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Abstract

Organized crimes have increased significantly in the United States. Therefore, the law enforcement agency needs to derive crucial policies that will enhance the security and safety of its people. Security is one of the critical roles that law enforcement officers should ensure that every citizen follows laws without interfering with the safety of other individuals. Moreover, law enforcement agencies should keep in deliberation that the attacks which are organized are related to the local individuals. Nonetheless, organized crimes comprise of several criminal activities including armed robbery, drug and people trafficking, money laundering and counterfeiting (Von Lampe, 2015). Therefore, individuals involved in this activity are from the community to help realize the gaps available and organize the place and time when such crimes will happen. The United States law enforcement should put their main priority in community policing to be able to fight such crimes, such as organized crimes and counterfeiting terrorism. Performing investigations require law enforcement officers to search for evidence by assessing data and developing the capacity to know and distinguish the actions of the suspects.

Community Policing Policy

The United States law enforcement should adapt to the traditional strategies where they should involve citizens in their fight against crimes. Citizens are among the essential individuals to be involved as partners of the law enforcement agency to help in solving problems regarding crimes (Schanzer et al., 2016). Community policing will help in creating trust among the police and citizens. When there is a good relationship between the police and the community individuals, people will be able to share critical information with the police that will aid in investigations and hence combating criminal activities that are planned within the community. Moreover, the main aim of community policing will be to make the law enforcement officers be trusted by the public. Therefore, through trust, law enforcement officers will have the ability to have an understanding concerning the community and residents of the community in general, hence providing them with enough detail to make essential intelligence to identify criminal activities that are planned. Moreover, the law enforcement officer at the local community will have the capacity to collect information both in ethnic and religious community groups because of the relationship developed among them.

Research and Data

Criminal intelligence analysis is one of the crucial skills that law enforcement officers should have when combating organized crimes. Intelligence skills are very important as it helps law enforcement officers develop informative decisions regarding crimes and using the information provided to them as well as those that they can gather from the community (Berlusconi et al., 2016). Law enforcement officials who work to the local community do not know about intelligence as they have not been trained to the capacity of knowledge to analyze

information and find the critical aspect of crimes organized. The majority of the police officers are not aware of the information they have is crucial in the identification of the criminal activities planned in their communities because they do not know about analyzing data. Moreover, the sharing of information is also very critical because police officers will be able to link all the information gathered and have relevant information about the crimes being arranged.

The current world is full of advanced technology. Thus, law enforcement officers should also be equipped with knowledge and modern technology to be able to face criminal challenges that are available. The growth of economy and terrorism has resulted in law enforcement agencies changing how they perform their operations, from traditional forms to participatory tactics. Police are required to be trained in ways that they can behave with the public and increase professional knowledge and capacity. Furthermore, the increase in organized crimes requires the police and the public to collaborate and help each other in reducing the risks associated with such criminal activities.

Education provided to the public is also another critical part that the law enforcement agency should consider. The community, despite playing a part in providing relevant information to law enforcement officers regarding criminal whereabouts, is important when they know certain events and signs which can result in crime (Jackson & Gau, 2016). Although, not all communities will be affected by the crimes, in one way or another they may get involved and affected with fear of being ambushed by such crimes. Criminals bring fear and undermine safety of individuals in the community. Law enforcement officers have also taken the functions of leadership in the community because they help and guide society on what to do in case of certain criminal activities when they happen. therefore, providing the public with information on how certain crimes can happen and the nature of threats can help the community effectively in dealing

with such issues. Besides, law enforcement agency is responsible to instill confidence to the community by assuring them that their safety is a priority.

Similarly, public education also has significant influence on making them aware of the types of crimes. Law enforcement officers are made to be on the lookout after getting the information from the members of the community. Furthermore, the federal government has partnered with the law enforcement community in fighting against terrorism, therefore when the community gets enlightened of the terrorism happening in the community, they will be able to provide information and hence helping the government in the fight against the crisis. Nevertheless, local law enforcement officer is mandated with the obligation of preventing criminal attacks, especially low enforcement officers who are involved in urban areas. Besides, the officers are required to perform other functions such as investigating suspicious activities and facilitating sharing of information between them and the federal government to avoid such crimes from happening again.

Transnational crimes have also emerged as one of the significant criminal activities. Majority of businesses and communities have been affected significantly in United States because transnational crimes have become a threat to both national and global security. Criminal networks are expanding enormously with their activities diversifying to more undermining effects such as use of explosives. Transnational organized crimes provide several threats in the United States, for instance, there are threats to national institutions, governance and corruption. The crimes affect the economy as several business organizations are interfered with when criminal activities happen hence leading to a reduction in operation or even closure of the business. Moreover, transnational organized crimes involve themselves in political activities in different ways such as bribery placing themselves as substitute provision of security and

governance as well as infiltrating security and financial sectors and setting up shadow economies.

Similarly, transnational organized crimes can also impend constancy and destabilize free markets when they create alliances with political officials, law enforcement agencies, financial institutions and foreign intelligence. The main aim of such alliances with transnational organized crimes is because they need to alter the transparency, free press, rule of law, governance and judicial system from working on fairness and truth to providing them with favors they need in conducting their activities.

Reason for Adoption of Policy

Criminal activities that happen in the community are caused by several factors including corruption, poor governance and challenges regarding inequality and social mobility. Nonetheless, other factors can lead to organized crimes such as the officials in government who are involved in corruption activities, therefore through the use of organized crime they will be able to weaken law enforcement agencies and make them unable to seek justice. Moreover, professionals are certain that multidimensional institutions are not adequate since involving them is both labor-intensive and time-consuming. Hence, it is important to use community policing because the primary goal is to ensure there is trust among the police and the community hence easy to provision of information among the two parties which will result in stopping and resolving crimes from happening. Similarly, according to Lum & Koper (2017), the partnership between the federal government, local law enforcement and community will also aid in making individuals help the police to recognize vulnerabilities to of threats in the community.

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