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Ethics is the understanding of right and wrong or good or bad that represents morality. Criminal justice administration often face issues related to the ethics in professionalism. In criminal justice administration, it becomes difficult for the profession to follow moral and ethical principles due to certain circumstances. However, it is important to follow ethical principles in professional behavior with the help of critical thinking. This is why the correlation between ethics, professional behavior, and critical thinking is crucial to understand. The proposal for a seminar in ethics training is discussed in the paper.

Ethics are crucial and beneficial for professional behavior from criminal justice administration and other law enforcement. Unethical action can increase doubt and disbelief in the civilians for the criminal justice system. Therefore, the professionals of the criminal justice system must make a critical decision that can positively influence society. Police, the judicial systems, and corrections highly depend on critical thinking as they have to make good and positive decisions. Critical thinking helps law enforcement to determine whether the individual broke the law, how they should respond to their actions and when should they must be arrested. The judicial system uses critical thinking to determine whether the person is a criminal or not and what should be the punishment for him. In addition, defense and prosecution attorneys collect evidence and provide details that are totally based on critical thinking (Albrecht & Backes, 2017). In the absence of critical thinking, it becomes impossible to make a decision about the individual whether he really committed the offense. The relationship between ethical behaviors, professional behavior, and critical thinking develops a systematic pattern in the institution. It helps to determine the best choices for the betterment of people as well as the organization. It is also important to avoid mistakes and generate effective outcomes. For instance, corrections officers use critical thinking to examine the progress of the persons to provide and maintain the facilities for prisoners. Their critical thinking also enables prisoners to acquire a positive and healthy lifestyle when they get free (Siegel & Worrall, 2018).

Various ethical dilemmas are faced by law enforcement officials every day due to the type of duty and critical thinking, that is mandatory to cope with the situations, professionally and ethically. I personally believe that ethical training is crucial for the officers to deal with the various circumstances which require different sort of reaction. These reactions should show professionalism and positive behavior to avoid ethical dilemmas. Ethical training not only helps in identifying the ethical dilemma but also enables us to address issues rationally and its solution in an accepting way. Ethical training also helps to make a choice that lies under the responsibility and duty of the officers. In particular aspects of ethical conduct, the seminar would stress which is crucial for perfection. The first aspect would be the authority of law enforcement which should be used ethically and professionally (Miller, Blackler, & Blackler, 2017). The reason for choosing this area is that every day, law enforcement uses its authority to ensure peace and safety in society. Therefore, critical thinking and ethical behavior are necessary for professional decisions. There come various occasions where officers make the decision without thinking critically and leave ethical and professional behavior behind. Seminar and training ensure control over the authority of these officers so they can maintain a good reputation for themselves as well as for their organizations. It helps to develop trust and faith in officers which allow common people to share their problems with law enforcement without any hesitation and fear. The second aspect that is crucial to discuss, is the use of designation without discrimination based on gender or race. Officer’s decision should not reflect biases due to the race, religion, or gender of the person whom they are dealing with. In the seminar, it should be discussed that race and sex have nothing to do with the offense or crime. People from any background can do crime and it reflects their behavior, background or situation rather than the whole gender or race. Training on this aspect can be helpful for the officers to make a decision based on equality in a professional manner.

In the seminar, it will be beneficial to stress the significance of three other areas: privilege, loyalty, and honesty by the officers. Loyalty means every officer must perform his duty without any discrimination or biases while honesty means they acquire evidence and information professionally and morally. An officer who withholds evidence unprofessionally or immorally cannot be loyal to his duty or position. It is important for law enforcement to raise their trust in people and make them feel secure which relies on the confidence and respect that the community gets from the law enforcement department (Cole, Smith, & DeJong, 2018). This is why officers from law enforcement should be proactive and professional so that they can handle the different situations in an ethical manner. Therefore, I believe that my proposal for ethical training is important because it covers all the crucial areas which can help the officer to understand his position, role, and opportunities. It will help them to think critically by using their privilege with the help of codes of ethics to show equality, loyalty, and honesty to the people as well as the organization. Officers without knowing the importance of these areas cannot perform their duty professionally. Therefore, it can be concluded that law enforcement relies on the relationship between critical thinking and ethical behavior.

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