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## 1. YOUTH SECTION (SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION)

The primary responsibility for the investigation and disposition of youth criminal activities remains with the commanding officer of the concerned precinct. The goal of the Youth Section is to enable the department to continue in its commitment toward minimizing and controlling youth criminal activities.

The Youth Section consists of the Youth Administration Unit and the Youth Crime Unit. The specific areas of responsibility of these units are outlined below.

## 2. YOUTH ADMINISTRATION UNIT (YOUTH SECTION)

2.1 Location, Hours of Operation. The Youth Section, Youth Administration Unit is located at 4150 Grand River at Twelfth Street. The unit shall maintain a seven (7) day, twenty-four (24) hour a day operations desk. Desk personnel can be contacted by phone on Centrex 4-1240-41-42 or police dial 885,886.

2.2 Responsibilities. The Youth Administration Unit shall be responsible for:

- a. recording, processing and preserving department juvenile records, reports, photographs and fingerprints;
- b. maintaining the city bicycle license file and, preparing and providing statistical data for department use;
- c. maintaining liaison between the department and the Wayne County Probate Court (Juvenile Division);
- d. coordinating and being present at all probable cause hearings held in Probate Court;
- e. coordinating all show-ups involving juveniles;
- f. processing and delivering all subpoenas and writs issued by the Probate Court (Juvenile Division);

- g. monitoring all child abuse cases reported to the department which, when appropriate, will include the investigation and warrant request preparation;
- h. investigating cases of contributing to the delinquency of a minor;
- i. conducting training programs for the department's juvenile officers; and
- j. ensuring the standardization and coordination of effort by the department's various juvenile officers through a continuous inspection process.

3. YOUTH CRIME UNIT (YOUTH SECTION)

3.1 Location, Hours of Operation. The Youth Section, Youth Crime Unit is located at 4150 Grand River at Twelfth Street. The unit shall maintain a seven (7) day, twenty-four (24) hour a day Gang Information Desk. Desk personnel can be contacted by phone on Centrex 4-1243-44 or police dial 281 or 489.

3.2 Responsibilities. The Youth Crime Unit shall be responsible for:

- a. identifying and patrolling areas of high gang activity;
- b. identifying active criminal gangs and gang leaders, and securing criminal warrants in Probate and Recorder's Court;
- c. compiling, analyzing and disseminating all pertinent information relating to youth gang problems, youth criminal activity and other youth problems of a serious nature;
- d. primary responsibility for the investigation of all organized youth crime activity as outlined in juvenile procedures.
- e. coordinating police activities at the scene of serious youth crimes for which they have primary responsibility. This shall include taking charge and directing police efforts when necessary;

- f. deploying both uniformed and plainclothes personnel as needed to respond to planned youth events that have the potential for youth criminal problems; and
- g. surveillance responsibilities of this unit shall be restricted to youth oriented activities. Crimes such as extortion and/or kidnapping will be referred to and handled by the Organized Crime Section in conjunction with the Crimes Against Persons Section and the Armed Robbery Unit.

4. PRECINCT RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Youth Crime Detail Coordinator. Each precinct commander shall designate a sergeant from his command to serve as Youth Crime Detail Coordinator. The Youth Crime Detail Coordinator shall be responsible for the following duties:

- a. screening all preliminary complaint records concerning youth related intelligence information received;
- b. ensuring the efficient flow and coordination of all youth related information received from the Youth Section and precinct personnel; and
- c. maintaining liaison with Youth Section personnel and his precinct commander on youth related activities.

4.2 Community Coordination. Precinct commanders shall institute a structured program to solicit the assistance of organizations, block clubs, police-citizen councils, business groups, etc., within their precincts for all gang related information.

In addition, precinct commanders shall actively solicit speaking engagements with citizen and business groups within the area to fully inform them of the department's response to the problem. These speaking engagements shall be coordinated with the Youth Section, Youth Crime Unit. Precinct commanders shall also enlist the aid of the community to act as the eyes and ears of the department.

Particular attention should be given to taxi cab companies, D.O.T. coaches, citizen band radio operators, radio equipped tow trucks, delivery vehicles and other sources.

4.3 Mini-Stations. Mini-station personnel shall maintain personal contacts within the community. They shall accept the complaint and inform any citizen with a gang complaint that the complaint will be forwarded to the Youth Section, Youth Crime Unit and a disposition made. The officer shall prepare an additional copy of a preliminary complaint record which is gang related so that a copy may be forwarded by the officer in charge of the station desk.

5. NOTIFYING COMPLAINANTS


Precinct Investigative Operations Section personnel and other sections and units handling special crimes, such as sex crimes, homicides, etc., shall notify all complainants of the disposition of their case on the Disposition Slip, D.P.D. 380 or 380-A, when the crime is gang related provided a petition was filed in Probate Court or the subject was arraigned in Recorder's Court. Disposition slips shall be furnished by the Youth Section, Youth Crime Unit. A copy of the completed disposition slip shall be forwarded to the Youth Crime Unit.

6. TACTICAL SERVICES SECTION

Tactical Services Section personnel will be used to assist and/or supplement the Youth Section personnel with enforcement related problems or the need for uniformed personnel.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD  
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