



**Las Cruces Police Department
GENERAL ORDERS
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines and procedures for the analysis of statistical information relating to department operations. Planning, research, and operational development functions are essential to the effective and efficient management of the Las Cruces Police Department.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) to engage in crime analysis to develop departmental goals, objectives, and operational strategies.

APPLICABILITY

This General Order applies to all employees engaged in crime analysis. This General Order supersedes all previous versions.

REFERENCES

- CALEA Chapter 15
- NMML ADM.11.01

DEFINITIONS

Analysis – The systematic analysis of reliable and valid data collected on crimes, crashes, and other events to prevent and suppress future occurrences by trying to determine the frequency with which events occur, where they occur, and the extent to which they are associated with other events.

Planning – Planning is the development and utilization of available personnel, equipment, and resources in ways that will favorably affect future public welfare.

115.01 PROCEDURE

- A. Operational planning is a shared function between the Lieutenants and the Office of the Chief of Police. The Lieutenants shall be responsible for developing and maintaining effective and efficient operations for their respective areas and implementing operational plans for events and activities, designing preventive patrol directed at



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reducing criminal activity, and assisting in the formulation of department policies and procedures.

B. The crime analyst is assigned to the Criminal Investigation Section (CIS) and is responsible for providing timely analysis of current trends in criminal activities in support of operational planning. The crime analyst supports all sections of the department with statistical information to formulate the most effective and efficient use of resources. Any member of the department may request information from the crime analyst. Analysis is based on the following:

1. Reviewing criminal and traffic reports, citations, field interviews, and other intelligence gathered by employees. Factors to consider include:
 - a. Frequency by type of crime
 - b. Area/location
 - c. Date and time
 - d. Victim and target descriptions
 - e. Suspect descriptions
 - f. Suspect vehicle descriptions
 - g. Modus operandi information
 - h. Physical evidence information
2. Analysis of collected data through reports and mapping
3. Identification of police and/or citizen concerns
4. Supporting the computational statistics (COMPSTAT) briefing each month
5. Documentation of the time and location of selected crimes
6. Distributing crime analysis information
7. Soliciting and receiving feedback.



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8. Constant evaluation of the effectiveness of crime analysis data

115.02 COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS (COMPSTAT)

COMPSTAT is multilayered dynamic approach to crime reduction, quality of life improvement, and personnel and resource management. COMPSTAT employs Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and is intended to map crime and identify problems in monthly meetings. COMPSTAT increases information flow between the department's executives and the supervisors of operational units, with particular emphasis on crime and quality of life enforcement information.