

EXCLUSIVE: Racine Police Chief Disbands Drug Unit; Won't Say Why
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In a departmental memo, Racine Police Chief Maurice Robinson is announcing he is disbanding the Police Department's Drug Unit. He is refusing to say why.

Racine Police Spokesperson Sergeant Kristi Wilcox tells me "the department does not comment on internal reorganization."

Racine has seen a significant increase in violent crime in recent years. On the other hand, many urban police departments have de-emphasized drug enforcement, often with disastrous consequences.

Robinson was named Racine's Police Chief two years ago and is a former Captain with the Cincinnati Police Department. He was the hand-picked choice of Racine's liberal mayor, Cory Mason.

The announcement of the disbanding of the drug unit was made along with confirmation of a larger reorganization of several other task forces including those dealing with gangs and guns. Those Racine units are being folded into one unit. The drug unit isn't part of it; it will simply cease to exist. Perhaps Robinson and Mason feel drugs are not a problem in Racine. There's no way of knowing what the Chief actually thinks as he isn't talking.