


FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL POLICY MANUAL

	SUBJECT VICE, DRUGS, AND ORGANIZED CRIME	POLICY NUMBER 22.05
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22.05.01 PURPOSE

To provide administrative and operational procedures to address unlawful activities by members of organized groups or associations.

22.05.02 POLICY

The Florida Highway Patrol is committed to the suppression of organized crime, drug, and vice activities by effective and efficient detection, apprehension and prosecution of those groups who violate criminal laws.

22.05.03 OBJECTIVES

- A. To implement and maintain standards that promote efficient use of personnel.
- B. To establish procedures that will result in the identification of perpetrators and originators of crime and organized criminal activity, their arrest and their successful prosecution.
- C. To develop and use effective investigative techniques.

22.05.04 PROCEDURES

- A. Every Division member has the responsibility to suppress vice and organized crime activities. All organized crime complaints and reports of vice related activities occurring within the scope of this Division's responsibility shall be recorded on the appropriate UCR report (Offense or Arrest Report) or a Field Intelligence Report which shall be considered a preliminary report of such activities, and a copy shall be forwarded to the Chief Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence, for appropriate action. Such activity would include but not be limited to the following:
 - 1. Organized criminal activity such as:
 - a. Organized vehicle theft,
 - b. Organized odometer and VIN fraud,

- c. Organized driver license fraud and/or identity theft, or
 - d. Organized cargo theft;
 2. Illegal trafficking/transportation of drugs or contraband; and;
 3. Prostitution or related activities occurring within the scope of this Division's responsibility.
- B. Members becoming aware of organized criminal, drug or vice activity should notify the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence immediately.
- C. The following information shall be collected to determine which vice, drug and organized crime complaints are to be assigned for further investigation.
 1. Validity of the complaint,
 2. The type of crime suspected of being committed,
 3. Any investigative leads that are available, and
 4. Potential information sources and operational problems that should be addressed.
- D. The Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence shall:
 1. Review all reports submitted by Patrol Operations personnel and assign personnel to conduct appropriate investigations.
 2. Maintain a central repository for vice, drug and active organized crime records and reports. Such reports shall be securely filed and maintained separately from other types of investigative reports.
 3. The Chief Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence will keep the Director apprised via telephone or other electronic means of the initiation of all investigations concerning vice, narcotics, or organized crime upon commencement of such investigations.
- E. INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE FUNDS
 1. The Chief Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence, is responsible for the Information and Evidence Fund.
 2. The fund is available to investigators when it becomes necessary to purchase materials or make payments to informants/confidential sources for information that would otherwise be unavailable.

F. SURVEILLANCE AND UNDERCOVER EQUIPMENT

1. The Chief Investigator or an Assistant Chief Investigator must approve the use of any electronic or surveillance equipment. Investigators should request the use of the equipment as soon as the need is apparent to allow for adequate planning and transportation.
2. Information revealing surveillance techniques, procedures or personnel is exempt from public inspection pursuant to Section 119.07(3)(f), Florida Statutes. This section also restricts access to comprehensive resource inventories and plans relating to emergency response except for those agencies specified therein who have an official need for such access.
3. Electronic surveillance equipment will not be loaned to any other agency or members of this agency not assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence unless approved by the Chief Investigator.
4. Appropriate forms and legal process will be completed prior to use of any electronic surveillance equipment.