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Four-Dimensional Policing, Public Security & Marketing, With Demanded Duty of Care

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Previously, when considering the evolution of what we call '**Community Policing of the Public**', they always mentioned *philosophical, strategic, tactical, and organizational* aspects as the ideals.



In the 1990s community policing was the in-word being buzzed around by all. A supposed mechanism for solving local problems. In so much as reducing crime and the fear of criminality, and forging better relations with citizens. It was not embraced by all, despite its overwhelming appeal to citizens, police executives, politicians, and the media, community policing still comes under fire for being conceptually ambiguous and has rightfully changed, especially in New York to **Neighborhood Policing** and now has a successful year under its belt.

Back in 1996, it was stated, "there is tremendous disagreement in professional circles about the meaning of community policing" (p. 104). Crank and Langworthy (1996) summarize such critiques with the claim that it "is a hodge-podge of unintegrated programs, absent central purpose or theme" (p. 213). Since the earliest days of the community policing movement, analysts have expressed concern about the problems of defining community policing (Crank, 1994; Mastrofski, 1993; Seagrave, 1996). These were proved right/wrong over and over again.

There is a continuing revolution in the art of policing, public security, and also how we market to society to understand the *whys and wherefores* of now, which has evolved at a pace no-one expected or fully understood.

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The connection for dimensional control comes from the battlefield with specialists that have a significant ability to be in the fight, understand all those that are with him/her, significantly know the enemy and tactics and still be connected to the next life-saving moves, and further external connections with the additional support that is demand for a successful mission.

Criminals are the enemy with tactics and weapons that have been *one step ahead* of law enforcement agencies and citizens. They are sneaky, ruthless and deadly, and don't forget it!

The fight or battle is precisely the same for police, public security and marketing with similar verbiage, although more understandable in terminology. The attention to detail will carry you through with precise authoritarian communications. **Yes, it is pure control!**

In all aspects, it is a real four-dimensional world that is so interlinked to all that we achieve in our lives every single day. **Four-Dimensional Policing** is required to be able to revitalize security within neighborhoods. The fifth dimension is a specialist attribute for global attention, such as terrorism. You can only police society in four dimensions to be able to manage, control, and succeed. Added is the historical aspects that are necessary to understand what has gone on before.

It is solidly your **Duty of Care** to prevent known issues; failure is a negation of that **Duty of Care**, which is a costly lawsuit that should have been prevented in the first place.

Both Bill Bratton and I firmly believe in the historical aspects of policing and society, having discussed why we must look with new and experienced eyes today.



Sir Robert Peel, who invented policing in 1829 and his **Nine Peelian Principles** stand firm today, **with the tenth principal being technology**, which surrounds us. It is the art of understanding the ramifications of integrating all and still respecting history. Moreover, using the combination of all!

When Commission Bill Bratton who served New York 990 days until September 2016, the NYPD had "adopted a style of precision policing in which he abandoned this notion that you 'flood the zone' in order to drive down crime, but instead you use all your available information, applying technology, in identifying who your offenders are and you go after those offenders. And as part of that, he virtually eliminated stop-and-frisk."

Some of us disagree in reducing the 'stop and frisk' program and are paying for it in certain parts of the world, especially the UK and its 70 murders just this year of 2019.

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Each top official and precinct commander has a Twitter account. Each officer has an email address. And there are, overall, more police officers — the department had 1,200 more than when Bratton started, thanks to a City Council push he belatedly supported.

Each of those officers was given smartphones and tablets, enabling them to do everything from cutting down the amount of time it takes to identify suspects to allowing cops to on the street to access information stored on their computers in their precincts. Bratton said he'd turned each officer on the beat into a walking, real-time crime center.

Police have GPS devices, enabling police brass to know at any given moment precisely where every single car is located and who is in the car and adjust strategies accordingly.

Bratton settled lawsuits filed by critics of the NYPD surveillance tactics that allegedly targeted law-abiding Muslims. He created a standing, anti-terror unit, ending the practice of pulling a rotating group of officers from local precincts to do the work.

Police officers are evaluated not solely on the number of police stops or arrests they conduct, but rather by how many fewer crimes are on their beat. In short, instead of stop-and-frisk figures, police are judged on customer survey responses, the NYPD sent to the public.

Bratton got the NYPD brass to accept the notion that they not only have to be useful but also liked. And that means repairing tensions between people of color and law enforcement officials, steeped in historical inequities, fueled by high-profile incidents and now, energized by activists who are more socially connected, mobilized and organized than any generation before.

And, in light of a spate of mass shootings around the country (and Europe), the NYPD has revised its plans for confronting shooters. The program today is for the first officer on the scene to confront the shooter; no waiting for more specially trained officers to arrive before taking action. Department leaders believe the most significant factor in saving lives is reducing the amount of time the gunman's finger is on the trigger.

