Ocean City Police Department Special Enforcement Unit

Special Enforcement Unit (SEU)

- SEU is a highly flexible criminal enforcement unit which works with the community and other entities within the police department to identify and effectively address criminal events and activity in the Town of Ocean City.

SEU Mission

- Identify, monitor, and apprehend violent/repeat offenders committing crimes within our community.

- Address quality of life concerns in the community, with an emphasis on reducing crime through directed enforcement.

- Assist with public safety concerns and major incidents.

- Support for departmental operations and investigations.

SEU Staffing/Structure

- 1 Sergeant / 3 Detectives
  - Veteran officers, specialized training, QRT, DT instructors, FSU etc...

- Schedule
  - Extremely flexible, largely dictated by operational necessity

- SEU functions as a team, works the same hours/shift

- Capability to work in plain clothes (covert) or tactical uniform (overt)

Key to Success

- INTELLIGENCE
  - Information sharing with patrol and other OCPD investigative units
  - Information sharing with various other investigative units across the shore
    - MSAT, GU, CET, CBI, DEA, FBI etc…
  - Working with Parole and Probation
  - Routinely debriefing local arrestees
  - Working with confidential informants

- ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Murder investigation – 2020

- Shooting in Hagerstown, MD
- Two suspects (shooter and driver)
- Shooter was identified
- Tracked driver's cell phone to Ocean City (one week)
- Cell phone tower, 67th Street
- No ties to OC, likely he was staying in hotel close to cell tower
- Worked with hotels in the immediate area
- Suspect ordered food from local business (delivery).
- Identified residence, observed suspect on balcony
- Search warrant executed, located shooter and driver at residence

Handgun Investigations

- 1st Degree Assault with handgun. TWO ARRESTED

- Handgun, heroin, cocaine, other drugs seized during two traffic stops. FOUR ARRESTED

- Shooting in Berlin, MD. Retreated to OC hotel. ONE ARRESTED

- Suspect shot round in the air towards a hotel, then retreated to the hotel. ONE ARRESTED

- LOCAL BUSINESSES WERE PARAMOUNT DURING THESE INVESTIGATIONS!

If You See Something – Say Something

- Call OCPD
  - 911 (Emergency)
  - 410-723-6610
- If you witness a crime or would like to report suspicious activity…
- First – Be a Good Witness!
- Find a safe place to observe or report the problem

If You See Something – Say Something

- Who – Give a description
- What – Describe the activity
- Where – Where is the event taking place? (Use landmarks)
- When – Did it just occur? (Best to report it as it is happening)
- Why – Why do you think the behavior is suspicious or gives reason for concern?

- IT IS BEST TO REPORT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AT THE TIME IT IS HAPPENING.

Investigative Assistance from Hotels

- Photocopies of Driver's Licenses / Identification cards
- Names of all occupants staying in hotel/motel rooms
- Vehicle registration information
- Interior / Exterior surveillance cameras

- **These investigative tools can be crucial for officers and detectives with reported criminal activity!**

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  - **CRIME TIP HOTLINE**
  - **410-520-5136**
  - **Oceancitymd.gov "Crime Tips"**