

Fighting Crime in the Cyber-Age: A new Challenge for Law Enforcement

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Computers are becoming an increasingly important part of everyday life. They also provide new opportunities for criminal enterprise. The computer provides both new types of crime, and new ways of perpetrating traditional crimes. Computer crime investigation differs from more traditional crime investigation in several critical ways which will require law enforcement agencies to adopt new policies and practices. This research documents the increasing rate of computer based crime, points out several critical areas where it differs from more traditional crimes and outlines new problems and issues which law enforcement must address in order to combat computer crime. Finally, the paper suggest a plan of action suitable for many law enforcement agencies to prepare for dealing with computer based crime.