

MISSION - INVESTIGATIVE SECTION

The Investigative section will properly evaluate and investigate all reported crimes within the City of Jersey Village. The departmental Detectives will determine the presence of sufficient information to warrant further investigation without bias and in a fair, impartial manner.

Crimes will be investigated with professionalism and tenacity, giving due consideration to the rights of victims and suspects alike. Victims will be provided timely information concerning the status of their cases.

The JVPD Detectives will assist other law enforcement agencies towards the common goal of suppression of crime in Jersey Village and other surrounding communities.



INVESTIGATIVE SECTION - VALUE STATEMENT

The JVPD Investigative Section has a commitment to independence and excellence in the quality of our services. This commitment is characterized by integrity, fairness, cooperation, creativity, and respect.

PROFESSIONALISM

- As criminal investigators we conduct ourselves in a professional, ethical and courteous manner at all times.
- As criminal investigators we maintain a high level of integrity. We encourage professional and individual growth through training opportunities.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- As criminal investigators we are held accountable for our own actions or omissions.
- As criminal investigators we continuously search for more efficient ways of processing our work. We fix the problem, not the blame.

COMMITMENT

- As criminal investigators we promote excellence and provide quality services to the public and our co-workers.
- As criminal investigators we recognize that we are here to serve the public and private sectors as well as other law enforcement agencies and we consider that to be an honor. We maximize the use of our resources.

TEAMWORK

- As criminal investigators we effectively communicate with our co-workers, supervisors and members of the public. We are respectful to our co-workers and members of the public. We elicit and evaluate other's opinions and contributions. We pledge to share our knowledge and to assist each other in achieving the mission of the agency.

While the investigations of 2000 produced our first homicide, it also fashioned a concern over staffing in respect of need to adequately address issues of 2001. As we began 2001, an arrest from Jersey Village identified a ring of national criminal operatives where stolen credit cards, manufacturing of false identification and multiple felony warrants were present. While clearly a benchmark case for our agency, the far-reaching implications drain our limited resources. The basic fabric of investigation has not changed, and what will impact our agency are the mandated steps of prosecuting officials for case presentation and our level of activity.