

Crime Analysis

800.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Crime analysis should provide currently useful information to aid operational personnel in meeting its tactical crime control and prevention objectives by identifying and analyzing methods of operation of individual criminals, providing crime pattern recognition and providing analysis of data from field interrogations and arrests. Crime analysis can be useful to the Department's long-range planning efforts by providing estimates of future crime trends and assisting in the identification of enforcement priorities.

800.2 DATA SOURCES

Crime analysis data is extracted from many sources including, but not limited to:

- Crime reports
- Field Interview cards
- Parole and probation records
- Computer Aided Dispatch data
- Department of Public Safety - Crime Records Service

800.3 CRIME ANALYSIS FACTORS

The following minimum criteria should be used in collecting data for crime analysis. These factors will be used to assist in the identification of similarities among various offenses and to determine current crime patterns, trends and series. They may be used to assist in screening a list of possible suspects and identify specific crimes that might involve suspects already in custody.

- Frequency by type of crime
- Geographic factors
- Temporal factors
- Victim and target descriptors
- Suspect descriptors
- Suspect vehicle descriptors
- Modus operandi factors
- Physical evidence information
- Pattern - commonalities in characteristics of several crimes or similarities among offenses which indicate that the crimes are related and/or occurrences of similar offenses in a defined geographical area.
- Trend – a general increase in a particular type of crime activity, such as an increase in the number of forced door entry residential burglaries or a significant increase in the theft of a particular make and model vehicle.
- Series – a crime pattern where there is reason to believe the same person(s) committed the crime.

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The specific geographic patterns of occurrences of crimes shall be documented, published in a format which depicts the patterns (such as the weekly burglary map), and distributed to all organizational components.

800.4 CRIME ANALYSIS DISSEMINATION

For a crime analysis system to function effectively, information should be disseminated to the appropriate units or persons on a timely basis. Information that is relevant to the operational and tactical plans of specific line units should be sent directly to those units. Information relevant to the development of the Department's strategic plans should be provided to the appropriate staff units. When information pertains to tactical and strategic plans, it should be provided to all affected units.

800.4.1 BRIEFING

The crime analyst shall brief the Chief of Police and the command staff on general crime analysis information, crime patterns, trends, or series, on a quarterly basis at a minimum. Significant patterns, trends, or series shall be reported as soon as they are determined. (15.3.1.c)

800.4.2 POSTING

Crime analysis information will be distributed to organizational components whenever a trend is identified in the form of crime bulletins, media releases, newsletters, beat profiles, burglary maps, etc.

800.5 REQUEST FOR CRIME ANALYSIS

Specific requests for information may be made to the crime analyst by submitting a Request for Information Form, Peoria Police Department Patrol form #102-105, or by e-mail.