

The SARA Model

Criminal Justice

Goldstein's method: treat repeated incidents as one problem.

Four stages. The middle two are the ones most often skipped.

1

Scanning

Identify a recurring problem from calls, data and community reports.

2

Analysis

Establish who, where, when and why it recurs before responding.

3

Response

Design a tailored response, usually with partners outside policing.

4

Assessment

Measure whether the problem changed, not whether activity happened.

Educational reference. Reviews find problem-oriented policing effective on average; implementation quality varies widely.