



***Rural***  
VIOLENT CRIME  
REDUCTION INITIATIVE

# Implementing Problem Analysis in Small and Rural Locations

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Safety and Justice  
Problem Analysis Modules

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# Module Outline

- Special Guests
- What makes small and rural different?
- Common crime and disorder problems
- Unique challenges
- Resources for further learning



# Special Guests



Chief Joseph Stanford  
Ashland (AL) Police  
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Chief Steven Lowell  
Oneida (NY) Police  
Department

# What makes small and rural different?

- Less serious crime problems rise to the “top”
- Lower number of calls and crimes (i.e. data) to identify trends and clusters
- Lack of analysis resources

# Common crime and disorder problems

- Drugs
- Theft
- Domestic Abuse
- Quality of Life Issues



# Unique Challenges

- Lack of internal resources (analysis expertise, grant writers, etc.)
- Harder to find and get funding
- Less readily available, nearby training opportunities
- Limited number of nearby universities and researchers
- Rural – large areas of coverage (with limited number of officers)

# Resources for Further Learning

- Operationalizing Community Policing in Rural America: Sense and Nonsense  
<https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/Digitization/179935-179940NCJRS.pdf> (pages 118-125)
- Evidence-Based Crime Reduction Strategies for Small, Rural, and Tribal Agencies -  
<https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/resourcecenter/content.ashx/cops-p454-pub.pdf>
- Problem-Oriented Policing in Mansfield (MA) -  
[https://popcenter.asu.edu/sites/default/files/mansfield\\_ma\\_apartment\\_complexes.pdf](https://popcenter.asu.edu/sites/default/files/mansfield_ma_apartment_complexes.pdf)
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