

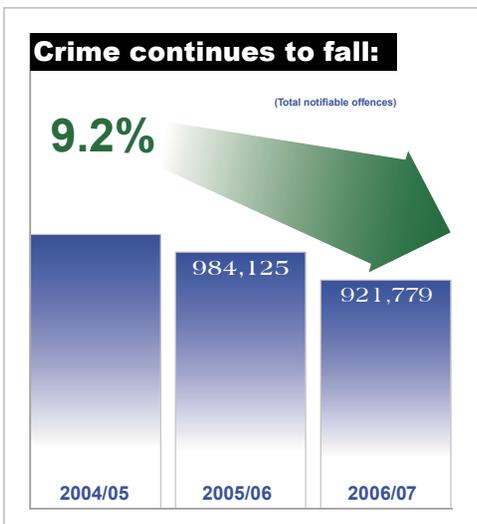
United Kingdom Uses a Problem-Oriented Approach to Crime Reduction...and it works!

This training program was designed based on the successes of the Problem Solving Unit (PSU) of the London Metropolitan Police (New Scotland Yard). In a recent report by Sir Ian Blair¹, Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police, he credits the Safer Neighborhoods (SN) teams in the overall reduction of crime by 9.2% in London, United Kingdom (UK). The SN actively uses problem solving to reduce the opportunity for repeat crime.

The PSU trains their police force and analysts to look at the cause of the problem for the purposes of reducing the opportunity for the problem to reoccur. In addition, the PSU assists each police location in London with problem solving initiatives.

All of the UK has experienced a sustainable reduction in crime since 1995 by 42%² due to implementing problem solving as an operational strategy.

¹cms.met.police.uk/met/content/download/12762/59054/file/Briefing.pdf
²www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/hosb1107.pdf



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What Is It?

This program combines the current crime theories with a specific problem identified by the participant which would be relevant to a participating law enforcement agency. The participant will be able to use these crime theories in order to understand how the problem occurred and develop a plan to sustainably prevent the problem from reoccurring. The participants will use web-based tools to develop a custom learning path, collaborate with team members using an on-line discussion forum, and will be evaluated with an online assessment instrument.

How Will ALEPSTP Help My Agency?

If your agency has a reoccurring problem that affects manpower and resources, then the ALEPSTP will give you a new insight on how to prevent the problem from reoccurring generally without increasing the need for your agency's assets.

How Much Does This Program Cost?

The cost of travel and per diem for 2 FLETC/BSD instructors. This cost will vary depending on the location.

Does This Really Work?

The London Metropolitan Police (New Scotland Yard) uses this same training format to teach every constable and analyst in London, UK. Their agency continues to experience a sustainable reduction in crime every year since it was first introduced in 1995.

Below are some comments from the Pilot ALEPSTP:

"...should be sent out to all police agencies..."

"Causes one to view things differently."

"This is the wave of the future."

"Having a mix of different agencies is ideal so that ideas can be shared on ways to help each other."

Proposed Model Schedule

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM SOLVING					
COORDINATOR:	CLASS NO:				BLDG. NO:
TECHNICIAN:	AGENCY:				ROOM NO:
EDUCATIONAL AIDE:	MON (1)	TUE (2)	WED (3)	THU (4)	FRI (5)
7:30		4210 WELCOME AND ORIENTATION	4204 DEFINING PROBLEMS THROUGH ANALYSIS	4207 SOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS	
8:30		BSD		PE	
8:30		4028 PRE-TEST			
9:30					
9:30		BSD	BSD		
10:30		4206 PROBLEM SOLVING AS AN OPERATIONAL STRATEGY	4204 DEFINING PROBLEMS THROUGH ANALYSIS LAB		
10:30					
11:30		BSD	BSD	BSD	
11:30 - 12:30 LUNCH					
12:30		4209 SCANNING TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS	4208 RESPONDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS	4207 CONT...	
1:30			BSD	BSD	
1:30			4205 ASSESSING RESPONSES	4028 POST-TEST	
2:30		BSD	BSD	BSD	
2:30		4209 SCANNING TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS LAB	4208 RESPONDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS	4211 PROGRAM CRITIQUE	
3:30			LAB	BSD	
3:30				4212 GRADUATION	
4:30		BSD	BSD	BSD	
AFTER 4:30					

Courses

Problem Solving as an Operational Strategy

This course describes the history of law enforcement operational strategies and discusses the types of problem-solving operational strategies used by law enforcement in the United States as well as worldwide. In addition, this course will review the SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment) problem-solving model used in these problem-solving operational strategies.

Scanning to Identify Problems

This course will define the Routine Activity Theory and identify a manner to predict criminal activity at a specific location and time utilizing the Scanning phase of the SARA model.

Defining Problems Through Analysis

This course will define various criminology theories in the Analysis phase to determine the cause of law enforcement problems. By understanding the Actors involved, the Environmental causes, and

resources available, the participant would be able to identify the root cause of the problem.

Responding to Law Enforcement Problems

By reviewing case studies, this course will provide discussions on using goals and situational crime prevention techniques in order to prevent the problems from reoccurring.

Assessing the Effectiveness of Responses

This course will describe the manners of assessing the effectiveness of a plan to prevent a law enforcement problem in addition to providing a scientific, professional explanation as to how your preventive technique sustainably reduced the opportunity of your problem from reoccurring.

Solving Law Enforcement Problems PE

The course is designed to give participants the opportunity to present their plan to prevent their chosen problem using the SARA problem-solving formula as identified through the Advanced Law Enforcement Problem Solving Training Program.