and staff have these abilities to a consistently high level



One way in which the police force demonstrate the skill of conflict management is through that of the Betari's box. The Betari's box method displays how attitude affects behaviour and how behaviour affects attitude, this is in alignment with the work of Pepper(2011) for example: Within the policing Job role if a call handler was to have an aggressive attitude on the phone, they would be more than likely o receive aggressive behaviour back. This is why the skill of conflict management is crucial within policing as it prevents situations from escalating. To the left is a diagram publishes by The College of Policing(2020) explaining Betari's box theory.

In my opinion, I believe that in order to be an effective officer having conflict management as a skill is essential. I believe this because, without the use of this skill within the policing field minor situations such as anti-social behaviour among youths can escalate into perhaps assault or GBH if people decide to take matters into their own hands without having the correct skills such as conflict management. By speaking in a calm and collective way police are able to disperse most minor issues.

Negotiations and Influence

As specified by Fisher et al(2011), a negotiation is a fundamental way to acquire what you want from others. It is a dialogue between you and the other person in which parts of your interests are shared and some are opposed, with the goal of coming to an understanding.

As stated by Laker et Patel(2020), influence is the capacity to influence the nature, course, or behaviour of something or someone, which necessitates forging close emotional ties with both oneself and others.

In order to obtain compliance and achieve actual conversion, the job of policing requires influence and persuading. Officers use negotiation with in their jobs on a day to day basis. They must learn to negotiate both verbally and non-verbally to calm members of the public. An example of a negotiation could perhaps be when an officer is called to an attempted suicide. Officers should be able to adapt their body language and communication style effectively in order to persuade the victim that everything will be fine and bring the victim out of harms way. A source that supports this is Noesner(2021).

From my perspective on policing, Influencing is not classed as an effective skill, some may argue that this is not the case and that of Police presence influences the community and crime rates. However, I would have to disagree, research conducted by Bradford(2011), concluded that there was not enough evidence to show that an increase in officers reduced general crime rates. However within the sector of property Crime for every 10% increase in officers, did result in a 3% reduction in property crime.

Decision Making

Everyone within society has both easy and hard decisions to make. Although it is pretty clear that officers probably make more decisions than any basic member of the public.

According to Dunham(2006), officers demonstrate the effectiveness of decision making with factors such as: Deciding whether or not to draw their weapon, to make an arrest, to issue a trafficking ticket, perform a search on a suspect, to stop and assist someone in need of help.

Personally I believe that out of all the skills needed to be an officer decision making is the most significant. I believe this because there is so much pressure on the police service to work along side the community supporting them as well as arresting suspects. When in complex situations such as a stop and search, police are very regularly under scrutiny of the public eye. There has been many scandals regarding police brutality and racial bias, an example includes a news story reported on by Rhoden-Paul(2022), which states that ethnic minorities are unfairly targeted by police.

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Design Thinking and it's effect on Policing

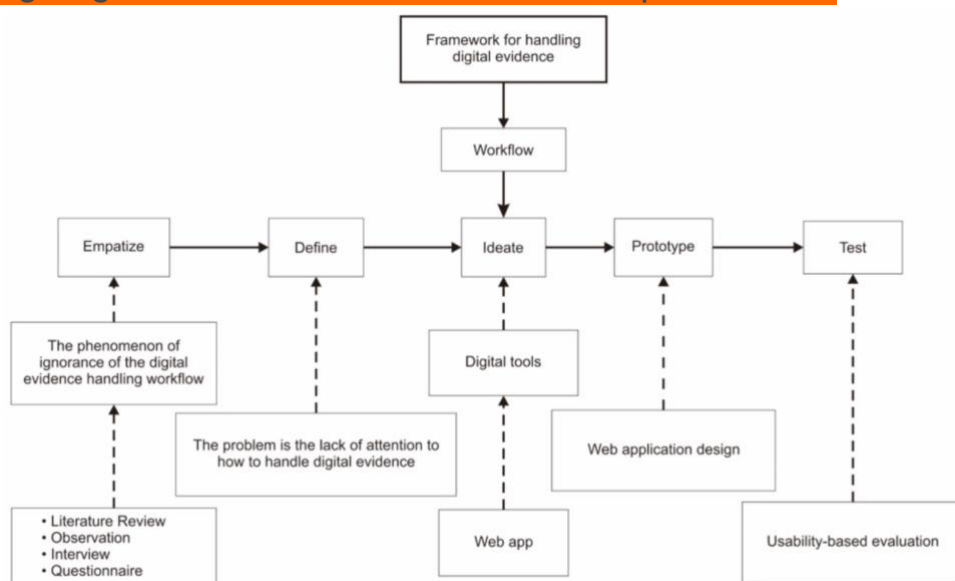
According to Razzouk et Shute(2012), design thinking is analytical, innovative, and helps people handle challenging and complex circumstances.

Design thinking can be used to solve a variety of problem, In relation with Cleland(2018) some of these problems include...

- **Simple Problem**– usually one having only one cause and one effect.
- **Complex Problem**– one that could be the result of several connected causes.
- **Wicked Problem**– more difficult to resolve. It could have elusive reasons or be difficult to define. It could be specific to a location or set of individuals, making it unique, therefore earlier remedies to problems of a like nature might not be effective. That might be a problem without a long-term fix.

In my view, design thinking is an asset when it comes to Policing. Each industry can utilise design thinking to combat prejudice and ingrained behaviour.

I believe that design thinking is very useful within public services as it allows complex problems to be solved in different ways. Sometimes within the public sector following policies and procedures does not always allow for a result. It does sometimes take a bit of Creative thinking to generate solutions to certain complex issues.



Design thinking has already been used within the handling of digital evidence. According to Ramadhani et Sidiq(2019), design thinking is a faultless method within the policing industry, this is because not all areas within UK have the same levels of crime or the same crime and so by implementing design thinking, it allows for all communities to receive the correct support from their police force that suits their area. If it wasn't for design thinking within the police forces and if all forces used the same methods and procedures then many communities would suffer from injustice.

The diagram above is published by Informatika(2022)

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