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WHAT IS HIDTA?

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program was created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. Its mission is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA Program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations, with particular emphasis on drug trafficking regions that have harmful effects on other parts of the United States.

In 1994, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) designated 13 jurisdictions in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia as a HIDTA region. Since then, the Washington/Baltimore (W/B) HIDTA's boundaries have expanded to include 29 counties and 14 cities in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Each of the 33 HIDTA Programs across the country shares two goals as part of the National HIDTA Program:

1. Disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations

2. Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA initiatives

MISSION

To reduce drug trafficking and misuse by improving interagency collaboration, promoting accurate and timely information and intelligence sharing, and providing specialized training and other resources to law enforcement, intelligence, prevention, and treatment initiatives.

To accomplish its mission, the W/B HIDTA will strategically apply its resources to initiatives designed to save lives, prevention the initiation and continuation of drug misuse, and apprehend drug traffickers and money launderers.

VISION

Within the next five years, our efforts to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, provide treatment resources, and develop drug prevention programs will save lives and strengthen communities and families in the W/B HIDTA region.
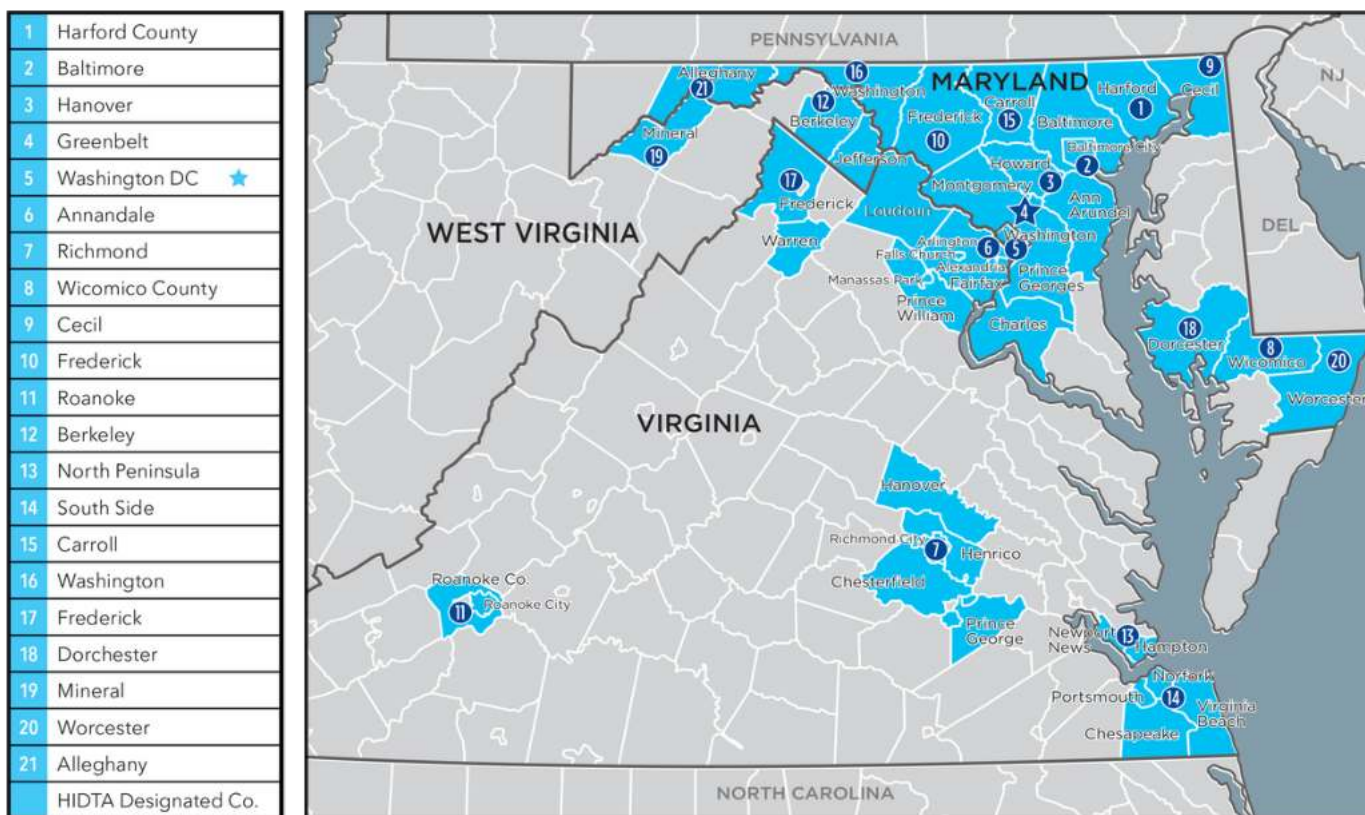
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA FACILITIES

The W/B HIDTA region is now widely dispersed across the region. It encompasses 12,099 square miles and serves as home to approximately 12 million people—including 100% of the population in the District of Columbia, 93% in Maryland, 62% in Virginia, and 12% in West Virginia.

