

New Police Unit to Hunt Bad Cops

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Police Supt. James B. Conlisk yesterday announced the creation of a new undercover division which has the dual role of harassing gangsters and ferreting out crooked policemen working with the Chicago crime syndicate.

The new unit, C-5, composed of 50 men ranking from captain to patrolmen, went on duty yesterday after a month's intensive training by federal and state agents, United States Justice Department officials, and assistant Cook County state's attorneys.

Conlisk said the 50 were selected from 400 volunteers for their "honesty, integrity, professionalism, dedication, alertness, and ability."

He said almost all of them either have obtained college degrees or have taken college courses.

Conlisk would not tell where the headquarters of the new division will be, but said it will not be in the Police Headquarters at 1121 S. State St.

The new unit is the responsibility of Deputy Supt. Mitchell Ware, former head of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation, Conlisk said. Ware was named deputy superintendent after complaints that regular police department internal investigation procedures were inadequate to stop police corruption.

"C-5 will not be just an investigative division," Conlisk

said. "It will be operational and tactical, and members will make arrests."