



Smart Policing Initiative 101

Preparing for the National Smart Policing Initiative Meeting

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Introductions

- ❖ Chip Coldren, SPI Project Director
- ❖ Hildy Saizow, Subject Matter Expert
- ❖ Please introduce yourself?
 - Site
 - SPI Role

SPI 101 Agenda



- ❖ Smart Policing Overview
 - The Vision and Challenges
 - Training and Technical Assistance
- ❖ 3 Key Components
 - Analysis and Research
 - Action Plans and Results
 - Sustaining Organizational Change
- ❖ Research Results in SPI Sites
- ❖ Preparation for the National Meeting
- ❖ The SPI website

Smart Policing: The Vision

- ❖ Police organizations as “complete” and results-oriented
 - Strategic
 - Science-based
 - Better development and use of data and intelligence information
 - Better utilization of technology
 - Focus on partnerships and collaboration
 - The “learning organization” = transparency, feedback, adapting to dynamic environment



Smart Policing: Is it “new”?

❖ Yes and No

- Incorporates elements of:
 - POP & COP
 - ILP and Compstat
 - Strategic Approaches to Community Safety
 - Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Plus
 - Technology
 - Research for “results”
 - Cost Benefit Analysis
 - Formalized research partnerships



Smart Policing: Is it “new”?

❖ Honors Peel’s principles



- Mission -- prevent crime and disorder
- Ability of police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions
- Test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it

Smart Policing: The Goals

❖ Goals

- Design (based on research and analysis), pilot and test innovative policing strategies and tactics that are offender-based and/or place-based and effective, efficient, and economical
- Support SPI sites through a comprehensive array of training and technical assistance resources



Objectives: Training and TA

❖ Provide training and information

- National meetings
- Webinars
- Briefs and other Products
- Website = SPI 'community'

❖ Monitor progress, provide suggestions, and assist with challenges

- Regular calls with SMEs



Objectives: Training and TA

- ❖ Provide individualized assistance
- ❖ Publish and disseminate information about SPI sites
- ❖ Maintain the Smart Policing Initiative website as a key vehicle for training, assistance, and dissemination



The SPI Sites

City	Phase	Primary Crime	Types of Policing
Boston, MA	II	Homicides	Organizational Change; Offender-Based Policing
Glendale	III	Violent crime	Offender-Based Policing; Organizational Change
Las Vegas, NV	III	Violent crime	Place-Based Policing; Hot Spot Policing
Michigan State Police	III	Violent crime	Evidence-Based Policing; Hot Spot Policing
Pullman, WA	III	Violent crime	Place-Based Policing; Offender-Based Policing; Problem-Oriented Policing; Technology
Shawnee, KS	III	Violent crime	Place-Based Policing; Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety
New Haven, CT	III	Violent crime	Predictive Policing; Hot Spot Policing
Philadelphia, PA	I	Violence	Place-based, Offender-based
Savannah, GA	I	Violence	Place-based, Offender-based, Problem-oriented
Rochester, NY	IV	Violent Retaliatory Disputes	Data-driven research, Offender-based and Place-based Policing
Joliet, IL	II	Gangs, gun violence, drugs	Place-based, Offender-based
San Diego, CA	II	Gangs	Place-based, Offender-based, Intelligence-led

The SPI Sites

City	Phase	Primary Crime	Types of Policing
Kansas City, MO	IV	Crime/violent crime	Place-Based Policing; Community Outreach
Lansing, MI	I	Drugs and violence	Place-based, Offender-based
Pharr, TX	III	Domestic violence	Technology Implementation
Columbia, SC	IV	Violent and property crime	Institutionalization of evidence-based policing
Lowell, MA	III	Crime (gun and drug)	Problem-Oriented Policing; Hot Spot Policing; Organizational Change
Baltimore, MD	II	Gun violence	Offender-based
Boston, MA	I	Gun violence	Place-based, Offender-based, Pulling-levers
Cambridge, MA	III	Gun violence	Predictive Policing (Involving Multiple Police Agencies)
East Palo Alto, CA	IV	Gun violence	Place-based Technology, ShotSpotter and Hot Spot Analyses
Los Angeles, CA	I	Gun violence	Place-based, Problem-oriented

