

Laurel Police Department – General Order
Chapter III, Section 200, Order 205 – Crime Analysis
December 5, 2010

3 / 205.05 POLICY

It is the policy of this Department to identify and determine possible crime trends and patterns within the City of Laurel and maintain a record of same.

3 / 205.10 PURPOSE

The Department recognizes the need to examine and utilize information obtained from various sources in order to best deploy its personnel and resources to prevent crime.

3 / 205.15 DEFINITIONS

None

3 / 205.20 PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL

1. The Open Unsolved Unit will be responsible for the collection of crime data and development of an analysis report on a weekly basis.

B. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Data used in the weekly crime analysis report will be obtained from the following sources:
 - a. Department Incident Reports
 - b. Crime Reports.com web portal
 - c. Outside law enforcement agencies communications and briefings

C. DISSEMINATION

1. The Crime Analysis reports will be disseminated to members of the Department's Command Staff.
 - a. Each member of the Command Staff will review the information to determine any possible crime trends or patterns
 - 1) Distribute that information to:
 - a) Special Operations Division;
 - b) Patrol Division; and
 - c) Other pertinent City of Laurel departments
2. The Chief of Police will be briefed on all possible crime trends and patterns during the weekly Command Staff meeting or, if the need arises, as soon as a crime trend or pattern is identified.
3. If approved by the Chief of Police, the crime data trends and patterns can be disseminated to the City of Laurel Public Information Officer for media distribution.

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- a. In some circumstances local homeowner associations and neighborhood groups can be apprised of a serial crime trend or pattern.

- 4. If necessary, affected units may request changes or clarification of the crime analysis process to best suit the needs of the Department.
 - a. Any changes to the crime analysis process shall be approved by the Chief of Police.

3 / 205.25 GOVERNING LEGISLATION AND REFERENCES

CALEA Standard 15.3.1

3 / 205.30 ANNEX

None