

PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

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	Crime Analysis	

1) Purpose:

The mission of the Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) is to provide timely and accurate tactical, strategic, administrative and operational intelligence analysis of data relating to crime in support of the agency's goals and community oriented policing efforts. The CAU is responsible for determining and monitoring criminal activity in the Town of Parker and communicating the information to Command Staff, Patrol, Investigations and other sections and units as needed for the suppression of criminal activities, aiding the investigative process and increasing apprehension of offenders.

The Crime Analysis Unit, a component of the Investigative Services Section, is staffed by a Crime Analyst and is under the supervision of the Captain of the Investigative Services Section and the direct supervision of the Administrative Sergeant.

2) Policy:

The crime analysis function will include collection, collating, analyzing and interpreting all available data for criminal activity patterns and trends, strategic planning, long range planning and evaluating past performance.

3) Data Resources

The CAU collects crime data and other relevant information from the following sources:

- Offense Reports
- Incident Reports
- Records Management System (RMS)
- Computer-Aided Dispatch System (CAD)
- Field Interview (FI) Cards
- NCIC/CCIC
- Other Law Enforcement Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Parole/Probation Agencies
- Department of Motor Vehicles

- Public Records
- Victim/Witness statements
- Physical evidence/photos
- Internet
- Other Sources

The Crime Analyst shall have access and authorization to use above listed resources as part of the Crime Analysis Unit objectives.

3) Analysis of Data

There are four types of crime analysis, all of which are performed by the CAU:

- Tactical Analysis – assists operations personnel with identification of immediate and specific crime problems. This includes the analysis and documentation of the temporal and geographic distribution of selected crimes.
- Strategic Analysis – assists with crime statistics and long-term problems and projections of increases or decreases in crime and crime trends.
- Administrative Analysis – assists with economic, geographic, social information and research projects with regard to the agency's jurisdiction.
- Operational Intelligence Analysis – assists with identifying and researching gangs, organized crime, criminal organizations and homeland security threats

The CAU supports numerous sections/units within the department with the following core functions:

- Identifying crime patterns and crime series
- Forecasting future crime occurrences
- Target profile analysis
- Criminal profile analysis
- Providing investigative leads to investigators
- Assisting with case clearances
- Providing support data to community policing/crime prevention programs
- Provides data to support departmental planning
- Operational data for deployment planning, resource allocation and budgeting

4) Crime Analysis Factors

When applicable, the following items are included in the analysis of crime:

- Frequency (By type)
- Temporal factors
- Geographic factors

- Suspect descriptions
- Victim/Target descriptions
- Suspect vehicle descriptions
- Modus operandi (MO) factors
- Physical evidence information
- Community policing strategies
- Problem oriented strategies
- Pawn slips/stolen/recovered property

5) Distribution

Products produced by the CAU include monthly, quarterly, or annual statistics, crime summaries, crime bulletins, wanted subjects, officer safety issues, crime specific bulletins, crime maps, link charts, flow charts, intelligence briefs, crime statistics upon request and presentations. These publications are disseminated to all affected units, as well as surrounding law enforcement agencies. All publications are marked "For official use only" or "Law Enforcement Sensitive"

7) Training

Training shall be requested by CAU on an as needed basis to support new software, technology, crime related law enforcement activities and best practices in the field of crime analysis.

6) Feedback

The CAU shall solicit periodic feedback in order to evaluate the efficiency of the unit, reports and methods used.