

Crime Analysis

800.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Best Practice **MODIFIED**

Crime analysis should provide currently useful information to aid operational personnel in meeting their 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. The purpose of this policy is to establish the authority for information requirements and reporting responsibilities of this agency's crime analysis function.

800.1.1 POLICY

The crime analyst shall collect, process, analyze, report, and evaluate data relevant to police and criminal activity, for the purposes of studying past performance, identifying activity patterns and trends, and optimizing deployment, intervention, planning, and management. Crime analysis is indispensable to this agency's efficiency, productivity, and effectiveness. Therefore, all applicable personnel shall provide complete and consistent reports of crime, reports of incidents, activity logs, field interviews, and related information as required in support of this function. The crime analysis function shall provide operational units with information sufficient for officer safety, strategic planning, and daily problem solving.

800.2 DATA SOURCES

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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
- Statewide Integrated Traffic Reporting System (SWITRS)
- Traffic citation biographical information
- L.A. Clear
- Daily patrol logs
- Local agency crime trends

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800.3 CRIME ANALYSIS FACTORS

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The following minimum criteria should be used in collecting data for Crime Analysis:

- Frequency by type of crime
- Geographic factors
- Temporal factors
- Victim and target descriptors
- Suspect descriptors
- Suspect vehicle descriptors
- Modus operandi factors
- Physical evidence information
- Stolen property records
- Responding officer/investigator
- Arrests/charges
- Case closures

800.4 CRIME ANALYSIS DISSEMINATION

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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 them. 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.