

# Crime Analysis

## **800.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy provides guidelines for utilizing crime analysis to support the overall law enforcement efforts of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Department. It addresses the collection and dissemination of crime analysis data that is useful to long-range planning and that can assist in identifying enforcement priorities, strategies and tactics.

## **800.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Department to utilize crime analysis as a tool in crime control and prevention efforts. This entails gathering, analyzing and correlating data to effectively deploy the Department's resources.

## **800.3 DATA SOURCES**

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

- Incident Reports
- CAD Reports
- Police Offense/Crime Reports
- Field Interviews
- Parole and probation records
- Activity records from Communications
- Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC)
- Records and reports from allied law enforcement agencies
- Baltimore Police Department's Strategic Decision Support Center (BPD-SDCS)

## **800.4 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

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- Physical evidence information

**800.4.1 EVALUATION OF DATA AND FINDINGS FOR ACCURACY**

When analyzing crime data, the Operations Bureau Commander shall:

- Identify similarities among different offenses and reveal commonalities and patterns in the characteristics of current problems.
- Assist in the screening and ordering of lists of suspects.
- Identify specific crimes that may involve an offender already in custody.
- Based on analytical information derived from sources, additional resources may be assigned to a particular shift or area for crime prevention purposes.

**800.5 CRIME ANALYSIS DISSEMINATION**

The Records Manager will be responsible for compiling the appropriate information/data needed for a crime analysis and will be responsible for conducting the analysis. Information developed through crime analysis shall be disseminated to the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, appropriate bureaus or members on a timely basis. Information that is relevant to the operational or tactical plans of specific line members should be sent directly to them.

Information relevant to the development of department strategic plans should be provided to the appropriate command staff members.

When information pertains to tactical and strategic plans, it should be provided to all affected members.

Certain crime information will be disseminated to the general public in an effort to enhance public information and solicit community assistance and support. Additionally, the UMBPD will annually publish crime data in accordance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (CLERY). Such release of information will be coordinated by the Chief of Police or authorized designee.