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Special Issue: Police Use of Deadly Force

The police have enormous power and responsibility in relation to the use of deadly force. Continuing high-profile events involving lethal force illustrate the importance of this crucial decision and how such force, even if legally justified, can spark outcry among groups and communities that believe officers could—and should—have resolved the situations without resorting to lethal force. This special issue seeks manuscripts that explore the nature of this crucial decision from any number of perspectives (e.g., officers, police leaders, individuals, academics, communities, etc.) and drawing on any number of approaches (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, theoretical, etc.). Researchers are encouraged to be innovative in their research questions and methodology, as this is an opportunity to push the boundaries in new and inventive ways to shed light on this crucial issue.

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To be considered for inclusion in this special issue, please submit a 500-word abstract outlining the topic and approach planned for the manuscript. Estimated publication of the issue will be February 2023 (Volume 27, Issue 1).

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