The SPI Sites

City	Phase	Primary Crime	Types of Policing
Port St. Lucie, FL	IV	Repeat offenders	Institutionalization of Offender-based and Evidence-based Policing
York, ME	III	Burglary	Place-Based Policing; Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety
Indio, CA	II	Burglary	Place-based
Lowell, MA	I	Drugs	Problem-oriented, Place-based, Offender-based
Cincinnati, OH	II	Robbery	Place-based, Offender-based, Intelligence-led
Evans County, GA	III	Intelligence gathering	Technology Implementation; Organizational Change
Frisco, TX	III	Property crime	Community Outreach; Place-Based Policing
Glendale, AZ	I	Crime-prone neighborhoods	Place-based, Problem-oriented
Phoenix, AZ	IIII	Neighborhood disorder	Technology Implementation

Smart Policing: The Challenges

- ❖ True innovation
- ❖ Time allotted in the grant period to achieve results
- ❖ Research 'results'
- ❖ Use of technology
- ❖ Sustaining proven practices and strategies
- ❖ Cost-effectiveness analysis
- ❖ Reaching key stakeholders with information about 'results'



Smart Policing: 3 Key Components

Component 1: Analysis & Research

❖ Researcher roles in SPI

- Problem analysis ➔ development of tactics and strategies (including identification of evidence-based practices)
- Monitoring project implementation (process evaluation)
- Evaluating project results and impacts (organizationally, externally)
- Regular, contributing SPI team member



Component 1: Analysis and Research

- ❖ SPI goes beyond 'traditional' crime analysis, and requires access to and analysis of police and non-police data
- ❖ Sharing data, and 'co-interpreting' data, goes hand-in-hand with effective collaboration
- ❖ Dynamic nature of crime and police organizations requires an adeptness at analyzing trends, patterns, impacts, outcomes, and predictions
- ❖ Information and analysis technology changes rapidly -- we need to keep pace



Stop and Think



- ❖ How do you envision the role of the research partner in your project?
- ❖ Has your project contemplated any collection of new data?

Component 2: Action Plans & Results

❖ Suggested Framework:

- Describe the problem and data/analysis that led to its identification
- Develop a logic model -- identifying resources, activities, outputs, and solution(s)/outcomes to be tested and project results.
- Include formal agreement with the research partner-- identify role and responsibilities of all partners, expectations for final product/report



Component 2: Action Plans & Results

- ❖ Demonstrate executive support and commitment to the SPI
- ❖ Include an impact/outcome evaluation plan
- ❖ Document project implementation and results in a final report



Stop and Think



- ❖ Does your project have a detailed implementation plan or logic model?
- ❖ Does your project have a formal agreement with the research partner regarding deliverables?

Component 3: Organizational Innovation, Change, & Sustainability

❖ SPI views organizational change as a diverse set of options --

- Re-designing or re-organizing the Agency's structure (e.g. combining investigations with patrol operations)
- Developing new capabilities requiring new skills (e.g. crime and intelligence analysis)
- Setting new policies/priorities (e.g. no longer dispatching for non-injury traffic accidents; moving to proactive crime prevention)
- Changing how the organization responds to and works with external constituents/agencies

3 Elements Required for Innovation*

1. Empathy = give everyone a chance to learn about something they may not fully understand
 - ❖ Just because you 'get it,' doesn't mean everyone else does
 - ❖ Can you put yourself in the shoes of those who will receive the 'innovation?'



* From GovExec.com

3 Elements Required for Innovation

2. Diversity = different voices must be brought to the table to get representation of diverse perspectives on a problem



- ❖ Those in the room must be open to all participants, regardless of status in the organization, sharing their own ideas

3 Elements Required for Innovation

3. Risk taking = people must be willing to try something different, to voice a “wild” idea without fear of ridicule or repercussions

- ❖ Is there a culture of innovation in the organization?
- ❖ Does leadership support risk taking?



