

Crime Analysis

1000.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for utilizing crime analysis to support the overall law enforcement efforts of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. 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.

1000.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office 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 office.

1000.3 DATA SOURCES

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

- Crime reports
- Activity records from Dispatch
- North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN), Computerized Criminal History File (CCH), Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services (CJLEADS)

1000.4 CRIME ANALYSIS FACTORS

The following minimum criteria should be used in collecting data for crime analysis:

- Frequency by type of crime
- Geographic, seasonal and weather factors
- Temporal factors
- Victim and target descriptors
- Suspect descriptors
- Suspect vehicle descriptors
- Modus operandi factors
- Physical evidence information

1000.5 CRIME ANALYSIS DISSEMINATION

Information developed through crime analysis should be disseminated to the appropriate Divisions or Deputies on a timely basis. Information that is relevant to the operational or tactical plans of specific line Deputies should be sent directly to them. Information relevant to the development of office strategic plans should be provided to the appropriate command staff.