1	Harford County
2	Baltimore
3	Hanover
4	Greenbelt
5	Washington DC ★
6	Annandale
7	Richmond
8	Wicomico County
9	Cecil
10	Frederick
11	Roanoke
12	Berkeley
13	North Peninsula
14	South Side
15	Carroll
16	Washington
17	Frederick
18	Dorchester
19	Mineral
20	Worcester
21	Alleghany
	HIDTA Designated Co.

Unlike many other HIDTA regions, the W/B HIDTA area has never served as a major gateway for illegal drugs into the United States. Instead, it has evolved as a distribution hub for the Mid-Atlantic states. The region has been a significant drug consumption market for over 30 years, especially for heroin and for drugs associated with street violence, such as crack cocaine and PCP. The presence of significant drug consumption and serious street violence is what led the Director of ONDCP to establish the W/B HIDTA in 1994.

Federal, state, and local law enforcement officials responding to the 2024 W/B HIDTA Threat Assessment Survey for Law Enforcement Initiative Supervisors identified fentanyl, heroin, and powder and crack cocaine as the primary drug threats in their communities. With the exception of fentanyl, these drugs have been long-standing major threats in the W/B HIDTA area. The ample drug misuse and drug-related crime that occurs in the W/B HIDTA region necessitates a continued, strategically-focused, and comprehensive approach to saving lives, preventing the initiation and continuance of drug misuse, and apprehending drug traffickers and money launderers.

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA LEADERSHIP

An executive board comprised of federal, state, and local representatives from law enforcement, public safety, treatment, prevention, and criminal justice agencies from across the region, and an executive director lead the W/B HIDTA. The executive board assesses the drug threats found in the region; develops a strategy to address the threats; designs initiatives to implement the strategy; and proposes funding.

THOMAS CARR
Executive Director

Director Carr has served as the W/B HIDTA's executive director since its formation in 1994. He also serves as the executive director of the Center for Drug Policy at the University of Baltimore. Director Carr designed and implemented over 150 drug task forces; and 18 drug treatment/criminal justice, and five drug prevention initiatives in the past 27 years. As chair of the HIDTA Program's Performance Management Process Committee, Director Carr established metrics to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of drug law enforcement, treatment, prevention, and criminal intelligence initiatives. He worked with ONDCP and nine other HIDTAs to develop an Opioid Response Strategy, and led the development of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP), a near-real-time overdose surveillance system used to identify spikes in fatal and nonfatal overdoses across the country.

SHERIFF MIKE CHAPMAN
Loudoun County Sheriff's Office; Chair, Executive Board

Sheriff Michael Chapman is a seasoned law enforcement professional. He was elected sheriff of Loudoun County, VA in 2011, and took office in 2012. During Sheriff Chapman's tenure, he has initiated a Heroin Operations Team (HOT) in response to the local heroin and opioid problem, with a continued focus on fentanyl. HOT addresses drug abuse through targeted enforcement, education, training, prevention, and treatment. Sheriff Chapman has added prescription drug awareness with assistance from the DEA, and expanded the DARE program to include both elementary and middle schools. Prior to joining the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Chapman worked for the Howard County, MD Police Department in patrol, SWAT, and criminal investigations; and for the DEA, where he directed operations through the Far East, served as the assistant special agent in charge in San Francisco, and chief of public affairs, among other positions.

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Ali Burrell, ODMAP Program Manager

Ali Burrell joined the W/B HIDTA in 2020 as the public health analyst for Virginia. In this capacity, she supported the W/B HIDTA's Overdose Response Strategy, bridging the gap between public safety and public health with her incredible content knowledge on the region's drug issues. In 2021, she began working as the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) program manager. Ms. Burrell has elevated and grown the program to what it is today — a one-of-a-kind, nationally-recognized, near-real time overdose reporting platform.