Why is organizational change inevitable?

❖ Because of dynamic environments:

- Economic realities
- Political/constituency concerns
- Changes in local criminal environment/sub-culture
- Adoption of technology
- SPI can provide the impetus for change - sustaining change (when warranted) requires organizational adjustments



Sustainability

- ❖ Sustainability stressed early on; plan strategically at the outset
- ❖ Don't assume that everything should be sustained
- ❖ Never underestimate the importance of frequent communication with internal stakeholders
- ❖ There is a close link between innovation, sustainability, and organizational change



Sustaining Innovation



- ❖ Modifying officer performance evaluations
- ❖ Reaching out to agencies in the region
- ❖ Routinizing collaboration with external stakeholders
- ❖ Enhancing crime analysis capabilities
- ❖ Modifying CompStat meetings
- ❖ Providing specific training on SPI – roll calls, on-line, academy

Managing Organizational Change

- ❖ Provide a vision and communicate it
- ❖ Open dialogue -- Engage staff at all levels and external stakeholders
- ❖ Build momentum
 - Share stories of success
 - Develop measures to track performance
 - Share credit (“Never take credit for a good idea” - Harry Truman)
- ❖ Anticipate and plan for sustaining change



Dealing with Resistance to Organizational Change

- ❖ Anticipate sources of resistance – cooperate and co-opt
- ❖ Educate and communicate
- ❖ Participation and collaboration
- ❖ Facilitate and support
- ❖ Negotiate and compromise
- ❖ Coercion (explicit and implicit) – autocratic directive



Stop and Think



- ❖ What organizational changes will be required to insure the success of your project?
- ❖ How have you planned for helping to make those changes happen?

Research Outcomes in 4 SPI Sites

SPI Research: Boston, MA



- ❖ 30-year analysis of violent & gun crime in 'micro places'
- ❖ Evaluation of Safe Street Teams (COP & POP)
- ❖ Evaluation of Boston Ceasefire
- ❖ Double-digit reductions in violent crime
 - 17% reduction in violent index crime
 - 9% reduction in robberies, and
 - 15% reduction aggravated assaults
 - No evidence of displacement



SPI Research: Philadelphia, PA



- ❖ Random assignment of different policing 'treatments' (POP, foot patrol, offender focus, controls) in 80 micro places
- ❖ Citizen surveys
- ❖ Findings --
 - Foot patrol was most effective
 - POP showed some promise
 - Offender focus suffered from implementation problems



SPI Research: Palm Beach County, FL

- ❖ Pre/Post community surveys; monitoring robbery cases/statistics
- ❖ Evidence of increased trust in police among the immigrant community
- ❖ Initial spike in robbery reports, then reduction in the treatment area
- ❖ SPI 'adopted' by Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (sustainability)



Preparation for the National Meeting

Smart Policing National Meeting

❖ Meeting goals

- Key SPI concepts --
 - Project action planning
 - Research partnerships and designs
 - Sustainability
 - Peer-to-peer networking
 - Support from BJA and CNA



Smart Policing National Meeting

❖ Meeting outcomes

- Better understanding of Smart Policing, expectations, pathways to success
- Review and revise action plans
- Understand how CNA, SMEs, BJA, others can be of assistance
- Strengthen the SPI community through peer-to-peer interaction



Smart Policing National Meeting

❖ How to Prepare for the Meeting

- Review:
 - Site proposal sent to BJA
 - Webinars on SPI website
 - Suggested readings
 - BJA fact sheet/new solicitation
 - Site summaries
 - Rachel Boba (stratified model)
 - John Eck (60 small steps)



Smart Policing Initiative Website

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- ❖ Includes a number of useful resources
- ❖ Each site has a personal page
- ❖ Join our social media networks



www.smartpolicinginitiative.com

