

Self Check Answers Chapter 14

14.1 Self Check

1. Can you describe the relationship between research and planning?
Research and planning have a symbiotic relationship, which is a mutually beneficial relationship between two dissimilar concepts. Research is the foundation of progressive planning, and quality planning cannot occur without the information gathered through quality research.
2. What types of issues can affect the value of research?
Some issues include personal biases, the availability of the most recent statistics, the amount and sources of funding, and whether department heads are open to the conclusions that research offers.

14.2 Self Check

1. What are the five stages of research?
They are defining the problem, designing the research, collecting the data, analyzing the data, and reporting the findings.
2. How can research be applied to police work?
Research takes place daily as part of routine police work in these ways:
 - Collecting data in the form of evidence and testimony
 - Developing hypotheses about how a crime was committed and by whom
 - Analyzing data such as alibis and suspect descriptions
 - Testing hypotheses through suspect interviews and interrogations
 - Arriving at findings by identifying an offender and, sometimes, making arrests

14.3 Self Check

1. What is the most important aspect of planning?
The most important aspect of planning is that it takes place before action. This may appear so obvious as to be trivial, yet the need to act is often so compelling that people act before collecting sufficient information and developing a solid plan.
2. What two types of planning are predominant in policing operations?
The two stages of planning are strategic planning, which is long-term planning, and contingency planning, which is for short-term and occasional events such as parades or sporting events.