

## Crime Analysis

### 800.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for utilizing crime analysis to support the overall law enforcement efforts of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office for prevention and suppression of criminal activities, and to assist the agency in meeting the basic objectives of crime prevention, apprehension, case clearances and recovery of stolen property. 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 St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office to utilize crime analysis as a tool in crime control and prevention efforts. This entails gathering, analyzing and correlating data to effectively deploy the Office's resources, to assist in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of criminal activities within the community.

### 800.3 CRIME ANALYSIS DATA

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

- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system
- Records Management System (RMS)
- Criminal History Records
- Traffic Citations/Records
- Various Law Enforcement Databases (NCIC, LiNX, CarFAX, Offender Watch, etc.)
- Field Reports
- Parole and probation records
- Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC)
- CompStat
- Shift Briefs
- SMIC (Southern Maryland Information Center) Bulletins
- MAGLOCLEN (Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network) Bulletins
- Crime Analyst/Investigations Meetings
- Open Source Internet Sites

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### **800.4 CRIME ANALYSIS FACTORS**

The following 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

### **800.5 CRIME ANALYSIS DISSEMINATION**

Crime analysis analytical reports and products are confidential documents, internal to the office. Release of information contained in analytical reports to the general public (including website postings) must be approved by the Sheriff or designee.

Information developed through crime analysis should be disseminated to the appropriate divisions 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 office 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.

Reports are confidential documents, internal to this Agency, and the report or the information contained therein will not be distributed beyond Agency personnel without the approval of the Sheriff.

For procedures related to Crime Analysis Dissemination, see the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office LE Procedures Manual: [INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION](#)

### **800.6 CRIME ANALYST RESPONSIBILITIES**

Crime Analysts study criminal activity using a set of systematic, analytical processes directed at providing timely and pertinent information relative to crime patterns and trend correlations to assist field, investigative, and administrative personnel in planning the proactive deployment of resources.

For procedures related to Crime Analysts, see the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office LE Procedures Manual: [CRIME ANALYSIS COMPONENT](#)

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