

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**NOTICE**

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**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** DISCONTINUED USE OF PREDPOL INITIATIVE

The Department has engaged in a nine-year program involving PredPol, an automated program that identifies specific crime locations across the city. The proprietary algorithm uses incident-based crime data that produces daily detailed maps for use by geographic commands in formulating crime reduction strategies and police deployments.

Most recently, the Department was advised by PredPol representatives that future use of the PredPol software would require procurement of an annual professional services agreement and associated costs.

The City's financial crisis, coupled with impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, has resulted in the immediate freeze of new contractual agreements and 'belt-tightening' instructions by the Mayor to all City departments for all future expenditures. Therefore, the Department will immediately discontinue the use of PredPol and its associated reports.

Area Crime and Community Intelligence Centers (ACCIC) have a variety of other analytical tools to identify patterns and series of a full variety of reported crime, both violent and property related. The ACCIC's use of these tools in the hands of professional analysts provides critical support to geographic commands. These tools identify and direct valuable police resources to deter crime, while also identifying those responsible for preying upon communities.

For any questions, please contact Detective Bureau at (213) 486-7000.

  
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