

SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER 43.1

ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE CONTROL: ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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43.1.1 Organized Crime, Vice and Narcotics Philosophy

The Santa Clara Police Department is committed to the investigation, identification and suppression of known or suspected vice, narcotics and organized crime activities. Although it is the responsibility of each member of the Department to identify and prevent these activities, the Intelligence Unit in concert with the Specialized Crimes Action Team (SCAT) has the specific responsibility for identifying, controlling, reducing and preventing vice, narcotics and organized crime in the City.

43.1.2 Vice and Narcotics Control Function

The Intelligence Sergeant assigned to the Investigations Division, under the control the Captain, is directly responsible for the investigation and prevention of vice-related activities in the City of Santa Clara. He/she is responsible for the supervision, evaluation and determination of resources used for vice suppression. Illegal vice activities will include, but not be limited to, gambling, prostitution, and illegal use or sale of alcoholic beverages.

The Sergeant assigned as supervisor of the SCAT Team, also under the control of the Investigations Captain, is directly responsible for the investigation and prevention of narcotics-related activities in the City of Santa Clara. He/she is responsible for the supervision, evaluation and determination of resources used for narcotics suppression. This will include, but not be limited to, sale and use of controlled substances.

The Intelligence Sergeant and the SCAT Sergeant will communicate very closely on issues of mutual concern regarding vice and narcotic activity. The SCAT Team will work closely with the Intelligence Sergeant, share all information, and be mutually supportive in enforcement operations and surveillances.

Vice and narcotics enforcement is accomplished through the use of Department personnel and/or in conjunction with multi-agency task forces as warranted.

43.1.3 Vice and Narcotics Coordination

The Investigations Captain is responsible for ensuring a thorough investigation of all vice and narcotics complaints brought to the Department's attention.

The Captain will insure that the Chief of Police is advised of current and ongoing cases and investigations involving vice, drugs, and organized crime. In the Captain's absence, the Lieutenant will assume responsibility for supplying current information to the Chief. The

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Intelligence Sergeant and/or the SCAT Sergeant, however, have the authority to advise the Chief of Police on vice/narcotic/organized crime matters that warrant his immediate attention.

43.1.4 Organized Crime Authority

The Intelligence Unit of the Investigations Division is responsible for collecting, evaluating, analyzing, disseminating and filing any and all information on persons and/or groups or organizations that engage in activities defined as criminal or potentially criminal by City ordinance, State or Federal statutes. The Intelligence Sergeant is responsible for the evaluation and determination of resources used for organized crime suppression.

43.1.5 Organized Crime Control Responsibility

The Investigations Division Captain or designee is responsible for coordinating and overseeing any organized crime enforcement. The Investigations Lieutenant and Intelligence or SCAT Sergeant will keep the Captain informed of all organized crime information involved in ongoing investigations. The Captain will keep the Chief of Police informed of all relevant organized crime matters.