

2007 Law Enforcement Planning & Research Directors' Forum

Purpose of Forum



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What is LEPRD?

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- Network of planning and research director's from law enforcement agencies working collaboratively with commanders/chiefs/sheriffs
- U.S., Canadian, British agencies (initially)
- Initially focused on large city law enforcement issues



Why should LEPRD exist?

- Currently no dedicated forum available for the planning and research directors – working collaboratively with commanders/chiefs/sheriffs
- Built on idea that research, experimentation, exchanging of ideas and debate are the paths for advancing knowledge body of policing
- Help organize/foster the voice of planning/research directors (PRDs)



Why should LEPRD exist? (Cont'd)

- Planning/research directors (PRDs) have a unique perspective by having access to important data
- Recognition of collective contribution of PRDs and raise profile of PRDs within agencies
- Help PRDs stay current on new research, policy development, positive and negative trends and innovations in field of policing



What will LEPRD do?

- Help find ways to improve the functioning/output of a planning/research unit (PRU)
 - Ways to organize, situate, and manage a PRU in different agencies
 - Help sort out which agency functions that should be handled within a PRU
 - Best practices in using consultants/university partners or in-house staff
- Improve our sharing of approaches to P&R
 - Effective research methods
 - Information on "what works" in policing



What will LEPRD do? (Cont'd)

- Advancing field of policing
 - PRDs can bring to the agency evidence of effective practices being used by others
 - Encourage the implementation of evidence-based and promising practices (e.g., hot spots policing)
- Clarifying role of P&R in a law enforcement agency
- Enhance opportunities for networking to facilitate the above areas