It's a more significant, more tech-savvy department, on the cusp of using body cameras and high-tech sensors to find gunfire that goes unreported to 911. There is hardly a tech device in law enforcement Bratton did not seek after to embrace which were available in his tenure.

Improved command, control, intelligence gathering, and informational tactics are the essential element of military activity on the battlefield. This is the same in all aspects of security. The information part of the cycle is carried out by sensors, both human and Artificial Intelligence driven and associated systems responsible for the generation of information. This activity is followed by decision and action, cyclically until the specific operation is completed. An event might require more than one cycle for completion or several periods before the work reaches finality. The probability of a single-cycle task is very low, considering that some period overrun would be needed for a reasonable degree of task achievement. The objective should be to complete the cycle as economically as possible.

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The overall element that must not be ignored is **Street Smarts**; you cannot get these attributes from a textbook or sitting in a classroom. Leadership is another one of those precise artforms we talk about and execute daily.

No, this is not some episode of the 'Twilight Zone' it is far more reaching and vital as security of the public has become even more demanding with fewer resources and workforce.

The world is witnessing an **Information/Technology Revolution** that many ascribe as being the new revolution after the *Industrial Revolution two centuries ago*. Most technologies of information have dual use, that is, for both the civil and military spheres. The military, of course, is dealing with a higher level of sophistication and specialization of systems as are law enforcement and public security to some degree. The impact of information technologies within security promises to make a big difference like for our future. Each part requires information technology in one form or another, whether for information processing, decision making, or action.



Information technologies operate in all segments of dimensional attributes as catalysts since they hasten the individual layers, which in turn leads to dramatic compression of time. This is particularly true of the information and decision segments, which rely heavily on information systems and, therefore, stand to benefit most from advances in information technology or the Information Revolution. The application of these technologies to the public's safety/law enforcement spheres promises delivery of more accurate and timely information to users on the criminal and safety battlefield than before.

There is no time for detailed appreciation of a situation to be carried out before taking a decision and acting upon it. On the one hand, information technology is an enabling tool for conducting warfare more effectively and efficiently, but, on the other, it also reduces the reaction time for action. With the reduction in reaction time for it to work, action needs to be seen in the context of the time, in that it is has become more time-critical and time-sensitive than ever before. At the same time, information, which is the means for an end, has also been affected similarly. It is not sufficient knowledge, but it is, in fact, critical to have timely (and accurate) information. Delayed information leads to a delayed decision, that is why having an **Informational Network Sharing Solution** outside of facilities, across borders, agencies, and countries within law enforcement is vital and existing because of the foresight of others.

The same is said for commerce; we must know so much more of who we allow into our space, enter our buildings and today trust no one unless corroborated on who they are and what purpose they wish to enter.

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The Fourth Dimension is the expansion of technologies such as **Informational Network Sharing Solution, CCTV, CCTV Video Footage Auditing, Drones, Body Worn Cameras, License Plate Recognition** and **Facial/Object Comparison** in the policing and the commercial building field, and reduction/compression of time in the neighborhoods and on the streets. Over the years, the expansion of informational technology and reduction of time in crime fighting was on account of micro-revolutions, and the crime war was confined to two dimensions.

Although time has always been an essential factor in policing, it is the incorporation of information technology in crime and robust policing techniques that have led to time attaining crucial importance. The advent of the fourth dimension in all security factors also brings along the possibility of creation of asymmetries in this dimension that could prove to be decisive, in the manner in which production of asymmetries in the third dimension was critical. It is with the exploitation of the time factor and creation of asymmetries in time cycles, therefore, that the real worth will be realized.



Time is our worst enemy, and we accept that seconds, minutes, and hours ticking by, and we can do nothing about changing that. **Oh, yes, we can!** No, it is not a '**Star Trek Time Warp,**' it is management, technology tools and believe it or not, **YOU,** changing your mindset!

If the criminal vista can be made transparent, and, therefore, situational awareness (SA) increased, the reverse should also be accepted as possible. The streets and neighborhoods will

continue to give opportunities to create fog (reduced

SA) for the criminals, and, therefore, fog and friction will remain, albeit in a more relative sense than before. While adversaries may strive for reducing the absolute level of fog and resistance, what will be crucial is the relative level of fog and friction. To exploit the time, the aim should be to create relevant conflict vis-a-vis the adversary where his level of resistance is higher than one's own. Another point that needs to be borne in mind is that fog and friction are not directly related. While high fog means high resistance, the lesser fog will not automatically mean minor resistance. When de-fogging operations are carried out and a low fog situation achieved, it results in top SA. This situation of high SA is linked to either end of the friction spectrum. The linkage is dependent on the factor of time in crime warfare. It is possible to have top SA, but if it is achieved at a late stage in the conflicts of law and security, then there are practically no options available, and this leads to high friction. From this flows an issue of strategic importance, which is that if degradation of SA is looked at from the fourth dimension and applied early in the conflict, the pay-offs are much greater.

