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· These security agencies in the United States continue to experience momentous changes in the way personnel think and exercise their daily duties. The advancement in technology has led to the new perspective in policing and determination of 'what works' in preventing and controlling crime. Crime and disorder are unevenly distributed across geographical locations. Studies indicate the importance of clustering crime at much smaller areas called the 'hot spot'. Therefore, the hot spot policing aims to identify locations where disorder, crime and probably other problems in the community are prevalent.

It allows the law enforcement to take necessary actions as a deterrent measure. The strategies of hot-spotting involve careful evaluation of crime patterns thus enabling the police to narrow their target and respond effectively to the problem. Additionally, hot spotting is applicable to a variety of crime prevention areas that include gun seizure and searches, drug trafficking crackdown, maintaining order and zero tolerance policing. The paper analyzes the emergence of hot spot policing and its effectiveness in crime reduction.