

Traffic Safety and Crime Prevention

Issue Description:

Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) integrates location-based crime and traffic data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. Using geomapping to identify areas that have high incidences of crime and crashes, DDACTS uses traffic enforcement strategies that play a dual role in fighting crime and reducing crashes and traffic violations. Drawing on the deterrent of highly visible traffic enforcement and the knowledge that crime often involves the use of motor vehicles, the goal of DDACTS is to reduce the incidence of crime, crashes, and traffic violations across the country.

Recommended Tactics/Strategies for Addressing the Issue:

The DDACTS relies on prompt collection and analysis of crash and crime data to provide actionable reports that inform tactical and strategic decisions of a law enforcement agency. Agencies currently participating are: Baltimore County, Maryland Police Department; Lafourche Parish, Louisiana Sheriff's Office; Nashville, Tennessee Police Department; Oakland, California Police Department; Rochester, New York Police Department; St Albans Police Department and Vermont State Police; and Washoe County, Nevada Police Department.

Additional Information:

Agencies currently participating or who are interested in participating in this initiative can use funds received from BJA's Justice Assistance Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) to recover DDACTS expenses that are ordinarily allowable under JAG.

Available Resources:

[Geomapping courses from the National Institute of Justice](#)

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