


MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GENERAL ORDER

CHAPTER: 34-B		TITLE: Special Operations Unit
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 _____ Sheriff of Monroe County		CFA 18.13 CALEA 43.1.1, 43.1.2, 43.1.3, 43.1.4, 43.1.5

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for safe and effective surveillance operations, undercover operations, decoy operations and drug raids to include; loan sharking, labor racketeering, corruption, bribery extortion, theft, fencing rings, illegal sale and distribution of liquor and tobacco, illegal sale and distribution of controlled substances, illegal gambling operations, illegal prostitution and pornography, firearms and other related criminal activity. These activities are investigated by the Special Operations Unit.

RECEIVING / CONVEYING INFORMATION

The Crime Analysis Unit shall maintain a log of all information / complaints received from within and outside of the Sheriff's Office. This log shall also include a record of all information conveyed to and received from outside agencies (CALEA 43.1.1a, b, c)

Regardless of the source, all information / complaints shall be maintained in the computerized criminal intelligence database. A Memorandum of Information Received (MOIR) number shall be assigned by a crime analyst, and a computerized MOIR shall be generated and forwarded to the unit sergeant or lieutenant so they can determine the proper dissemination of the information.

The Sheriff shall be apprised of the Special Operations Unit's activities through the chain of

command. In addition, the unit lieutenant shall submit a monthly report summarizing the unit's activities to the Sheriff via Chain of Command (CALEA 43.1.1d)

RECORDS:

All MOIRs shall be assigned a MOIR number. All reports generated shall be assigned a case number. If any paper copies of Special Operations active investigation reports are generated they shall be maintained in a secure file within the Special Operations Unit's office. This file shall be maintained separately from the Central Records system. All electronic Special Operations records and reports of active investigations shall be maintained in a password protected restricted electronic file. These files are not accessible through the Central Records system. (CALEA 43.1.2)

Purging of criminal and intelligence information will be done in accordance with MCSO schedules of retention and F.S. 119 (CALEA 42.1.3e)

PROCEDURES:

The Special Operations Unit shall maintain a standard operation procedure (SOP) manual within the Marathon office. The SOP manual shall be reviewed, at least annually, by the unit lieutenant to insure compliance or for any revisions.

The SOP manual shall outline how to conduct and/or participate in surveillance, undercover,

decoy and raid operations. At a minimum, the SOP manual shall describe:

- The level or authority that can approve an operation
- The single person in command of each operation
- Routine and emergency communications
- Notification of the patrol supervisor responsible for the target area
- Confirmation of the target location
- How to identify and make contact with the suspect(s)
- Proper documentation necessary (CFA 18.13a – g, CALEA 43.1.5)

USE OF UNDERCOVER DEPUTY SHERIFF

MCSO recognizes that the use of undercover deputy sheriff's is sometimes required to obtain information and/or evidence on criminal activity (CALEA 43.1.5)

Undercover deputies will not:

- Become agent provocateurs or engage in entrapment
- Commit acts in violation of the law or fail to perform their duties imposed by law
- Pose as news media members in order to obtain evidence or information

SURVEILLANCE/ UNDERCOVER EQUIPMENT

Surveillance is sometimes needed as a productive part of investigative functions.

All surveillance and undercover equipment shall be maintained within a locked cabinet and/or a secure room at the Special Operation Unit's office.

The unit sergeant must authorize, in writing, the use of the equipment. Detectives must sign the equipment control log when checking equipment

out of the room/cabinet and returning equipment to the room/cabinet. (CALEA 43.1.4)

Investigators will not violate the constitutional rights to privacy of persons while conducting the investigation.

Audio, video or electronic surveillance will not be conducted without legal authorization where applicable and in compliance with state statutes or federal guidelines.

CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS

Confidential funds to support the Special Operations Unit are budgeted within the Sheriff's Office budget. The Special Operations Unit will maintain a working account. (CALEA 43.1.3)

Additional funds shall be requested through the chain of command to the Finance Director and approved by the Sheriff or his/her designee. These funds will be subject to continuous audit and will be approved by both the unit sergeant and the unit lieutenant.