

# **Community Oriented Policing - One Step Beyond Major Crime Problem Solvers - The Evolution of Investigations for the 21st Century**

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This article examines key components of agencies that employ successful Community Oriented Policing (COP) practices and outlines how the investigative unit fits into the organization's transition. Project recommendations demonstrate the benefit for police agencies to enhance successful COP strategies by dismantling the traditional methodology and restructuring and incorporating the resources into a major crime problem solving mode. A background overview of the North Miami Beach Police Department's Community Policing practices will set the tone for the evolution of the investigation unit.