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★ WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ★
COUNTERDRUG
PROGRAM

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2018
ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT US

The Wisconsin National Guard, Counterdrug Program, assists law enforcement in disrupting the production, transportation, distribution and financing of illegal drugs.

Through partnerships with local, state and federal agencies the Counterdrug Program acts as a force multiplier by providing specialized personnel and unique resources at no cost.

Please contact us if you're interested in partnering with our program. We look forward to working with you.

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Dear Stakeholders,

I am very pleased to present the Wisconsin National Guard Counterdrug Program's Annual Report for 2018. This year's submission begins our transition to an all-digital format and away from traditional mailings.

2018 began with an extensive review to the Counterdrug Program. Leadership changes at the highest levels of the Department of Defense (DOD) recommended some changes to our program. To highlight a couple, Criminal Intelligence Analysts are now referred to as Investigative and Case Support Analysts. DOD is also enforcing the following additional criteria for approving support for domestic law enforcement agencies: Not only must National Guard support have a valid narcotics nexus, but the skills our analysts provide to those

activities must be militarily unique and a skill that domestic law enforcement lacks or cannot replicate with a similar level of experience.

The new criteria identified above will bring future challenges in identifying and securing pre-qualified analysts. In anticipation of this, we will make certain that one of our top priorities is the training and service-recognized certification of all our current analysts. Thus, allowing us to retain the current pool of analysts and keep continuity within the program and throughout the state.

Our Civil Operations personnel supported two Community-based Organizations (CBO) this year providing them with campaign marketing support. Our goal for the coming year is to expand upon this service to include coaching, mentoring, and providing current drug threat information to our partnering CBOs.

Wisconsin's aerial reconnaissance platform, the RC-26, remained in high demand. The RC-26 aircrew provided valuable support to our stakeholders by flying 483 flight hours in support of 25 law enforcement agencies throughout the year. The RC-26 remains, as always, ready to support domestic operations and initiatives within the state as well as the nation.

This 2018 Annual Report highlights another successful year showing our commitment to help keep Wisconsin communities safe and free from drug abuse. 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 2019.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MARA
 Lt Col, Wisconsin National Guard
 Counterdrug Coordinator

THREATS

The Wisconsin Counterdrug Program assisted law enforcement and community organizations in their efforts to reduce the supply and demand of drugs.

In 2018, Wisconsin faced numerous threats including:



Heroin



Methamphetamine



Prescription Drugs



Cocaine



Cannabis

These threats not only affected families but also tore apart communities with crime and other social problems.

Through partnerships with law enforcement and Community-based Organizations, we have been dedicated to making Wisconsin a safer place to live.

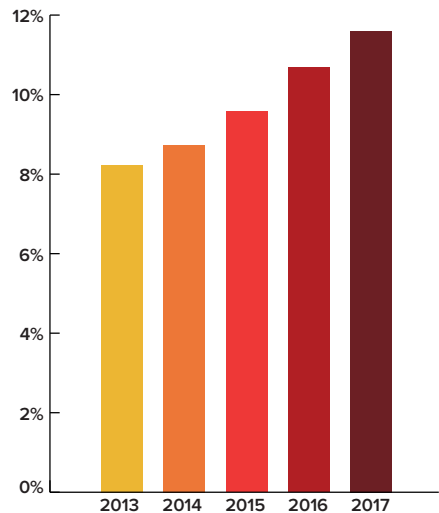
What Does This Look Like?

The Wisconsin Counterdrug Program assisted in the seizure of \$18.5M worth of illegal narcotics and narcotics related assets. What could YOUR community do with \$18.5M? This is enough money for 161 children to attend K-12 in Wisconsin.

WI Counterdrug also assisted in removing the equivalent of 976,201 individual doses of heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine. That is enough to supply every person in Milwaukee County, or 17% of the entire state, at once.

