Analytics as a crime fighting tool
Chiefs of Police share their insights
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Edward Flynn: Chief of Police, Milwaukee Police Department
I think the most important aspects of technology for us is information technology – we collect a lot of information. How rapidly can we analyse it, draw conclusions from it, draw distinctions between causation and correlation.

Demot Shea: Deputy Commissioner, NYPD
There is a tremendous amount of data. Cameras, the last 3 years of my life I have learned more about cameras and the use of cameras fighting crime. It is a tremendous law enforcement tool, it has really changed the way we do investigations.

Cathy Lanier: Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department, District of Columbia
To me technology is a force multiplier, for example you put public safety cameras downtown, you can either have a cop on every corner or you can put cameras and have multiple cameras being monitored by your real time crime sergeants, so when an incident comes up you can go back real time. By using that technology which wasn’t there prior to 07 prior to my arrival, we have been able to solve crimes, capture suspects real time, we have been able to gather evidence to successfully prosecute but more importantly we have been able to create an environment where people feel safe because they know law enforcement is watching.

Sherie Brisco: Captain, Baltimore Police Department
Technology is not the pinnacle of everything but it is an essential component to how we police in Baltimore.

Nola Joyce: Deputy Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department
one of the things we have been doing in Philadelphia which is achieving it is the whole analytical policing – using data, getting data, analysing it and making decisions based on data and analysis and evidence.

Demot Shea: Deputy Commissioner, NYPD
Freeing that data up and analysing it in the most efficient manner and getting it into the hands of the officers that can use it, that is the future of law enforcement will be.