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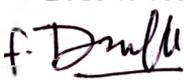
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ABSTRACT

PDRM (Polis Di Raja Malaysia) has been the pillar of strength in combating crime and providing secured and safe surroundings in this country. Job satisfaction is a crucial and important aspect on human resource in PDRM. Thus, having employees who are satisfied with their career should be the main priority to the employer especially in the case of Kuching District Police Headquarters (IPD Kuching) as one of the largest enforcement agencies in Sarawak. The objective of this study is to measure the relative importance of internal factors (relationships with co-workers, supervision, learning and growth, salary, security, and task conditions) affecting job satisfaction by the police officers in IPD Kuching. This study adopts a qualitative and quantitative approach where a questionnaire each was administrated to the respondents. This study examined job satisfaction of purposively selected sample respondents of 265 police officers with respect to 59 items. The analysis of the survey data from a sample of police officers from nine (9) police stations and eleven (11) departments and branches under IPD Kuching suggested that task conditions is the strongest factor in determining their job satisfaction. Co-workers, supervision, learning and growth, salary and security also played important, but weaker factors in the shaping of police officers' job satisfaction. The importance of this study is to provide invaluable information based on the gathered data to yield analysis results for the IPD Kuching's top management and the related parties to enhance the quality of the service delivery system in the police force.

Keywords: Job satisfaction, police officers, human resources, PDRM, IPD Kuching

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of background of study, background of company, problem statement, research questions, research objectives, significance of study, limitation, scope of study and the definition of terms. This chapter presents the overview of the entire study.

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The role of Malaysian government is not to govern the country politically and economically but be responsible for crime prevention and public safety. Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) is the primary law enforcement agency and their role in ensuring safety and security of the states and country is very important and undeniable. Modern societies in Malaysia are looking at greater freedom, accountability and transparency in their living style which lead to more challenging task for police officers in PDRM. Whereby, crime is evolving (increasing complexity, diversity, scale, speed and sophisticated), police officers must be equipped with necessities to carry their mandate effectively. The job satisfaction among the police officers should be prioritized due to job satisfaction has the tendency to influence work productivity, staff turnover, labor market behavior, work effort and employee morale (Nwidag & Okwendi, 2015). Understanding job satisfaction among the police officers in IPD Kuching is as complex as understanding a human-being. What satisfies them today may not satisfy them tomorrow or what satisfies them in one place might not satisfy them elsewhere. The police officers' perceptions, expectations and attitude in the workplace or performing duties might influence their overall job satisfaction. Therefore, the study aims to examine the relationship between the internal factors and job satisfaction in the Malaysian public sector for the case of police officers in IPD Kuching.