

Applied Evidence-Based Policing Practices: Homicide & Violent Crime Reduction

A VCPI training program that provides police managers and decision makers with a comprehensive understanding of current evidence-based practices and ways to implement these practices as part of homicide and violent crime reduction efforts.

Applied Evidence-Based Policing Practices: Homicide and Violent Crime Reduction is a comprehensive, blended-learning training program that explores current and best practices aimed at reducing homicide and violent crime. This course bridges the gap between research and practice by integrating theoretical and practical foundations of crime prevention, reduction, and deterrence.

This program consists of a core curriculum designed as a two-day, facilitator-led course for direct dissemination to law enforcement practitioners, either in a traditional or virtual classroom. Supporting the core curriculum is a three-day instructor development program which prepares instructors to further disseminate the core curriculum in an efficient, consistent, and measurable manner.

The instructional design for this training program is based on a scaffold approach that encourages participants to progress from content awareness through application of learning. The core curriculum consists of four (4) content modules, covering the following topics:

- The purpose of the police when it comes to homicide and violent crime reduction;
- The importance of evidence and research as deciding factors in selecting violent crime countermeasures and interventions;
- Evidence-based policing practices that have been effective in homicide and violence reduction; and
- The role of community policing in the long-term sustainability of homicide and violent crime reduction initiatives

In addition to direct instruction, participants will explore the significance of evidence-based practices through group exercises, multi-media presentations, case studies and hands-on use of technology enhanced tools and web-based applications.

Although Applied Evidence-Based Policing Practices: Homicide and Violent Crime Reduction is geared toward police managers and decision-makers, the content is applicable to all law enforcement and criminal justice professionals, as well as community stakeholders.