

| PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT | | |
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| VICE AND ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATIONS | | |
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PURPOSE: To establish the functions and responsibilities for conducting organized crime and vice investigations.

ASSIGNED TO: Detectives and Tactical Crime Suppression Unit

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY: Investigations Bureau Major

POLICY: This Department establishes a commitment to suppress organized crime and vice activities. Through the use of special equipment, specially trained police officers, and operational resources, the investigations division, tactical crime suppression unit is responsible for enforcement of narcotics and illegal drug trafficking laws or related activities and the enforcement of organized crime and other vice violation laws.

1. ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Investigations Bureau performs the organized crime and vice investigations of the Department.
- b. The Investigations Bureau Major is charged with the administration and operational responsibilities of conducting organized crime and vice control functions.
- c. The Detective or TAC Unit Sergeants shall receive all complaints regarding vice and organized crime(s) for review, evaluation and/or assignment. These Sergeants will maintain a record of such designated complaints (vice or organized).
- d. Records relating to active vice and organized crime investigations will be maintained separately from the central records system unless otherwise designated by the Chief of Police.
- e. Records of information conveyed to and received from outside agencies in relation to vice and organized crime control also will be maintained separate from central records.
- f. Whenever circumstances dictate, this unit may conduct, upon authorization of the Chief of Police, covert operations for the (i.e., decoy, undercover, surveillance, etc.) control of vice and/or organized crime violations.

2. ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE INVESTIGATIONS

- a. Organized Crime and Vice Investigations
 - i. Investigations into organized or vice type crimes by this Department will include, but not be limited to:
 1. Smuggling of narcotics/contraband (at commercial transportation centers, i.e., train, bus and truck terminals);
 2. Loan sharking;
 3. Labor racketeering;
 4. Illegal sale and possession of narcotics;
 5. Illegal sale and distribution of liquor, tobacco, and weapons;

6. Illegal sale and distribution of controlled substances;
7. Illegal gambling operations;
8. Illegal prostitution and/or pornography; and
9. Other investigations or enforcements deemed appropriate by the Chief or Police.

3. RECEIPT AND PROCESSING

- a. Upon responding to a call for service, officers assigned to patrol may come upon or become knowledgeable of criminal activity beyond what was reported. The patrol supervisor will make a determination concerning the follow-up investigation of the case and subsequent activity.
 - i. Follow-up investigations which cannot be conducted by members of the patrol division due to time, lack of resources, and/or expertise will be referred to the detective division.
 - ii. The patrol division shall conduct preliminary investigations on most matters reported to the Police Department. Preliminary investigations of a uniquely administrative or sensitive nature which do not require an immediate response may be initiated by the Detective division or handled by the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit. Such investigations include, but are not limited to:
 1. Vice/organized crime.
 2. White collar crimes.
 3. Special/cover operations.
 - iii. Intelligence gathering complaints.
- b. Complaints may also be received via phone, mail or various online sources to include the Customer Support link from the Police Department webpage.
 - i. Each complaint is to be handled with "CONFIDENTIALITY" and routed to the Assistant Chiefs or Investigations Bureau Major for investigation assignment.

4. ASSIGNMENT AND INVESTIGATIONS

- a. Police officers assigned to the investigations division and/or tactical crime unit will be responsible for conducting follow-up investigation of reported organized crime and vice activity.
- b. Officers of this division shall maintain records on all confidential informants, cases to be investigated, the assigned investigator, case disposition, and other pertinent information which serves to establish investigative activity.
- c. Other specific activities performed by officers of this division may include, but not be limited to:
 - i. Directed Patrol assignments;
 - ii. Stakeouts/Surveillance;
 - iii. Security at special events;
 - iv. Covert criminal investigations;
 - v. Dignitary protection details;
 - vi. Decoy operations; and
 - vii. Organized crime/vice investigations.

5. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:

- a. Communications, coordination, and cooperation with other unit/divisions within the department relating to vice and organized crime activities will be accomplished through monthly meetings or at appropriate briefings attended by the appropriate supervisors. Such meetings will serve to evaluate existing conditions, share intelligence or related information and/or plan future operations.
- b. Through sharing intelligence information with federal, state, county, or municipal agencies, the tactical crime unit participates in a coordinated effort of organized crime control, prosecution of narcotics violations, and special subject(s) investigations.

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