Wisconsin HIDTA
Success Built Atop Broken Down Barriers

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Heroin Initiative
HIDTA Program History

- The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program, created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, provides assistance to Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug trafficking regions of the United States.

- There are currently **28 HIDTAs**, which include approximately **17.6 percent of all counties** in the United States and **63.5 percent of the U.S. population**. HIDTA-designated counties are located in 48 States, as well as in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.
28 regional HIDTAs in 48 U.S. states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands
**HIDTA Executive Board**

- Comprised of member agency heads or their designee
- Control the function and direction of the Wisconsin HIDTA
7 Counties in the Wisconsin HIDTA region
Wisconsin HIDTA Member Agencies

- Brown County Sheriff’s Department
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- Dane County Sheriff’s Department
- Department of Homeland Security
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Internal Revenue Service
- Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department
- Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office
- Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Department
- Milwaukee Police Department
- Racine County Sheriff’s Department
- Rock County Sheriff’s Department
- United States Coast Guard Investigative Service
- United States Marshal Service
- United States Postal Inspection Service
- United States Secret Service
- United States Forest Service
- United States Attorney’s Office
- Waukesha County Sheriff’s Office
- West Allis Police Department
- Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigations
- Wisconsin National Guard – Counter–Drug Program
- Wisconsin State Patrol
Wisconsin HIDTA Initiatives

- Enforcement
  - Drug Gang Task Force
    - 25 members (1 DCI Agent)
  - Fugitive Task Force
    - 13 members
  - Heroin Task Force
    - 12 members (3 DCI Agents, 1 SAC)
  - Interdiction Task Force
    - 5 members
  - Human Trafficking Task Force
    - 8 members (1 DCI Agent)
  - Northeast Drug Task Force (Brown County)
    - 20 members
  - Southeast Drug Task Force (Kenosha/Racine)
    - 24 members
  - South Central Drug Task Force (Dane/Rock County)
    - 17 members
Wisconsin HIDTA Initiatives

- Prosecution
  - 5 members
- Investigative Support Center & Watch Center
  - 13 members
- Prevention – Safe & Sound
  - Safe Places, Community Partners, Community Prosecution
  - 25 members
- Training
  - 1 member
- Information Technology
  - 2 members
- Management & Coordination
  - 4 members
Heroin Initiative

- DEA Task Force
  - All members are federally deputized, and have access to DEA resources around the world
  - Make up:
    - 3 Local Police Departments (6 Officers)
    - 1 Local Sheriff’s Office (Waukesha County–2 Deputies)
    - 4 DCI agents (3 agents–1 SAC)
    - DEA Special Agent (1 agent)
  - Tasked with targeting large scale heroin trafficking organizations by way of long term investigative techniques
    - The goal is dismantling entire criminal organizations trafficking heroin
Mission
◦ Provide case support through the development and analysis of investigative information and provide technical surveillance expertise.

◦ Provide for DECONFLICTION with the ability to query many LE databases under one roof.

◦ Works collaboratively with other intelligence centers (WSIC, Milwaukee Fusion Center, EPIC)

◦ A single source for intelligence gathering, intelligence query, and data retention
Battling the Heroin/Opioid Epidemic

Our strategy

◦ Building Strategic Partnerships through Task Forces and collaborative efforts in the community
  • Force multiplying on all fronts
  • Federal, State and Local
◦ Sharing resources and information with other Federal, State and local partners
◦ Sharing knowledge and information with the community
  • Education is a critical piece
  • 360 Strategy