


Crime Analysis

800.1 POLICY HEADER

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800.2 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for utilizing crime analysis to support the overall law enforcement efforts of the Mt. Lebanon 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.

800.3 POLICY

It is the policy of the Mt. Lebanon 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 resources of this department.

800.4 DATA SOURCES

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

- Crime reports.
- Field interview (FI) cards.
- Parole and probation records.
- Activity records from the Dispatch Center.
- Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System/National Incident Based Reporting System.
- Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN).
- Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC).
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency dashboard system.

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800.5 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
- Physical evidence information

800.6 CRIME ANALYSIS DISSEMINATION

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 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.

800.7 REQUIRED REPORTS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

The Mt. Lebanon Police Department shall provide monthly and annual statistical reports to the Pennsylvania State Police as required in 18 P.S. § 20.101 et seq.