



Crime Analysis

01 Policy

It is the policy of the Bladensburg Police Department to use crime analysis products as tools to identify and reduce criminal activity and to assist in resource allocation.

.02 Terms

.03 Governing Legislation and Reference

Governing Legislation: N/A

Forms: N/A

.04 Procedure

A. Crime Analysis Function

Crime analysts are responsible for the systematic process of collection, collation, analysis, and dissemination of crime data.

The crime analysis function, which includes:

- Identify similarities among offenses and document patterns and trends in the characteristics of current crime problems; and,
- Aid in the gathering of data for specific crimes that may involve a suspect or an offender.

B. Sources of Crime Analysis Data Elements

Crime analysts will have access to necessary documents from which data elements can be extracted that are necessary to develop crime patterns or trends, or to aid in identifying and linking suspects with particular crimes.

Internal sources for crime analysis data include, but are not limited to:

- CAD and RMS data related to calls for service;
- Police event reports and supplement reports;
- Data from uniform traffic citations;
- Data from Field Interview Reports; or,
- Suspect or arrestee demographic data from book-in reports.

External sources for crime analysis data include, but are not limited to:

- Crime analysis data received from other law enforcement or criminal justice agencies; or,
- Open-source public records.

C. Dissemination of Crime Analysis Findings

Crime Analysts are responsible for disseminating findings related to crime patterns or trends or a specific crime that may involve a suspect through published crime analysis reports and summaries. These reports are to be disseminated to the Chief of Police, and Commanders. Reports and summaries that contain data relevant to specific tactical operations plans are to be sent directly to the affected components.

Various daily and weekly crime analysis reports are published on a regular basis. Custom reports for special requests for crime analysis data are published on an as needed basis. Regular crime analysis reports include the following:

- Daily Significant Events report;
- Daily Crime Analysis updates;
- Weekly Crime Stat Analysis report; and,
- Tactical crime analysis reports as requested.

Crime Analysts may forward copies of selected reports to law enforcement agencies with concurrent jurisdictions.

The Public Information Officer, upon concurrence by the Chief of Police, shall disseminate crime data findings to enhance public information and generate public support. These media releases shall be carefully screened to prevent the improper release of certain information such as *modus operandi* factors, suspect identification, etc.

Basic crime analysis data, including type of crime, date, time, and location may be disseminated on a weekly basis to local media or other online crime mapping sources for general publication.

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D. Briefing on Crime Patterns or Trends

A periodic meeting will be conducted to brief the Chief of Police along with Commanders on emerging crime patterns or trends. Other department members may attend and participate in the briefing as necessary.

HISTORY: Adopted July 1, 2014

This General Order supersedes all other orders and memoranda in conflict therewith.

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