

Local Safety Measurement System in Policing used 1998 – 2021 in Sweden

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of an existing safety measurement system in The Swedish Police. The System measures crime development and order problems in local municipalities. This is executed on an extremely large scale with about 280 studies and 1.000.000 of respondents' answers with the same questions and data collection method over 20 years. Probably one of the largest existing surveys in this type of genre in Europe.

A carefully constructed safety measurement system facilitates the crime prevention work as experiences from Sweden showed for at least 23 years. No doubt that a lot of initiatives in the area of public influence of policing has been taken throughout the world, especially in the fields of community policing, however there are few systematically done in a long-sighted mindful way.

The concept of the citizen's perspective and satisfaction in police work, normally expressed on a large scale in the planning documents and work plans, must be put in concrete form and made measurable. In concrete terms, the concepts of the citizen's perspective can be designated practically in four measurable components:

The Presentation will show the major obstacles to be successful, the follow-up system with a particular focus on whether these working methods, collaborative structures and new tools increase Police efficiency, reduce exposure to crime, boost safety and lift public confidence in Sweden during the last 20 years.

The Local Safety Measurement System – the principles for action and ideas of low tolerance, If the Police do not care about local problems, normally crimes increase as well as confidence and trust decrease

