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

800.5 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 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.