

The Compstat Concept in Addressing Crime

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Compstat is a computerized systematic way of using the Geographic Information System (GIS) to track criminal activity and crime trends. Compstat was initiated in 1994 by then New York City Commissioner William Bratton to address the high crime rate in New York City. Compstat goals center on reducing crime, enhancing arrest and community involvement. There have been both positives (open communications, accountability) and negatives (fudge factor, pressure from leadership) listed in reference to the concept of Compstat. This paper will attempt to determine the effectiveness of the Compstat process within the Daytona Beach Police Department, whereas positive and negative aspects of the process will also be identified.