

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE
1.11

April 4, 2018

TO: All Sworn Personnel
FROM: Director, Office of Operations
SUBJECT: CRIME STRATEGY BEST PRACTICES

In August 2017, the Office of Operations reviewed the current Crime Strategy Best Practices tab located on the Local Area Network (LAN) directory. The Crime Strategy Best Practices were reviewed for relevance to current crime trends. Noting that many of the Crime Strategy Best Practices were out of date, a Crime Strategy Best Practices Committee was convened, which included two Area captains from each geographical bureau.

Members were asked to identify obsolete practices that would be removed from the Best Practices LAN directory. They were then tasked with identifying those practices that were still beneficial and would be retained on the Best Practices LAN directory. Finally, they were tasked with identifying any new practices implemented recently within their own bureaus to add to the Best Practices via the LAN directory.

Once the Crime Strategy Best Practices Committee reviewed every current and proposed strategy, those determined to be relevant were placed under the Best Practices LAN directory for use by all Department personnel. This process should assist all operational commands by creating awareness as it relates to proven crime reduction models that will be incorporated into the COMPSTAT inspection process.

The success in crime reduction underscores the need to capture and share the numerous crime reduction practices with others. In doing so, we can provide every command the strategies that have proven to be successful. This effort and approach will strengthen all commands in crime fighting and problem solving efforts and will help the Department achieve its defined goals of reducing crime.

If you have any questions, please contact the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.



MICHEL R. MOORE, First Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

Attachments

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

**CRIME STRATEGY
BEST PRACTICES**



OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

Best Practices

Table of Contents

Virtual Neighborhood Watch	1
Crime Analysis Operations (Formerly War Room Operations)	1
Gang Holidays	1
Vice Drinking in Public (DIP) Task Force	1
Black Friday Retail Operations	1
VINELINK	1
Tandem Team Concept	1
Coffee with a Cop	2
Area Property Crime Unit	2
Operation Laser.....	2
Traffic Collision Reduction	2
Major Assault Crime (MAC) Task Force	2
Tandem Parked Vehicle Flyer	2
Venice Beach Theft Reduction	2
Buy Bust Narcotics Task Force on Trains / Platforms	2
Filing Team	2
On-call Court Overtime Reduction Strategy	2
Volunteer Surveillance Detail (Volunteer Citizen Patrol)	2
Supplemental Supervision of Community Camp Placement (CCP) Releases	3
Enhanced Investigative Role, Parole Compliance Unit (PCU)	3
Volunteer Citizen Patrol	3
Cardboard Cops Theft Prevention	3
Burglary Prevention (cocooning)	3
Strategic Tracking Apprehension and Rehabilitation System (STARS)	3
Vehicle Attack Intervention	3
Shop with a Cop	3
Night Watch Detective Working in Watch Commander's Office	3
Establishment of Special Problems Unit (SPU)	3
Back to Basic Car Basics	3
Tracking of Identified Chronic Offenders	4
Volunteer Bicycle Detail	4
Part I Anchor Points	4
Community Restoration Project	4

BEST PRACTICES RECOMMENDATIONS

March 28, 2018

STRATEGY		PURPOSE
Virtual Neighborhood Watch		To organize community members into online Neighborhood Watch groups to share information and prevent crime.
Crime Analysis Operations (Formerly War Room Operations)		Hold daily briefing to review 3-day and 7-day map identifying crime patterns, and formulate strategic missions for deploying personnel.
Gang Holidays		Various entities and experts gather intelligence and create a list of gang holidays and anniversaries, rave/underground parties and weekend cruisers that occur mainly during DPs 6-9. Prior to the date of the parties, the entities with the most knowledge of the specific parties create an Operation Plan to minimize criminal activity at these various parties. During the actual events, there is zero tolerance enforcement and high visibility/monitoring. These tactics have proved to be effective in preventing criminal activity.
Vice Drinking in Public (DIP) Task Force		Rampart Area Vice Unit began utilizing DIP task forces monthly to target individuals that were under the influence of alcohol. The task force was deployed a minimum of twice a month, usually on Fridays. An analysis of crime data was completed and took into consideration problem ABC locations.
Black Friday Retail Operations		An aggressive plan that involved the strategic deployment of foot beat officers, patrol officers, and Senior Lead Officers to the major shopping centers on that weekend.
VINELINK		The VINELINK system automatically notifies CAD personnel, via email, of the release of all arrestees entered in the system. The system is used to track previously arrested individuals when they are scheduled for release.
Tandem Team Concept		Tandem Team Units pair uniformed officers in black and white vehicles with plain clothed officers in plain vehicles to provide more enhanced and flexible crime suppression / apprehension options.

