



# POLICE STUDENT'S GUIDE

## Quality of Life Policing

### Peddlers

Peddlers have traditionally been a part of the New York City scene. When we speak of peddlers, the first types that come to mind range anywhere from the hot dog vendor, to the fellow at the parades with his or her buttons, banners and flags for sale. Today, however, peddlers have branched out and in various locations throughout the city one may observe whole tractor trailers parked on the side of the road with merchandise piled up for sale. It is not uncommon to drive in lower Manhattan and observe people selling suits, shirts, and dresses from clothes racks in the front of clothing stores. In some instances, these street peddlers set up such large displays that they appear to be an extension of the store in front of which they have chosen to set up. Many peddlers are licensed, adhere to the numerous rules and regulations surrounding their occupation, and don't become a bother for either the store owners and/or the police. Many, however, are unlicensed and sell various off brand names as the expensive quality merchandise. Some peddlers get into arguments with legitimate store owners about setting up in the front of their store. Certainly, when they are operating illegally, they are unfair competition for the legitimate merchants whose taxes help to pay your salaries.