Types of Criminal Analysis

Crime analysis remains one of the most effective tools available to support law enforcement today. There are three types of crime analysis: administrative, strategic, and tactical.

Administrative

Administrative crime analysis deals with long-range comparisons (quarterly, semi-annually or annually). Examples of administrative crime analysis tasks include: providing economic, geographic, and law enforcement information to police management, City Administration, City Council, and neighborhood/citizen groups.

Strategic

Strategic crime analysis is primarily concerned with operational strategies and seeks solutions to ongoing problems (weeks, months, quarters, or years). The purpose of strategic crime analysis is to perform police service more effectively and efficiently by matching service delivery to demands for service.

Tactical

Tactical crime analysis deals with immediate criminal offenses (immediate, hours, days, or weeks from the time of the crime). It promotes a quick response to recent offenses such as burglaries and robberies. The tactical crime analysis provides information to assist operational personnel in the identification of crime trends and in the arrest of criminal offenders.