Ms. Burrell has overseen continuous growth in the number of new agencies accessing ODMAP She works with new partners to ensure that they understand the system, and how it can be used to drive decisions in their communities; and strives to fulfill each participating agency's requests, answer their questions, and meeting them where they are in the implementation process. ODMAP is now partnering with over 4,500 agencies across the country to share suspected overdose event information with one another—including the development of 13 new statewide ODMAP strategies, the establishment of an API for a tribal nation and the re-establishment of an API in Florida.

> **"MS. BURRELL'S TENACITY AND SPIRIT ARE THE KEYS TO HER ABILITY TO WORK WITH PARTNERS ACROSS PROFESSIONS TO FIND A WAY TO BREAK THROUGH BARRIERS. HER SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS, AND DEDICATION TO HELPING SAVE AND IMPROVE LIVES ACROSS THE NATION MAKE HER AN EXTRAORDINARY ASSET TO THE W/B HIDTA TEAM."**

-W/B HIDTA Executive Director, Tom Carr

Ms. Burrell's efforts have ensured that W/B HIDTA local law enforcement partners are able to use the system, understand where overdoses are occurring, and work with their partners to help to reduce number of overdoses across our communities. Through Ms. Burrell's leadership, the ODMAP team has also created multiple reports and deliverables for Maryland partners about the impact of drug seizures in our communities and the location of hotspots in and around Baltimore.

TEAM RECOGNITION

Network Operations Center

NETWORK & SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

Ensuring efficient networking and system administration, using robust security measures, providing seamless help desk support, having accurate mapping and data services, and developing innovative software play pivotal roles in the success of any organization. The Network Operations Center (NOC) is a prime example of an institution that excels in these domains. The NOC's networking and system administration unit has consistently enhanced network performance and reliability through various initiatives. In 2022, it implemented Office 365, upgraded legacy servers and decommissioned others, and supported the application infrastructure for all in-house and third-party applications. Further, migrating to cloud resources has resulted in faster data transmission, improved connectivity, and significant cost savings.

SECURITY

The NOC's Security Unit (SU) has proactively administered security measures to combat emerging threats. It closely monitors security bulletins, including Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) alerts and other public threat publishing systems. Further, unit members have actively participated in IT management committees, sharing ideas and resources with industry experts.

By staying updated with the latest news and continuously reviewing CISA and Computer Emergency Readiness Team bulletins, the SU is equipped to address zero-day and emerging technological threats. Unit members have implemented a comprehensive security framework, including network and security changes based on identified gaps, network traffic monitoring, data loss prevention, and user training through phishing campaigns. Its efforts have resulted in a secure network environment, as evidenced by the absence of notable security incidents.

TEAM RECOGNITION

HELP DESK

The NOC's Help Desk unit delivers timely support to over 10,000 users, assisting with various initiatives and applications. Its small staff of 4 to 5 dedicated professionals ensures that users receive adequate support from 6 AM to 5 PM. In 2022, Help Desk unit members closed an impressive 8,500 tickets, showcasing their commitment to promptly resolving user queries and technical issues. Their scope of support extends beyond troubleshooting, as they also ensure conference room technology is functioning seamlessly.

MAPPING AND DATA SERVICES

The NOC's Mapping and Data Services Unit's (MDU) work is critical for managing incoming data and supporting the Investigative Support Center (ISC). The MDU oversees the configuration of Semantica, and maintains the ArcGIS system, providing stable and reliable mapping and data services.

The MDU ensures that databases are encrypted, manages database access, performs regular updates and disaster recovery measures, and troubleshoots database performance.

The MDU's contributions extend beyond technical support. It has successfully provided CE data to the Baltimore Police Department, facilitating the development of a custom application that significantly enhances enforcement efforts.
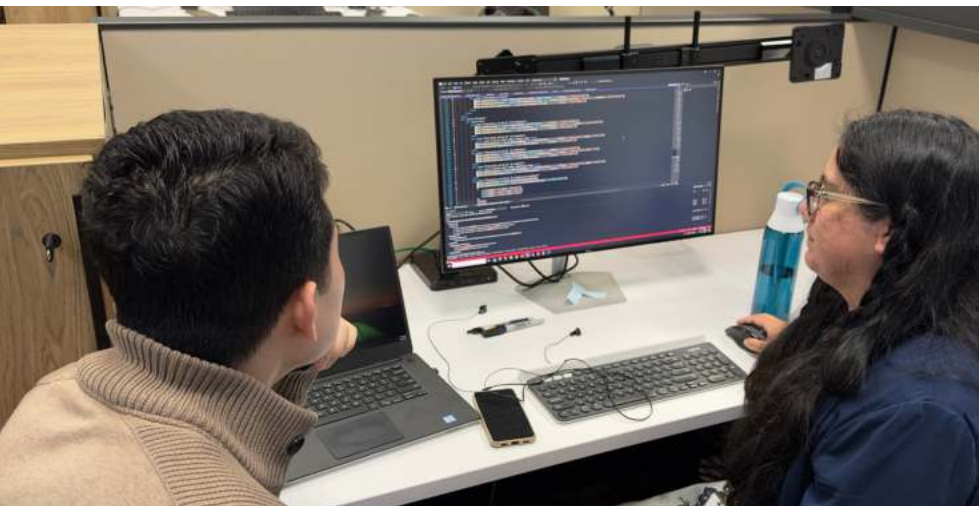
TEAM RECOGNITION

