

Smart Policing: Evidence-Based Law Enforcement Initiative

Category 1: “Smart Policing” Demonstration Initiative

**Smart Policing in Los Angeles:
Targeting Gun Violence**

**A Proposal Submitted by the
Los Angeles Police Department**

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Applicant: Los Angeles Police Department

Title of the Project: Smart Policing in Los Angeles: Targeting Gun Violence

Dollar Amount Requested: \$499,958

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Abstract

Over the last five years, Part 1 crime has dropped in Los Angeles by 33% and homicides by 41%. The Los Angeles Police Department seeks to continue this downward trend in crime by using data-driven strategies and Smart Policing techniques. Funds are requested for a crime/intelligence analyst and GIS software and server. Funds will also support the work of Dr. Craig D. Uchida of Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS) to continue his work as research partner with the LAPD. Dr. Uchida will assist LAPD with analysis and the development of crime reduction strategies, and will write reports that integrate criminological theory, problem solving, and spatial dynamics.

Under the Smart Policing Initiative, the LAPD’s Real-time Analysis and Critical Response Division (RACR) will follow the principles of problem-oriented policing by scanning, analyzing, responding, and assessing the problem of gun violence in selected neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

There are three goals to this strategy:

1. Reduce crimes by improving the use of analytic tools
2. Improve neighborhood safety by using problem solving methods
3. Increase efficiency of police officers and investigators by using new and innovative technology

RACR will work with its research partner, JSS, to continue to develop problem-oriented policing projects using spatial analysis, data mining and other software. JSS will assist RACR in analyzing data, creating computer generated maps, measuring the performance of the project, and determining its effectiveness. Deliverables will include: 1) quarterly and annual reports; 2) power point presentations about key prosecutions; and 3) periodic reports about specific problem solving projects.