

## Reducing Violent Crime: Problem Oriented Policing with SARA



Do you want to proactively prevent violent crime instead of continually responding to it after it has occurred? For 40 years, the SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment) model has proven to be an effective approach for law enforcement to solve problems that lead to higher violent crime in your community.

The SARA model encourages law enforcement agencies to work collaboratively with the community to successfully resolve problems.

### Upcoming Events

October Webinar:  
Data-Driven Solutions for Gun  
Violence Reduction: A Case  
Study, featuring Utica Police  
Department

SARA means:

- **Scanning:** Identifying persistent problems that cause harm and call for police attention.
- **Analysis:** Systematic studying of the causes or conditions that lead to a problem or enable it to persist.
- **Response:** Implementing measures based on your analysis that appear likely to reduce or eliminate the problem.
- **Assessment:** Evaluating the response to see if it worked as intended and whether the problem has been removed, reduced, or unintentionally aggravated.

The SARA framework is key to implementing a successful POP strategy. A webinar describing the SARA process is available [HERE](#) and on the [JSS website](#).

### Things to Keep in Mind:

1. JSS is your Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) provider for the Violent Crime Reduction grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and is here to help you implement your SARA and POP strategy.
2. The Small and Rural Violent Crime Reduction grant requires grantees to partner with an evaluator who can be a resource to assist with the assessment phase.

Justice & Security Strategies (JSS) has put together a SARA checklist for each step in the model. It is designed to be a practical, easy-to-use guide to help you through the SARA process. Access the checklist [HERE](#). Pay special attention to the list of helpful resources on page 8.