

Crime Analysis

800.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Crime Analysis performs systematic and analytical processes directed at providing pertinent information relative to crime patterns and trend correlations to assist operational and administrative personnel in planning the deployment of resources for preventing and suppressing criminal activities, aiding the investigative process, increasing apprehensions and successfully concluding cases. Crime analysis identifies and analyzes methods of operation of individual criminals, providing crime pattern and series recognition. Crime analysis also assists the Department in meeting its basic objectives of crime prevention and suppression, apprehension and recovery of stolen property.

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

800.3 CRIME ANALYSIS FACTORS

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

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 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.