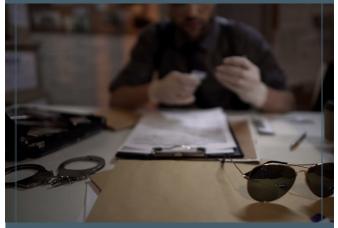


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# Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission

The Ohio attorney general's Organized Crime Investigations Commission promotes cooperative law enforcement efforts to combat organized crime.



# About OOCIC

Created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1986, OOCIC is governed by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 177. Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost serves as chairman of the commission, which has six other members: two police chiefs, two sheriffs and two prosecuting attorneys. The six members are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for three-year terms. No more than four members may be from the same political party.



### **Our work**

The commission authorizes task forces to investigate organized criminal activity that crosses city, township and county borders. Investigation details and the identities of authorities involved, as well as the identity of the person or group being investigated, are kept confidential until an arrest or indictment has been filed.

### How we help

Because every investigation is unique, OOCIC tailors its support to each case. The commission assists local law enforcement in three main areas: technical, administrative and prosecutorial.



# How to request an OOCIC task force

Agencies can request an OOCIC task force investigation by submitting a written proposal outlining the scope and specifics of the investigation, including:

- >> A summary of the suspected criminal activity and the targets involved, including their names and other specific information about them.
- A plan for the investigation of the targets involved, including an estimate of when the investigation would be completed and the counties encompassed in the investigation.
- A list of participating law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices.
- A list of the resources that each agency would contribute to the task force, such as manpower, office space, covert vehicles, communications equipment and computers.
- An outline of what would be expected from OOCIC, such as funds for confidential informants or the purchase of contraband, electronic surveillance equipment, technical support, vehicles, office space or other equipment not available from local sources.

#### Please submit requests to:

Executive Director Rocky W. Nelson Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission P.O. Box 968, Grove City, Ohio 43123 or Investigative.Coordinator@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

# **Technical Assistance**

OOCIC offers technical assistance to both its task forces and local law enforcement in three main areas:



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# **OOCIC's Forensic Audio and Video Lab** offers the following services:

- Forensic video analysis
- Forensic audio analysis
- Tape authenticity
- Forensic animation
- Video duplication
- Audio duplication
- Digital prints
- Format change
- Facial blurring
- Video redaction
- Audio redaction
- Reconstruction of damaged tapes

# **OOCIC's Criminal Intelligence Analyst** assists with:

- Phone tolls/maps
- Association and link analysis
- Timelines
- Flow charts
- Surveillance books
- Entity searches

# **OOCIC** maintains the following types of equipment for law enforcement use:

- Audio recording devices
- Video recording devices
- Covert cameras
- Communications equipment
- Wiretap equipment

# **Administrative Assistance**

Administrative support includes funding for the payment of confidential informants, purchase of contraband and related expenses. Other covered expenses might include costs such as travel and training directly related to the investigation, the lease of office space and office equipment, as well as vehicles.

Although OOCIC does not reimburse agencies for the salaries of officers assigned to a task force, it does cover the officers as state employees for workers' compensation purposes. OOCIC's executive director and staff work with each task force director to help ensure that the mission is accomplished efficiently and cost-effectively.

## **Prosecutorial Assistance**

OOCIC works with the attorney general's Special Prosecutions Section when assistance is requested in prosecuting task force cases. The trial prosecutors in the section have extensive experience working with local officials on complex cases. OOCIC's staff also includes a lawyer to support task forces during their investigations and provide legal guidance.



### **Other Assistance**

OOCIC may be available to law enforcement agencies that are not part of a task force. If the assistance can be provided without hindering task force operations, OOCIC will loan equipment or provide technical or legal services to meet the needs of law enforcement agencies.



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For more information about OOCIC, please call **800-589-6622** or **614-277-1000**.



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