

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION VICE/NARCOTICS SECTION

## ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY

The Narcotics Section's strategy is a comprehensive approach aimed at both the dealers and the users of illegal substances. Casual drug use is viewed as an integral and contributing part of the national drug problem. All legal sanctions were used to hold all drug suppliers, distributors, and users accountable for their actions. Drug users pose a criminal justice problem because they provide the customer base for illegal drug sales. The drug dealers and drug users are, in effect, co-conspirators, and therefore legal remedies are applied to both to the supply and demand sides of the conspiracy.

## SECTION ORGANIZATION & RESULTS

The Vice/Narcotics Section was reorganized in February 1999 to reflect Chief Shanahan's desire to decentralize teams of narcotics detectives and assign a team to each of the four patrol districts. The Vice/Narcotics Section is comprised of four Squads: A (Interdiction), B (Major Cases), C (Major Cases), and D (not presently staffed due to vacancies), and the combined unit of Pharmaceutical Diversion, Vice, and Asset Seizure Unit.

The squads work independently, but jointly during combined enforcement efforts. They are responsible for pro-active and reactive enforcement operations to curtail the sale, distribution, and flow of illegal drugs entering the county. In addition, these squads coordinate activities with Tactical Narcotics Team detectives assigned to each district.

## SQUAD A - INTERDICTION UNIT

In 2003, the CID Narcotics Section Interdiction Unit investigated 71 cases, closing 59 cases that resulted in 55 arrests, representing a 83% clearance rate. The investigations conducted during 2003 by the Interdiction Unit resulted in drug seizures totaling an estimated street value of \$3,386,169, and the subsequent forfeited asset seizures of \$43,311 in cash, and six vehicles.

## SQUADS B AND C - MAJOR CASES

In 2003, the CID Narcotics Section, Major Case Squads B and C, investigated 170 cases, closing 145 cases that resulted in 226 arrests, representing a 85% clearance rate. The investigations conducted during 2003 by these two squads resulted in drug seizures totaling an estimated street value of \$586,339, and the subsequent forfeited asset seizures of \$350,222 in cash, 20 vehicles, and 69 guns.