Problem: Gun Violence   **Jurisdiction:** City, Urban

Scenario Title: "Risk Reduction Taskforce"

Key Risk Factors: Sit-Down Restaurants, Drug Markets, Fast Food Take-out Restaurants, and Gas Stations.

Origin: Developed by police Director & commanders following discussion of the RTM results.

Risk Reduction Taskforce

1. **Begins with Intel from Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM) Analysis:** Highest risk places had 58 times greater likelihood of Gun Violence than other locations. Highest risk places covered about 5% of the jurisdiction and accounted for nearly 30% of crimes.

2. **RTM Informs a Crime/Risk Reduction Strategy:** To reflect RTM findings, PD elected to focus on 4 factors that attracted gun violence: drug markets, sit-down restaurants, fast food take-outs, and gas stations. PD selected target areas where many of these risky features were located AND where crime counts were spiking. Then, the PD designed intervention strategies to reflect this: When not on a call-for-service, officers were instructed to patrol the high-risk places. Proactive enforcement was carefully targeted at drug markets within the target areas. And, for 4 hours each day during the 3-month intervention, a taskforce comprised of 3 officers, under the supervision of a Lieutenant, visited businesses located within the target areas. Upon visiting the business, officers were required to meet with the on-duty manager and have them sign a sheet, to ensure that proper contact was established.

3. **Data is Collected to Assess Impact:** The task force's intervention activities successfully reduced gun violence, with a particularly great impact at the highest-risk portions of the target area. This risk reduction strategy addressed both "form" and "function": (1) Regarding form, the use of a dedicated taskforce worked well; (2) Regarding function, the intervention activities performed by the task force were effective.

4. Ultimately, **significant crime reductions can be achieved** when a taskforce consistently and thoughtfully implements intervention activities at high-risk places.

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