

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Factors Affecting to Police Officials on Drugs
Suppression Operation : A Case Study of Drugs
Suppression Team Under Provincial Police
Region 1

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The objectives of the study were (1) to find out the opinions on drug suppression of the drug suppression police force under the Provincial Police Region 1, and (2) the factors related to their opinions on drug suppression, in order to use the research results as a guideline to improve the efficiency of drug suppression.

The data were collected from 120 policemen in the drug suppression police force under the Provincial Police Region 1. Most of them were non-commissioned policemen.

The findings were summed up below:

1. The drug suppression police thought that there was not enough support in salaries and welfare. They had to take risk in work. There were not enough equipment, tools and vehicles for work and the existing ones were not modern enough. Also, their knowledge and skills should be upgraded. Especially, most of the police still lacked the knowledge of investigation techniques and collection of evidence.

2. The police still feared the outlaw inference, resulting in poor efficiency in drug suppression.

3. When the hypotheses were tested, age, number of working year, training, support from the office and acknowledgement of the influence were found to have no relationship with the police's opinions on the problems and obstacles in drug suppression. On the contrary, age was found to have a significant relationship with their opinion about the problem of crime prosecution and support from the office had a significant relationship with news coordination.

4. It is recommended that there should be adequate support from the office regarding salaries and welfare, work equipment, tools and vehicles which should also be modern. Training should be given to the drug suppression police, especially on investigation techniques, and collection of evidence to put the wrong-doers in court, including arrests and awareness of the human rights of the arrested. Also the reward system for the police who do good deeds must be improved. A big enough reward should be given to the spies who have given information about drug trade, as they help reduce the loss of lives and time of the police. In addition, laws should be revised to fit the changing real-life situation. Severe punishment should be imposed for wrong-doers. Also the regulations related to searching places should be revised to be more flexible. Further, the suspected police should be inspected. Confiscating property in accordance with the money laundry law is an example of a case in point. People's cooperation should be sought through public relations channels to make them aware of the harmful effects of illegal drugs. News networks should be built to enable different parties concerned to get updated information regarding drug suppression.