

Memorandum



DATE November 16, 2018

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Dallas Police Vice Unit Briefing**

On Monday, November 26, 2018, you will be briefed by Assistant Chief of Police Paul Stokes regarding the Vice Unit. The presentation will be an overview of the history, actions to date, overarching philosophy, unit structure and key focal points of the new unit.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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The New Vice Unit

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Presentation Overview

- Background/History
- Actions to Date
- Overarching Philosophy
- Unit Structure
- Key Focal Points



Background/History

- Unit disbanded in November 2017
- Investigation revealed policy violations, accounting discrepancies, inadequate evidence processing and lack of accountability
- Core Vice functions shifted to the Narcotics Section, High Risk Victims Unit and Patrol

Actions To date:

- The newly structured Vice Unit, consisting of 21 members, will begin on November 28, 2018
- Newly written Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for greater accountability
- Created an intensive and diverse training plan that conforms to the Unit's new philosophy

Overarching Philosophy

- “Service first” approach that is a victim-centric philosophy
- Community partnerships to enhance prostitution diversion opportunities
- Enhance Patrol focus on prostitution ordinances and diversion through Community Courts
- Culture of accountability through oversight compliance and audits

Unit Structure

Two squads of enforcement detectives on rotating shifts. Initial efforts focusing on:

- Street-level prostitution
 - High complaint locations and escort services
- Human trafficking
 - Undercover Investigations
 - Collaborative Federal and State Human Trafficking Investigations
- Gambling Locations
 - Illegal game rooms and gambling operations

Unit Structure

Licensing Squad:

- The squad will contain a detective focused on financial investigations (money laundering)
- Processing all license applications for dance-halls, sexually-oriented businesses and billiard halls
- Currently working with City Attorney's office on updating license application process

Unit Structure

Increase Accountability through Supervision and Training:

- Examine all financial transactions and justifications
- Review paperwork and processing for accuracy
- Report immediately on errors and non-compliance

Key Focal Points

- A culture of ethics, excellence and equity through accountability and oversight
- Provide detectives with a robust training regimen with a victim-centric approach
- Partnerships and Community Engagement (Community Courts, Dallas County DA's Office, Non-governmental service providers and community groups)

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