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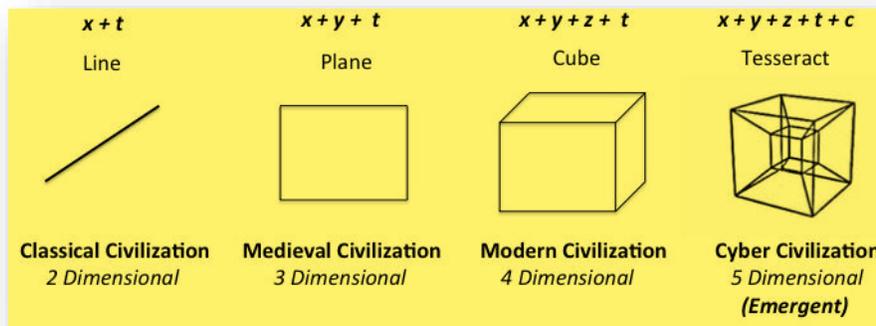
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Terrorism, both domestic and foreign, drug cartels, money laundering, currency mules, human and pedophile traffickers are the emergence of the fifth-dimensional criminal battlespace, its implications for both the conduct of terrorism/counterterrorism operations and other sundry miscreants, to some extent, interactions with terrorist disruptive targeting capabilities. Additionally, the broader civilizational context in which a dynamic yet little recognized terrorism and counterterrorism 'fifth-dimensional capabilities race' that is taking place will be highlighted. While initially, this concept may seem abstract, the importance of understanding its implications will become apparent, and solidly needs significant attention now.

The concept of the fifth-dimensional criminal vista is derived from the recognition of the growing influence of cyber (informational) and hyper (geometric) dimensionality on conflict and crime.

This form of advanced dimensionality—what was once only considered as relevant to 20th-century art and science fiction—has in the 21st century been increasingly identified for its military and law enforcement applicability. The essential lesson learned is that human state forms and society build upon environmental and technological foundations as the energy basis of civilization (e.g., derived from human, animal, machine forms) has evolved over many centuries. Thus, the battlespace—where humans fight and die—of antiquity or even the middle ages is fundamentally different in its level of sophistication (as are the armaments, armor, and also mounts utilized) compared to that which is presently used in our modern four-dimensional world (See Fig. 1).



Source: *Fifth Dimensional Operations: Space-Time-Cyber Dimensionality in Conflict and War—A Terrorism Research Center Book*:184.

While the emergence of the fifth-dimensional landscape has provided both defensive and offensive capabilities to terrorists and criminal gangs, it also has provided new skills to public security operations. As a result, a little-noticed '**fifth-dimensional capabilities race**' has been taking place between terrorists, insurgents, illegal immigrants, drug cartels, gangs and human traffickers that wish to attack sovereign states and the public agents (police, security, and military personnel) that seek to defend them.

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One readily identifiable capability that is increasingly being utilized by state forces is the use of data fusion systems which attempt to identify stealth masked organizations and bring them out of the defensive bastion of cyberspace into the killing (or capturing) ground of human space.

This is accomplished by piercing the "*human sensing dimensional barrier*" that stealth masked forces utilize, thus allowing for them to be then acquired in time and space. Facial recognition and (less mature) or seemed 'hostile intent' technologies represent two examples of this process. They can be deployed at entry chokepoints, such as international airports, building entrances and are used to scan for terrorists and human traffickers attempting to enter national borders. This is the same for border control and illegal immigrants.

New body-scanning machines—based on millimeter wave technology—in airports also fall into this countermeasure capability by looking for weapons hidden under clothing as do radar systems used by SWAT (special weapons and tactics) teams that can see movement and other activity (through physical walls) taking place inside terrorist hostage barricade situations.

It is all about **Proactive Policing** and **Security**. Policing and security have always been reactive and behind the 'eight-ball.'

It is the under-reporting which we know happens on every single shift, no matter if law enforcement or private security, missed and relevant information that becomes a check-box and disappears into a report and does not appear when the document is searched.

CCTV cameras that placed and forgotten and only has the footage reviewed if they think there is a problem. This is not Proactive Policing or valuable security that is demanded and required today. It is your **Duty of Care** to protect all, employees, visitors in the commercial world, and citizens by law enforcement.

Complacency has set in once more, and the next series of events will catch all off guard. America is dealing with so many issues; worse is the killing and murdering of police officers, twenty-four so far this year, one is too many.

The U.K has suffered from over seventy murders of people mainly by the knife. Gangs roam free in London, over one-hundred and thirty gangs that are causing a level of violence that has never been witnessed before. Children are disappearing or bullied at higher numbers.

Understanding the dimensional factor is a logical and straightforward approach that is understandable by all. We make it difficult for ourselves by creating hieratically barriers to our thinking. Knowing the demanded result is the key and happens through conversation and discussion.

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