



# Crime Analysis Tool Comparison

## SPI National Meeting

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# Project Background

- SPI calls for each site to include a high level of crime analysis
- Capabilities, assigned personnel, and available tools vary greatly across the sites
- Some sites have purchased crime analysis-related tools while others are still deciding what are the best tools to accomplish the goals
- Nothing currently exists to assist PDs in identifying the vast range of crime analysis tools available and comparing the wide variety of functionality, cost and usability

# Project Plan

1. Identify all currently available tools.
2. Determine criteria that will be included in the comparison, i.e. cost, primary target users, learning curve, regional functionality, direct impact on SPI project, software platform, analytical features, types of products, etc.
3. Research each tool
  - a) Seek input from existing users and crime analysis field
  - b) Review websites
  - c) Contact vendors
  - d) Identify existing evaluations and reports about the tools
4. Create matrix and accompanying report

# Progress Report - The Matrix

<b>GIS SYSTEMS /Tools</b>	<b>ArcGIS</b>	<b>Crime Analyst Ext</b>	<b>CrimeMap</b>	<b>CrimeReports</b>
<b>Overall Features</b>				
<i>Software Platform</i>				
<i>Primary Target Users</i>				
<i>Cost</i>				
<i>Learning Curve</i>				
<i>Impact on SPI Project</i>				
<i>Regional Functionality</i>				
<b>Input Features</b>				
<i>Accuracy of geocoding</i>				
<b>Analysis Features</b>				
<i>Near repeat calculator</i>				
<i>Risk terrain modeling</i>				
<i>Kernel density estimation</i>				
<i>Nearest neighbor stats</i>				
<b>Output Features</b>				
<i>Predictive accuracy index</i>				
<b>Types of Products produced</b>				
<i>Usefulness</i>				
<i>Actionable</i>				

<b>VENDOR</b>	Esri	Esri	GeoSpatial Technologies	Crime Reports
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.esri.com">www.esri.com</a>	<a href="http://www.esri.com">www.esri.com</a>	<a href="http://www.geospatialtech.com/products/viewer/">http://www.geospatialtec.com/products/viewer/</a>	<a href="https://www.crimereports.com/">https://www.crimereports.com/</a>

# Progress Report - The Tools

<b>GIS Tools</b>
ArcGIS
Crime Analyst Ext
CrimeMap
CrimeReports
CrimeStat
CrimeView
GeoBalance
GeoDa
GeoTime
GRASS
MapInfo
Maptitude
ProMap
Quantam GIS
Risk Terrain Modeling
SchoolCOP

<b>Crime &amp; Predictive Analytics</b>
ATAC
Discover
Gotham
Hunch Lab
IMPACT
JMP
LEA
Near Repeat Calculator
PredPol
Tableau
VCAP

<b>Intelligence &amp; Network Analytics</b>
Centrifuge
CIVER-MIND
CrimeLink
Cytoscape
Gephi
I2/Analyst's Notebook
Netminer
NodeXL
Pen-Link
RFFlow
Sentinel Visualizer
Synthesys
UCINET
uReveal
Xanalys

# Completion Plan

- Create and administer survey
- Conduct research
- Provide draft to interested parties
  
- Notice I don't put any definitive dates... 😊
  
- Questions? Comments?
- Please contact me with any input...  
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