

4 Common Challenges Law Enforcement Faces Today

— *and How to Address Them*

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The law enforcement community faces many unique and pressing challenges.

Below are a few of the most common (and most critical):

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Dealing with the opioid crisis

CHALLENGE 2

Lowering violent crime rates

CHALLENGE 3

Reducing your police footprint by using limited resources more efficiently

CHALLENGE 4

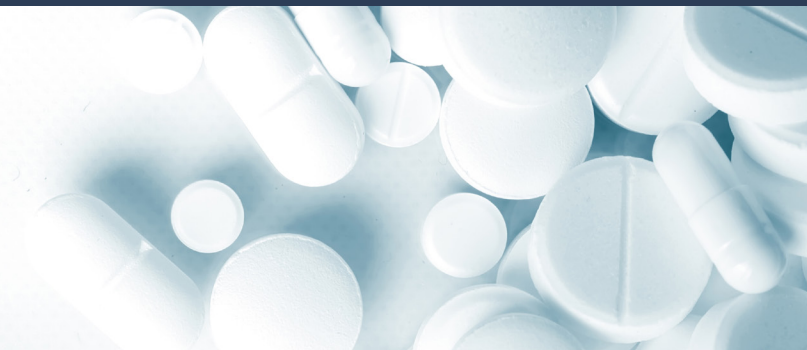
Recruiting and retaining top talent

Making a significant dent in any of these areas will go a long way in improving officer safety, morale and community trust.

How does your agency fare when it comes to addressing these common challenges? Let's examine each one in detail throughout the next few pages.

CHALLENGE NUMBER 1

Dealing with the opioid crisis



DID YOU KNOW?

A major hurdle with existing law enforcement technology solutions is trying to find relevant information across multiple software systems. 🛡️

Over **45 thousand** Americans lost their lives to opioid abuse in 2017. That's an average of **130 Americans per day**.

Law enforcement officials find themselves on the front lines of the opioid epidemic. Investigating drug-related crime, however, almost always exceeds the boundaries of an individual use, possession or distribution charge.

Officers and investigators need to be able to take the information they have — which might be a single suspect or piece of evidence — and quickly create associations from there.

With a simple and intuitive search engine, an officer or investigator can begin with a specific suspect or arrestee and work inductively outward, in order to expand the aperture of the investigation and build a broader case.

When little is known about suspects or related entities, powerful search engines can isolate facets of data by a variety of criteria — including demographic, vehicle descriptors, M.O., temporal and geospatial — which can further highlight potential focal points in the investigation with a few clicks of the mouse.

Learn more about the powerful [Forensic Logic Leap](#) search engine.

CHALLENGE NUMBER 2

Lowering violent crime rates



DID YOU KNOW?

Gang-related crime and active shooter situations continue to plague our communities. 🗡️

While extremely useful, the tools that currently exist to help combat violent gun crime have not reached their full potential due to:

- Missing recovery information at the time of gun trace submission
- Erroneous data in the submissions
- Delayed lead generation
- A lack of comprehensive use

As a result, these tools fall short when it comes to generating actionable insights.

Analysts and investigators need to be able to quickly search for relevant information across all of their agency's existing systems — and across jurisdictions.

By integrating your existing point solutions (e.g., gunshot location, gun tracing, ballistics association and more) into a central analytics platform, you can start to combat violent crime more effectively.

Add on a search platform powerful enough to automatically identify any associations between that data, and investigators can quickly make connections between people, locations, vehicles, telephone numbers, firearms and more.

CHALLENGE NUMBER 3

Using less resources to
reduce police footprint



DID YOU KNOW?

Many predictive and analytical tools simply point out where to place more officers on patrol based on high-crime neighborhoods. 🗡️

Reducing your police footprint while reducing crime may sound counterintuitive, but it's possible.

In fact, the law enforcement community in Oakland, California, one of America's historically most dangerous cities, was able to do just that.

With limited staff, the Oakland Police Department — one of the most understaffed police agencies in America — partnered with Forensic Logic to reduce crime while also reducing their policing footprint.

Traditionally, departments will perform lots of well-intentioned traffic stops in the hopes of finding a firearm; however, the yield rates have proven unsuccessful.

With Forensic Logic, Oakland was able to use information and investigate leads at every level of the organization.

By letting data drive every aspect of its approach to violent crime reduction, Oakland PD was able to prioritize limited resources to precisely target its worst offenders and make investigative inroads at crime scenes.

Over the span of five years, Oakland reduced shootings by **50 percent**, homicides by **42 percent** and robberies by **38 percent**.

Read the full story [here](#).

CHALLENGE NUMBER 4

Recruiting & retaining top talent efficiently



DID YOU KNOW?

A healthy economy and low unemployment have contributed to a recruitment crisis in law enforcement, leaving more work for fewer people. 🛡️

Agencies have long struggled with not having enough resources to effectively police an entire community.

Increasingly common civil unrest and catastrophic weather events, along with the coming global recession, will make it even more difficult to adequately serve communities, maintain trust and keep personnel.

A data-sharing, search and analytics platform makes it easier for everyone from patrol, analysts, investigators and command staff to quickly access the right information in every situation.

This efficiency empowers them to do their job more effectively and more safely, both of which will naturally help recruitment and retention efforts.

The ability to track and share data and crime trends helps create accountability and a culture of trust, both within the department and in your community.

Just ask Oakland PD, which has been praised by community leaders, law enforcement and the media for its success in reducing violent crime and recidivism by focusing its efforts on the city's most violent offenders.

[Read Oakland's story](#) to see how crime analytics software helps agencies improve decision-making and situational awareness.

Harness the Power of Search and Analytics

Forensic Logic has spent more than a decade collaborating with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to deploy the largest, most powerful network of users, information and technology in American law enforcement.

We've combined our industry-leading search engine, **LEAP**, with **COPLINK's** advanced analytics and reporting to offer a full suite of information technology in a single platform. The finest tools and the richest data are now matched with streamlined integrations and rapid deployment.

Discover how Forensic Logic can help you combat your top challenges. Request a demo [here](#) today!

*"Forensic Logic is the most powerful technology
for reducing violent crime in America today,"*

- Eric Breshears, former Deputy Chief, Oakland PD

*"Forensic Logic is absolutely instrumental in nearly every case we prosecute...
What they have built, the power of their technology, it makes their head spin."*

- District Attorney Nancy O'Malley



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