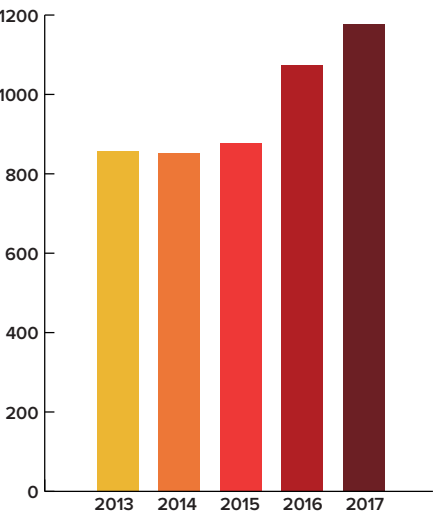
Drug Related Crime

Source: WI. DOJ, Uniform Crime Reporting



Drug Overdoses

Source: CDC Drug Overdose Deaths



CASE SUPPORT ANALYST

Wisconsin National Guard members continued to protect our families and communities by supporting law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Counterdrug Case Support Analysts assisted law enforcement agents in developing narcotics investigations into complete and prosecutable cases focused on the identification, disruption, and dismantlement of criminal organizations.

- ★ **27 Drug Trafficking Organizations Disrupted/Dismantled**
- ★ **14 Illicit Networks Identified**
- ★ **5 International Financing Connections Identified**



Counterdrug Analysts provided militarily unique analytical skills to law enforcement agencies throughout the state who were able to make the largest impact to our communities' fight against the drug crisis.

- ★ **904 Drug Related Cases Supported**
- ★ **353 Opioid Related Cases Supported**
- ★ **2,727 Arrests**
- ★ **543 Illegal Weapons Seized**

Counterdrug Analysts continued to provide immediate and prioritized support to overdose task forces and initiatives throughout the state where they were able to receive, analyze, and disseminate actionable information timely enough to save the next life and immediately remove the suspect from the street, demonstrating our continued focus on saving lives, families, and communities.

- ★ **906 Narcotics-Related Criminals Identified**
- ★ **510 Heroin, Fentanyl, and Opiate Traffickers Identified**

Counterdrug Analysts also provided a critical communication bridge between law enforcement agencies throughout the state and nation; local, state, tribal and federal governments; emergency responders; and our communities and leaders.

- ★ **4,492 Requests for Information Supported**
- ★ **1,109 Critical Products Disseminated to Outside Agencies**
- ★ **5,974 Deconflictions Performed**

AVIATION SUPPORT

Wisconsin's RC-26 aircraft and crew were utilized for numerous counterdrug missions and exercises this year. Aviation support also played 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. In 2018, the Wisconsin RC-26 aircrew flew over 483 flight hours and supported 25 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 including hurricane support in Puerto Rico. RC-26 aviation support enabled law enforcement agencies to seize over \$1.4M in assets, currency and drugs.



“Our Task Force, which is comprised of five counties, has had the opportunity to utilize the RC-26 on multiple occasions.

The crews and support staff in this program have been nothing but the highest level in terms of professionalism and interaction with all of our task force members.

The RC-26 program is essential to counterdrug activities in our state.”

Tom Johnson, Investigative Coordinator
West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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OUR PRIORITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 1** *Disrupt the flow of illegal drugs and illicit finances within the boundaries of Wisconsin.*
Accomplishment: Supported 904 narcotics cases in 11 agencies including the State Fusion Center and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.
- 2** *Deter Drug Trafficking Organizations' (DTO) ability to transport drugs and illicit finances utilizing interstate transportation.*
Accomplishment: Flew 483 hours and supported 25 agencies.
- 3** *Maximize impact and support to Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) cases focusing on the heroin epidemic throughout the state.*
Accomplishment: Supported 18 OCDETF cases and 353 opioid cases.
- 4** *Focus analyst support on financial investigations within federal agencies and state fusion centers.*
Accomplishment: Supported 9 money laundering cases which identified 55 money laundering targets.

COMMUNITY IMPACT:

The Take Back initiative 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 68,016 lbs of prescription drugs making it second in the nation behind only California.** By supporting this initiative, the Counterdrug Program is able to give back directly to our communities and assist in the fight against prescription painkiller abuse.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

- ★ Citizens of the State of Wisconsin
- ★ Community Organizations
- ★ Department of Defense
- ★ Department of Homeland Security
- ★ Counterdrug Program Members and their Families
- ★ Governor and Attorney General
- ★ Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement
- ★ North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
- ★ National Guard Bureau
- ★ Office of Justice Assistance
- ★ Office of National Drug Control Policy
- ★ Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions
- ★ State and Federal Legislators
- ★ Wisconsin National Guard Members and their Families
- ★ Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics