

RESEARCH PAPER : The Opinions of Police Investigators Toward
Drug Suppression : A Case Study of
Yasothon Provincial Police Office

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The three major objectives of the study were

- 1) to survey the opinions on drug suppression of the police investigators at Yasothon Provincial Police Office
- 2) to identify the factors influencing their opinions on this matter
- 3) to find out some ways to improve the police's efficiency in drug suppression.

A questionnaire was employed to collect the data from 73 police investigators at Yasothon Provincial Police Office in Yasothon Province. The questionnaire consisted of three parts. The first part dealt with the personal background information ; the second asked their opinions about drug suppression ; and the third part contained open-ended questions to seek their suggestions. Percentage, mean standard deviation, t-test and F-test were used to analyze the data.

The findings were summed up as follows :

- 1) Most of the police investigators were 31-40 years old. The number of service years ranged from 5 to 10 years. The majority were married. Their education was below a Bachelor's degree. Their ranks were private police, sergeant, sergeant major the work position was head of investigator groups. Their salaries were lower than 10,000 baht. They had not more than 5 years of

investigation experience. However, they used to be trained about drug suppression. The police investigators were united and helped each other both in personal matters and in work. They regularly received related information (3-5 times a week).

2) As a whole, the police investigators were satisfied with the drug suppression at a moderate level. This satisfactory level was also found in all aspects of drug suppression. These were the police's knowledge and capability, power and influence of drug traders, access to information about drug suppression, and welfare. However, they were the least satisfied with material and equipment as well as operational budgets.

3) The factor found to be significantly related to the police investigators' opinions on drug suppression was relationship with colleagues. In contrast, age, number of service years, marital status, education, rank, work position, salary, work experience, training experience and access to information were found to have no relationship with their opinions.