

Problem: Motor Vehicle Theft

Jurisdiction: City, Urban

Scenario Title: "Disorder Calls for Service"

Key Risk Factors: Disorder Calls-for-Service (i.e. Disorderly Conduct, Drunk/Intoxicated Person, Loitering, Noise Complaint, Panhandling, and Trespassing).

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

Risk Reduction Taskforce

1. **Begins with Intel from Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM) Analysis:** Highest risk places had approximately 147 times greater likelihood of Motor Vehicle Theft than other locations. Highest risk places covered about 4% of the jurisdiction and accounted for nearly 43% of crimes.
2. **RTM Informs a Crime/Risk Reduction Strategy:** To reflect RTM findings, the PD elected to focus on places with high frequencies of "Disorder-Related Calls-for-Service (CFS)". This was the top risk factor in the model with a Relative Risk Value more than twice as large as the next highest risk factor (5.61 vs. 2.75). This focus on disorder CFS was prioritized at the highest risk places. The PD designed a number of strategies, involving officers from a number of different units, to address disorder via proactive enforcement and community engagement. These strategies included Code Enforcement property inspections in the target area, Community Service Officer Neighborhood Cleanups, Proactive Traffic Enforcement, Community Meetings, and the deployment of License Plate Recognition devices for the purpose of identifying stolen Motor Vehicles in the target area. The PD instituted an innovative application of proactive policing against social disorder offenses (and CFS) that included more than just "law enforcement" actions. In this regard, a summons was issued in only 10 of the 139 instances of police dealings with these types of offenders. No arrests occurred. The majority of incidents were handled via non-punitive actions (verbal warnings, etc.).
3. **Data is Collected to Assess Impact:** The PD's intervention activities successfully reduced Motor Vehicle Theft, with a particularly great impact at the highest-risk portions of the target area. This risk reduction strategy leveraged the activity of a number of resources to jointly target a category of risk factors that officials deemed the most important.
4. Ultimately, **significant crime reductions are achieved** when resources are focused on disorderly behaviors at the highest-risk places.

