

# 2008 Law Enforcement Organization Planning & Research Directors' Forum



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# What is LEOPRD?



- Network of planning and research director's (PRDs) from law enforcement agencies (LEAs)
- LEOPRD is working to further the development of police PRDs by working collaboratively with the managers and leaders of LEAs (chiefs/sheriffs), their PRDs, and other individuals in related professional LEA organizations



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- Provides PRDs with venues to share and discuss their unique planning and research issues, methodologies and promising practices.
- LEOPRD is dedicated to improving law enforcement policy, practice and performance through the promotion and advancement of the law enforcement planning and research discipline.



# Why LEOPRD?

- Currently, no dedicated forum available for the planning and research directors (PRDs), working collaboratively with commanders/chiefs/sheriffs
- Help organize/foster the voice of PRDs
- 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 LEOPRD do?

- Improve info sharing through LEOPRD website on:
  - Effective research methods for PRU context
  - Information on "what works" in policing
  - Also, have a listserve to send questions and dialogue with other PRDs
- Enhance opportunities for networking for planning and research directors



# What will LEOPRD do? (Cont'd)

- Advance the field of policing
  - Evidence of effective practices being used by other LEAs
  - Encourage the implementation of evidence-based and promising practices (e.g., hot spots policing)
- Help find ways to improve the functioning/output of a planning/research unit (PRU)
  - Better ways to organize & manage PRUs
  - Sort out functions to be handled by PRUs
  - Promising practices in using consultants/university partners or in-house staff