

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

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Research and Development

I Policy

The Springfield Police Department is committed to research and development activities in order to enhance services, improve operations and efficiently respond to the changing social and economic needs of our community.

II Definitions

III Procedure

1 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1 The Research and Development function is staffed at the direction of the Chief of Police and reports to the Professional Standards and Crime Analysis Unit Supervisor.¹
- 1.2 The functions of Research and Development will be directed toward compiling information and presenting documented analysis to assist in the management and decision-making processes of the police department.
 - 1.2.1 Research and Development shall have access to information necessary to complete the research.
 - 1.2.2 Research may include but not be limited to the following:
 - 1.2.2(a) Resource allocation studies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of available staff;

¹ Section 1.1 revised title of the Research and Development Supervisor, per Policy Change Order 14-063, Effective Date 10/15/2014.

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- 1.2.2(b) Geographic analysis and equalization of workload distribution;
 - 1.2.2(c) Development of GIS mapping services including printed, digital and spatial analysis;
 - 1.2.2(d) Law enforcement surveys for comparison of service levels;
 - 1.2.2(e) Development of benchmarks and measurement of outcomes as they relate to management of the department;
 - 1.2.2(f) Design and develop CAD business intelligence reports;
 - 1.2.2(g) Compiling call for service studies reflecting trends and patterns for future planning;
 - 1.2.2(h) Serve as liaison with other law enforcement agencies in the exchange of research information;
 - 1.2.2(i) Provide commanders with contemporary law enforcement information and research regarding operations and administration.
- 1.3 Analytical reports, documents and studies will be distributed to the Chief and Bureau Commanders. They may be disseminated to affected organizational units at the direction of the Chief and/or Bureau Commanders.

IV Attachments