Coffee with a Cop	Meet with community members to develop relationships and to provide tips to the community to help deter crime in the area.
Northeast Area Property Crime Unit (PCU)	PCU, working with the bike unit, Vice, NED, Foot Beat, Auto Detectives, and CAD, to reduce the incidents of burglary from motor vehicles in the Griffith Park Observatory and Greek Theatre areas.
Operation Laser	Create Crime Intelligence Detail (CID) to identify and track Anchor Point hot spots/corridors and chronic offenders. The hot spots will be identified by violent crime and gun related crime occurring in a specific zone called the Laser Zone.
Traffic Collision Reduction	Utilize divisional maps to include Predictive Policing. High Injury Network, Line Beats, Greatest Risk Intersections, as well as crime maps within the Areas, to deploy traffic officers to target the areas where officers may prevent and reduce both traffic collisions and crimes with a police presence.
Major Assault Crime (MAC) Task Force	Focus on domestic violence suspects, who also have prior violent crime arrests, primarily robbery or weapons violations, or are documented gang members or chronic offenders. Make a physical arrest and include this history when filing a "here body" case versus a fax file.
Tandem Parked Vehicle Flyer	Educate the public about the risk of having their vehicle stolen if a key is left in a tandem parked vehicle and prevent the crime from occurring.
Venice Beach Theft Reduction	"Lock it, hide it, keep it" flyers are given to the parking attendants that work numerous parking lots for beach visitors. Attendants hand out flyers to each visitor using their lot. Beach rental companies hand out flyers as well.
Buy Bust Narcotics Task Force on Trains / Platforms	Target and reduce narcotic sales activities by periodically conducting buy-bust operation narcotic task forces on and near the trains and platforms to reduce Part I crimes.
Filing Team	To increase efficiency and free up time for detectives to conduct follow up investigations. Detectives must dedicate personnel to filing felony arrests.
On-call Court Overtime Reduction Strategy	The divisional subpoena control officer (SCO) identifies court cases in which numerous non-essential officers have been subpoenaed to be on call for a case. SCO contacts the District Attorney's Office and calls off non-essential officers.
Volunteer Surveillance Detail (Volunteer Citizen Patrol)	Deploy plainclothes citizen volunteer resources to Part I crime areas as a force multiplier to prevent crimes and alert police to possible suspects involved in criminal activity.

Supplemental Supervision of Community Camp Placement (CCP) Releases	Track the release of gang members back into the community and provide supplemental supervision and contact with recent CCP releases utilizing Deputy Probation Officers partnered with Gang Impact Team officers.
Enhanced Investigative Role, Parole Compliance Unit (PCU)	Address crime and recidivism issues with parolees, probationers, career criminals, and repeat offenders that work, visit, and reside in the area through investigative stops and parole/probation searches.
Volunteer Citizen Patrol	Citizens are provided training, a distinctly marked vehicle, uniforms, and equipment that affiliates them with the Department and serve as "eyes and ears." They have direct communication with Communication Division but will not engage in any enforcement activities of any nature.
Cardboard Cops Theft Prevention	Create life size cardboard cut outs of uniformed officers and encourage their placement inside a business as a deterrent to shop lifting / Rates robberies.
Burglary Prevention (Cocooning)	Senior lead officer will contact burglary victims and neighboring residents on both sides of the street and leave a crime prevention brochure.
Strategic Tracking Apprehension and Rehabilitation System (STARS)	Formerly "Where are they now?" – Provide rehabilitation resources incorporating timely intelligence and tracking, as well as diligent continuous apprehension if necessary of those recently released from prison.
Vehicle Attack Intervention	Using non-traditional entities such as Bureau of Street Services or the Department of Sanitation to provide resources that can be used as barriers / blockades for large marches, protests, and parades that pose a high terror threat.
Shop with a Cop	Annual back to school supplies partnership between Hollywood Youth Programs, Hollywood Cops and LAUSD students. Monies obtained for the event originate from a community sponsor.
Night Watch Detective Working in Watch Commander's Office	This strategy is very beneficial to the watch commander and patrol officers. The night watch detective becomes engaged with the officers and watch commander on various booking recommendations and report approvals.
Establishment of Special Problems Unit (SPU)	SPU units in each Area are responsible for addressing crime trends unique to each individual Area. The units are assigned to predetermined crime reduction missions based on CAD analysis of crime data as well as emerging crime trends.
Back to Basic Car Basics	This strategy relies heavily on the Senior Lead Officer (SLO) and their expertise in their basic area. By involving SLOs with officers, teamwork will improve and will personalize crime missions to a Basic Car Area. SLOs will review crime reports and the officers from each Basic Car will collaborate with the SLOs.

Tracking of Identified Chronic Offenders	The purpose of this strategy is to institute a process to share a list of identified chronic offenders with divisional personnel to improve the tracking of these offenders. This is done by comprising and distributing a list of the top 10% chronic offenders to uniformed personnel and tracking their contacts with the identified offenders through the officers' Field Interview cards.
Volunteer Bicycle Detail	Volunteers attired in volunteer bicycle unit uniforms ride alongside Area Bicycle Units to augment deployment.
Part I Anchor Points	CAD identification of problematic Part I Crime Anchor Point hotspots to deploy decoy vehicles, neighborhood prosecutor efforts, A-Car crime missions, civil abatements, specialized unit enforcement and cooperation with residents, businesses and management to mitigate crime issues at a location. The Anchor Point can be a business, residential location or parks, libraries, and clubs.
Community Restoration Project	Total resource focus on a single location, neighborhood, RD or Basic Car Area to mitigate or eradicate Part I and/or quality of life issues. The strategy should include a viable work plan involving commanding officers, CRO, SLO, Patrol, detectives, Vice, NED & GED and outside entities as appropriate (Building & Safety, Department of Sanitation, City Attorney's Office, etc.) to provide a long-term solution to the problem. The metric to this strategy can be the reduction of Part I crimes & community complaints of activity.