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COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM



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ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Stakeholders,

I am very pleased to present the Wisconsin National Guard Counterdrug Program's Annual Report for 2017. Our 26th year brought a flurry of activity beginning with a change-over in Counterdrug Coordinators, fluctuations in criminal intelligence analyst support, and hurricane-interrupted RC-26 aviation activities. However, the year-end brought some hope for stability, as a glance into our future fiscal year indicated a more predictable budget which will bring analyst continuity to you, our customers.

Early in 2017, Lieutenant Colonel Lauri Hrovatin announced that she would be leaving the Counterdrug Coordinator position to fly for a commercial airline. She ensured a smooth and professional hand-off of her duties as I transitioned into the Counterdrug Coordinator position. I would like to thank her for her guidance and wish her the best of luck and safe flights in her future.

Criminal Intelligence analysts serve as the foundation of our program. We began the year with less than a dozen analysts supporting multiple agencies. As summer approached we received an increase in funding allowing us to grow up to 18 analysts over the summer. As summer came to close, several of our analysts went back to college. But, as our new fiscal year began, a new funding process allowed us to hire additional analysts. We placed them in priority, based on agency request memorandums.

The Wisconsin RC-26 aircraft was extremely busy in 2017. Early in the year, the RC-26 deployed to Central America in support of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. Upon return, we discovered many RC-26 aircraft around the country were going through scheduled maintenance and repairs. The WI RC-26 became a shared regional aircraft. Then came the hurricanes. The WI RC-26 was placed on alert to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in Texas. When Hurricane Irma hit, our aircraft and crew were redirected to support disaster relief in Puerto Rico by providing aerial infrastructure imagery. As the year comes to a close, the RC-26 and crew are back in Wisconsin and ready to provide our stakeholders with a full range of their capabilities.

In past years, the National Guard Counterdrug Program received annual budgetary increases in early summer which allowed the program to add multiple analysts for short term employment. Additional summer help was welcomed but didn't provide employee or customer continuity. National Guard Bureau has recently developed a process to gain the funding increases early in the fiscal year. This new process has permitted our program to keep more analysts employed across the end of the fiscal year. I believe 2018 and beyond will bring employment stability to our team creating higher-quality analytical support to our stakeholders.

This report highlights the accomplishments of our criminal analysts and our aviation program. These accomplishments would not be possible without the tremendous support of our customers, state leadership, and our elected officials. The Wisconsin Counterdrug Program looks forward to continuing this partnership in 2018.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MARA

Lt Col, Wisconsin National Guard
Counterdrug Coordinator





THREATS

The Wisconsin Counterdrug Program (CDP) is a federally funded state program that assists law enforcement and community organizations in their efforts to reduce the supply and demand of drugs. Our mission is to enhance an organization's drug awareness and prevention efforts by providing specialized personnel and unique resources at no cost.

Today Wisconsin faces numerous threats including:

- Heroin
- Prescription Drugs
- Cocaine
- Methamphetamine

These threats not only affect families, they tear apart communities with crime and other social problems.

Through partnerships with law enforcement and community-based organizations, we are dedicated to making Wisconsin a safer place to live.

TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

The Wisconsin Counterdrug Program continued to support the national Take Back initiative in Wisconsin. The Take Back day allows community members to safely dispose of unused prescription medications keeping them out of the hands of youth and helps to educate the community about potential abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal of medication.

This year Wisconsin residents safely discarded 63,941 lbs of prescription drugs making it third in the nation behind Texas and California. Discarding these dangerous drugs involves a lot of logistics and we're glad we had the opportunity to assist law enforcement agencies dispose of 3 semi-trucks full of prescription drugs.

By supporting this initiative, the Counterdrug Program is able to give back directly to the community and assist in the fight against prescription painkiller abuse.



OUR IMPACT

OVER 127 TONS

OF PHARMACEUTICALS WERE SAFELY DESTROYED

"Every day the Wisconsin National Guard Counterdrug Program positively impacts the citizens and communities of Wisconsin, by providing support to law enforcement agencies. The analytical support provided by WI National Guard Counterdrug to Brown County Drug Task Force is vital to identifying the true size, scope, and methods of operations for the Drug Trafficking Organizations we investigate."

*Lt. Kevin Kinnard
Brown County Sheriff's Office
Drug Task Force*

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— OUR — IMPACT

**OVER
\$29M**
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURES

2,503
DRUG-RELATED ARRESTS

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CRIMINAL ANALYST SUPPORT

Wisconsin National Guard members provide un-paralleled analytical case support to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. This support helps investigators to develop ongoing local narcotics cases into multi-tiered conspiracy investigations focused on the identification, disruption, and dismantlement of criminal organizations. Counterdrug analysts specialize in financial, cyber, and communications analysis and are at the forefront of our communities fight against the drug crisis. This year alone, our analysts supported 469 drug related cases resulting in \$17M in seizures and 2,503 arrests. By providing both pro-active and

some reactive analysis, these members are instrumental in safeguarding our future. Through strategic placement of analysts in 11 agencies across the state, the Counterdrug Program was able to continue supporting all 72 counties in Wisconsin. This statewide support included 2,078 deconflictions and 2,723 requests for information from various law enforcement agencies. By providing this information, our analysts ensure law enforcement agents are aware of any other investigations on the same targets ultimately increasing the success and efficiency of multi-agency cases.

AVIATION SUPPORT

Wisconsin's RC-26 aircraft and crew were utilized for counterdrug missions and exercises this year. The aircraft and crew are key assets in achieving considerable results in the fight against trafficking of illicit drugs. We continue to play a critical role in supporting law enforcement agencies with ground-to-air communication capabilities, full motion video, and the ability to perform day and night reconnaissance support.

This year the Wisconsin RC-26 aircrew flew over 365 flight hours supporting a total of 43 individual missions for 21 law enforcement agencies. In addition to supporting the State of Wisconsin, the RC-26 aircrew also served as a regional and national asset by supporting 10 separate states, 2 international border initiatives, and 1 international narcotics operation. The aircrew enabled law enforcement agencies to seize over \$12M in assets, currency and drugs. To request support please contact 608-242-3545.

