



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION FUNCTION

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I. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION FUNCTION

The Department's criminal investigation function is a major responsibility shared by the Special Services Bureau and the Patrol Services Bureau. The authority for conducting criminal investigations is delegated to the Criminal Investigation Division and the Special Enforcement Division for major cases requiring specialized skill, knowledge and abilities. Other cases requiring follow-up are investigated by the Patrol Services Bureau's District Detective Units, Tactical Patrol Units, Police and Community Together Units, and patrol officers.

A. Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division provides specialized investigative, evidence collection, identification, crime laboratory, and juvenile - victim/witness services. The division commander is responsible for proper distribution of personnel, coordination of training for division personnel, budget preparation and administration, and formulation of policies and procedures. The division commander will ensure that personnel are assigned to investigate cases on the basis of expertise.

The Major Crimes Section is responsible for the follow-up investigation of homicides; kidnappings; uses of deadly force by law enforcement; in-custody deaths; rape; felony sex offenses; violations committed by registered sexual offenders; child and vulnerable adult abuse; critical missing persons; commercial robberies; bank robberies; major auto theft cases; *check fraud*; and crimes and regulatory violations related to pawns and precious metals. The Major Crimes Section is also responsible for the forensic examination of computers and related technology used in the commission of a crime; and for assisting the State's Attorney's Office with case enhancement.

B. Special Enforcement Division

The Special Enforcement Division is responsible for the follow-up investigation of street-level drug dealing and illegal possession/transfer of firearms. The Special Enforcement Division also manages the department's organized crime and vice control efforts. It conducts county-wide or larger investigations.

C. Patrol Services Bureau

Each patrol district is staffed with specialized personnel who perform community-based follow up investigations, such as cases involving crimes against persons not investigated by the Major Crimes Section and property crimes. Patrol officers perform follow-up investigations for crimes not investigated by other investigative units of the Department. District commanders are responsible for proper distribution of personnel, coordination of training for division personnel, budget preparation and administration, and formulation of policies and procedures. The district commanders will ensure that personnel are assigned to investigate cases on the basis of expertise. The Patrol Services Bureau is also responsible for the Crime Analysis function.

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D. Role of Patrol Officers & Detectives

Sworn officers whose primary assignment is to conduct follow-up investigations possess the same rank and salary benefits as sworn officers assigned to uniformed patrol assignments. The only difference is in title: uniformed patrol personnel are known as patrol officers and investigative personnel are known as detectives.

II. PROPONENT UNIT: Criminal Investigations Division.

III. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 1624, dated 05-24-11.