



SYKESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Organized Crime, Drug & Vice Investigations

General Order 6-19

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I. PURPOSE

To provide the procedures for organized crime, drug and vice investigations.

II. POLICY

The Sykesville Police Department shall be vigilant in its effort to identify organized crime, drug activities and vice activities within the Town of Sykesville. Activities that are identified shall be investigated and appropriate measures taken.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Organizational Commitment

The Sykesville Police Department recognizes the serious nature of organized crime and vice which constantly threatens the social and financial health and well-being of this community. It shall be the position of the Sykesville Police Department that every employee shares the responsibility to suppress and support the enforcement of all forms of organized crime, drug activities and the control of vice activities.

B. Vice Control Function

1. The Chief of Police will have the primary responsibility for the coordination, administration, and direction of departmental activities concerning vice control. Initial reports of gambling will be handled by Patrol Officers. Any incidents which arise during investigations which involve organized crime will be coordinated with the Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and Federal Law Enforcement.

2 Responsibilities of the Vice Control Function

In controlling vice activities, enforcement actions will concentrate on the following activities:

- a. Illegal sale and distribution of liquor and tobacco
- b. Illegal sale and distribution of controlled substances
- c. Illegal gambling operations
- d. Illegal prostitution and pornography

C. Vice Control Goals and Objectives

1. As a normal part of patrol, officers will work toward the following goals and objectives as they relate to vice control:
 - a. Prompt handling of information relating to vice
 - b. Investigation of narcotic and dangerous drug offenses including self- initiated and follow-up investigations
2. The goals and objectives will be reviewed by the Chief of Police.

D. Organized Crime Control Function

1. The Chief of Police will have the primary responsibility for the coordination and direction of departmental activities concerning organized crime.
2. The function of organized crime control includes identifying and investigating all reports of organized criminal activity within Sykesville, Maryland.

E. Responsibilities of the Organized Crime Control Function

In controlling organized crime activities, enforcement action will concentrate on the following activities:

1. Loan sharking
2. Labor racketeering
3. Corruption
4. Extortion and/or bribery
5. Theft/fencing rings
6. Illegal sale and distribution of liquor and tobacco
7. Illegal sale and distribution of controlled substances
8. Illegal gambling operations
9. Illegal pornography and prostitution
10. Illegal sale/purchase of firearms and property.

F. Organized Crime Control Component

The organized crime control responsibilities are part of the work assignment of Patrol Officers of the Sykesville Police Department.

G. Organized Crime Control Goals and Objectives

1. The Police Department must be aware of the following goals and objectives as they relate to organized crime:
 - a. Aggressively identify and investigate reports of organized crime to include:
 - (1) Racketeering
 - (2) Money laundering
 - (3) Asset conversion
 - (4) Corrupt activity or patterns of corrupt activity
 - (5) Suspected criminal enterprises
 - b. Any specialized assignment from the Chief of the Sykesville Police Department.
2. The goals and objectives will be reviewed annually by the Chief of Police.

H. Drug Investigative Function

1. Patrol Officers will investigate drug activity occurring in Sykesville. The Patrol Supervisor will coordinate all drug investigations with the Carroll County Drug Task Force.
2. The Patrol Officers will focus their investigations on local drug activities which may be occurring in the town limits of Sykesville, Maryland. Any investigation which may be multi-jurisdictional should be referred to the Carroll County Narcotics Task Force.
3. All reported drug activity will be documented on an Incident Report. Initial reports may be taken by patrol officers, or any other sworn member of the agency. Copies of cases needing follow-up will be forwarded to the Carroll County Drug Task Force.

4. Reports received from outside agencies will be documented and attached to an Incident Report and given a Sykesville Police Department case number.
5. The Patrol Supervisor will make contact with the Task Force to assist in assigning drug investigation follow-ups.

IV. CANCELLATIONS

This General Order cancels and replaces the following policies: General Order 43.1, entitled Organized Crime, Drug and Vice Control, dated December 18, 2001