**SOC 3640: Police and Society**

**Reflection 5: Police and Community Relationships**

Please answer the following questions directly onto this template. You may use bullet points or paragraphs, whichever you are comfortable with, but you must write in complete sentences! With the exception of the final free write response, you must support your answers by referring back to the week’s assigned material. Include an in-text citation when drawing from the text (no need for a full reference sheet!). There is no length requirement for your responses, just make sure you address each part of the question!

*In your own words, what is the* ***most important*** *concept discussed in the assigned material this week?*

* Type your answer here.

*What is implicit bias, according to James (2018)? How does implicit bias impact police work?*

* Type your answer here.

*James (2018) found that implicit racial bias among police officers was not stable over time. What is the significance of this finding?*

* Type your answer here.

*According to Carr et al. (2007), how do youths living in high crime neighborhoods feel about police? Is this feeling consistent over time? How do they feel about the role police play in reducing crime?*

* Type your answer here.

*Free Write: Many individuals assume that the public has a negative view of the police, and are often quick to blame negative media coverage. Yet research shows that the public generally views police quite favorably, and what’s more, media reporting often has little to no effect on public opinion of police. Why do you think people tend to assume the public views police negatively, and that the media is in part to blame, even when evidence contradicts this view?*

* Type your answer here.