

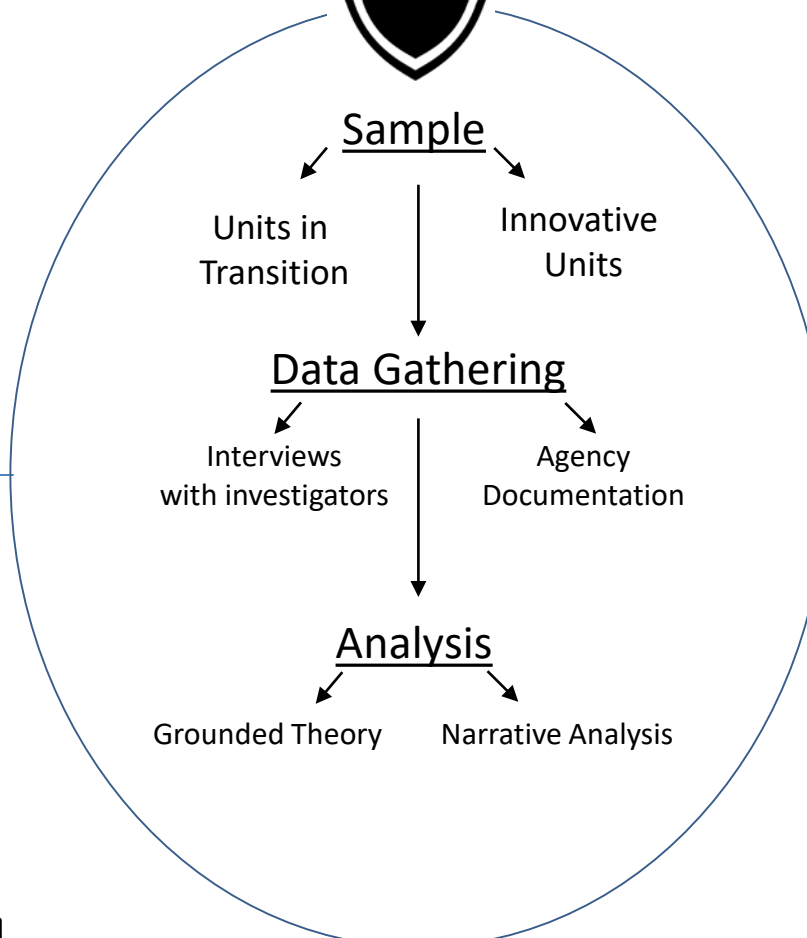
SaTC: CORE: Small: Collaborative: Law-Enforcement Cyber Investigations: An In-Depth Qualitative Study

Challenge:

- The proposed study primarily seeks to build on the burgeoning literature on cybercrime policing through an exploratory study of cybercrime units and specialized personnel.
- Within these units, the researchers will employ in-depth qualitative interviews probing challenges such as investigators face, their relationships to other public and private cybercrime/information security organizations, development of occupational identity, relationship between cybercrime investigators to other police personnel and organizations, and perceptions of cybercrime and offenders.
- Contextualize interview data with examinations of official agency documents such as policies and procedures and strategic mission(s).

Solution:

- Research is slated to begin October 2019.



Scientific Impact:

- This research promises insights into the perils, pitfalls, failures, and successes of law enforcement as they adapt to a changing technological landscape.
- Research thus stands to make significant contributions to the field of sociological criminology which regularly examines the role of the state in crime control.
- Numerous other academic areas also stand to benefit from the research including psychology, business, public administration, and computer science/security.

Broader Impact:

- Produce basic and applied knowledge about the state of cybercrime investigations and the challenges therein.
- Results may drive further academic and professional practices in a number of disciplines including cyber security, criminology, criminal justice, and computer science among others.
- Dissemination of findings among key academics and practitioners through professional and academic publications, particularly in peer-reviewed outlets, conference presentations, and media releases.
- Findings may also inform changes in the policies and procedures of law enforcement agencies engaged in cybercrime investigations.
- Educational and training opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students.