

## Crime Analysis and Intelligence Analysis: Why an Integrated Approach Works

### **CRIME ANALYSIS**

Systematically studies crime and disorder problems as well as other police-related issues (e.g., sociodemographic, spatial, and temporal factors) to assist the police in criminal apprehension, crime and disorder prevention, and crime evaluation.

#### **CRIME ANALYSIS:**

- Focuses on studying crimes that have already occurred
- Seeks to find trends and consistencies to understand crime patterns
- Provides temporal, geographic, crime type, crime characteristics, and other forms of multidimensional analyses to inform policymakers about crime within a jurisdiction

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO CRIME ANALYSIS AND INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

### **INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS**

Uses the scientific approach to problem-solving to develop actionable assessments of crime trends, crime and security threats, and conditions that reflect changes in the criminal threat picture.

#### **INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS:**

- Focuses on preventing crimes by studying threats and conditions that increase the probability of threats
- Supports executives and top-level managers by informing organizational planning to influence the criminal environment
- Tactical intelligence, the most common form of intelligence analysis, helps front-line officers and investigators take case-specific action to achieve

Holistic	Integrating crime analysis with intelligence analysis results in a holistic approach to developing community-focused and problem- oriented policing solutions to crime problems.
Scientific	Both forms of analysis use the scientific approach to problem-solving, but each uses different analytic techniques that complement each other.
Compre- hensive	An integrated approach provides senior law enforcement executives with a complete picture of the criminal environment.
	An integrated approach breaks down communication barriers between individual analytical units within larger
Unifying	agencies (e.g., narcotics, street gang, robbery intelligence, and CompStat units) and increases opportunities for coordination with outside agencies.
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An integrated model will be effective only with strong leadership. Police executives must be clear about why and how they wish to coordinate information resources from the crime analysis and criminal intelligence sides. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Crime Analyst in Residence (CAR) Program can help law enforcement leadership achieve this clarity by assessing and improving their use of data analysis

Agencies participating in the CAR Program work with onsite embedded crime analysts, engage in remote technical assistance, and receive resources to enhance their analytical capacity and capability. This program aims to enhance law enforcement's use of data analysis and analytics in the management of law enforcement operations and practices by integrating tailored crime and data analysis practices, products, tools, and information to aid in violent and property crime reduction efforts. To learn more, visit [website].