

A. **PURPOSE.** To outline the organization and responsibilities of the Vice Unit.

B. **GOALS**

1. Suppress targeted offenses, including narcotics and controlled substance violations, prostitution and commercial sex offenses, gambling, and organized criminal activity.
2. Monitor the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages while enforcing the rules of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
3. Assist other departmental units and law enforcement agencies during covert operations as directed by the Chief of Police.

C. **ORGANIZATION.** The Unit Commander reports directly to the Commander of Investigations.

D. **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Identify and correct criminal problems related to the targeted offenses
2. Collect criminal intelligence for the purpose of suppressing the targeted offenses
 - a. Collect and review police reports, Silent Observer Reports and reports made directly to the Vice Unit
 - b. Maintain a master list of all tips collected and reviewed for investigation
 - c. Reports will be distributed among the Vice Unit Sergeants for assignment to investigators and to the appropriate Service Area Captain in order to direct patrol operations
 - d. Reports involving other jurisdictions will be forwarded to the appropriate agency
3. Accomplish goals by utilizing legal tools including covert operations, the use of agents and informants, surveillance, and other investigatory operations

4. Ensure that the privacy and civil rights of community members are respected during an investigation