



Crime Analysis Unit Survey

The Alexandria Police Department’s Crime Analysis Unit is conducting an annual user survey to find out what crime analysis products commanders find useful. This is a follow-up survey for command staff to gage how commanders utilize crime analysis for projects, problem solving and patrol deployment. We will use the feedback from this survey to help create useful and timely analysis and reports.

Please circle your following assignment: Field Operations Investigations Administration

Section 1: Crime Analysis Information on MDB/CityNet

1. As a commander, do you refer to the Crime Analysis Page on the MDBs or CityNet?
___ Yes ___ No

If you answered yes, please continue on to #2. If you answered no, please explain why you don’t use the crime analysis page. ___ No MDB ___ Did not know about it ___ Other (explain below)

2. Please rank order the pages on the Crime Analysis Page that you use most often (*1 being most frequently used and 7 being least frequently used*)?

- ___ Crime Trend/Series Bulletins
- ___ Sex Offender Information
- ___ Monthly Maps
- ___ Weekly Report
- ___ Regional Bulletins
- ___ Monthly Statistics
- ___ Other

3. What additional information should crime analysis provide on the MDB page? Please explain or give examples.

4. As a commander, how do you use the information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit on the MDB page?

- ___ Roll call discussion ___ Special operations/directed patrols ___ Staffing Decisions
- ___ Problem Solving ___ Surveillance/Task Forces ___ Officer Accountability
- ___ Other (please explain) _____

5. If you have used crime analysis information to develop a proactive response to a trend/series/problem, have you later reviewed how your response affected the trend/series/problem? Yes No

If you answered yes to this question, how do you perform this assessment? _____

Do you use this assessment as a guide for future operations? Yes No

If your response was not successful, what do you do? _____

6. Do you encourage officers to use the Crime Analysis Page on the MDBs on a regular basis?

Yes No

Do you discuss information on the Crime Analysis Page regularly at roll call? Yes No

If you are a Lieutenant or Captain, do you encourage your Sergeants to use this information to direct their group's activity for the day/night or week? Yes No

Section 2: Utilizing Crime Analysis

1. In the last six months, have you requested an analytical product (map, statistics, neighborhood information) from the Crime Analysis Unit?

Yes No

If you answered yes, what did you request?

Crime Maps Analysis of a Neighborhood Analysis for a Problem Solving Project

Crime Statistics Analysis of a Crime Series

Crime Statistics for a Report Other _____

2. Was the information you received useful? Yes No

3. Did you receive this information in a timely manner? Yes No

4. Did you perform any of your own analysis (using tools like PRISM or CRIMES) prior to requesting information from the Crime Analysis Unit? Yes No

5. Do you encourage your officers and staff to utilize the crime analysis unit for analysis of crime and problems in their beats and neighborhoods? Yes No

6. Are you or your staff currently involved in any problem solving projects? Yes No
(if you answered No this question, please skip to Section 3)

If you answered Yes, what type of project is it and how long has it been an active project?

7. Have you utilized the Crime Analysis Unit to help analyze the data for your project?

Yes No

8. What type of analysis or assistance did you ask the Crime Analysis Unit to provide?

9. Did you utilize the Crime Prevention Unit for your project? ___Yes ___No
How did you utilize Crime Prevention? _____

If you answered no to this questions, please specific why: _____

Section 3: Weekly and Monthly Reports/Maps

1. Do you use the monthly crime and calls for service report each month? ___Yes ___No

2. If you answered yes to the question above, please rank order the ways in which you use this report each month (*1 being most frequently used and 7 being least frequently used*).

- ___ Officer Deployment Strategy
- ___ Creation of Specialized Assignments for Officers
- ___ Problem Solving in Specific Neighborhoods
- ___ Community Meetings
- ___ City Council Requests
- ___ Grant proposals/applications
- ___ Civic Association Liaison Reports
- ___ Other (Please specify in the space below)

3. Do you find the information contained in this report to be helpful to you and your unit?

___Yes ___No If you answered no, please explain: _____

4. What could be added to the monthly report to make it more useful and/or user friendly?

5. Do you read/review the weekly report each week when it is published? ___Yes ___No

If you answered no to this question, please explain: _____

6. If you answered yes to the question above, please rank order the ways in which you use this report each month (*1 being most frequently used and 7 being least frequently used*).

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- Community Meetings
- City Council Requests
- Grant proposals/applications
- Civic Association Liaison Reports

7. Do you distribute paper copies of this report to your officers or do you tell them to refer to this report on the MDBs? Distribute paper copies Tell officers its on the MDBs
 Neither – I do not tell my staff about this report

8. After you've used both the monthly report and/or weekly report to address a crime problem or issues, do you assess your unit's response? Yes No
If you answered yes to this questions, how do you perform this assessment? _____

9. What can be added to the weekly report to make it more useful or user friendly to commanders or officers?

If you have additional comments or suggestions, please feel free to use the space below.