

Chapter 24

ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE CONTROL

Standards in this chapter relate to the control of organized crime and vice. Organized crime and vice control functions deal with activities that may or may not be related but use investigative methods that are closely related.

24.1 Organization and Administration

24.1.1 A written directive establishes the department's vice control function.

Comments: Vice activities can exist in any community and thus require a law enforcement response from the department serving the community. The directive should establish the administration of the vice control function and should designate one person as being responsible for coordinating and overseeing vice control and enforcement. (O M M)

24.1.2 A written directive specifies the responsibilities of the vice control function.

Comments: The vice control function should address those illegal activities of concern to the community. (O M M)

24.1.3 A written directive establishes the department's organized crime control function.

Comments: Organized crime activities are not restricted to large urban areas but can exist in any community where it is possible for a group of persons to establish an organization for criminal activity that provides a continuing financial profit. The directive should establish the administration of the function and should designate one person as being responsible for coordinating and overseeing organized crime control and enforcement. (O M M)

24.1.4 A written directive specifies the responsibilities of the organized crime control function.

Comments: The organized crime control function should address unlawful activities by members of organized groups or associations. (O M M)

24.2 Operations

24.2.1 A written directive specifies policies for receiving and processing vice and organized crime complaints.

Comments: The department should establish policies and procedures ensuring that each complaint received is recorded and investigated. (O M M)

24.2.2 If an organized crime control, prosecution, and/or investigation unit operates in the department's service area, a written directive establishes procedures for the department's participation, communication, coordination, and cooperation with the unit.

Comments: The department should establish procedures that enhance the exchange of information and personnel. (O O M)

24.2.3 The department has the capacity to conduct covert operations for the control of vice and/or organized crime violations.

Comments: The department should have the resources for decoy, undercover, and surveillance operations. (O O M)