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

The NOC's Software Development Unit (SDU) has transformed operations and productivity through the provision of innovative software solutions. The unit develops software with a mobile-first design approach, ensuring accessibility for a wide range of users.

In 2022, the SDU completed the development and rollout of CE to over 4,000 regular users nationally, enhancing case coordination and supporting law enforcement efforts. It has also released custom bookmarks and spike alerts to Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) users, along with numerous enhancements to the Performance Management Process (PMP) application based on requests from PMP groups.

These software solutions have had tangible impacts—preventing "blue-on-blue" incidents through the development and use of CE, driving data-based decision-making through PMP, and saving lives by alerting first responders and law enforcement to drug overdose spikes across numerous jurisdictions through ODMAP.

The NOC has demonstrated exceptional success in networking and system administration, security, help desk support, mapping and data services, and software development. Its achievements reflect NOC staff members' commitment to optimizing network performance, ensuring security, delivering timely support, providing accurate mapping and data services, and developing innovative software solutions. It is a national model for excellence in leveraging technology to advance law enforcement efforts and public safety.
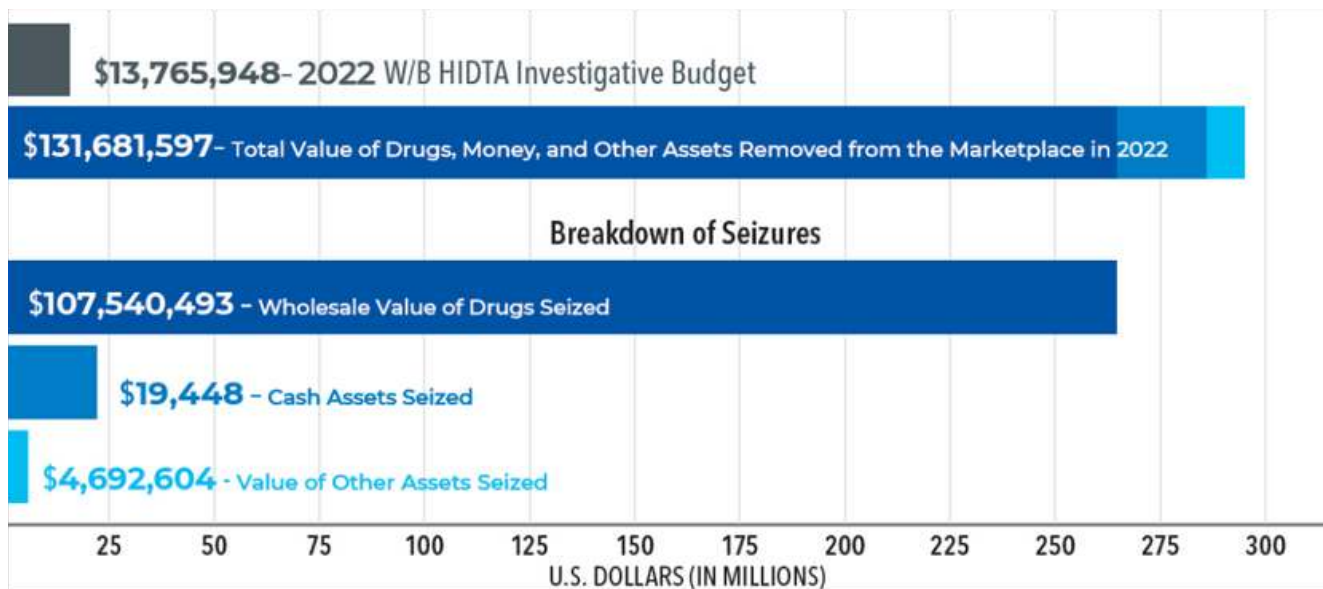
LAW ENFORCEMENT

The W/B HIDTA invested $13,765,948 to support 42 multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement initiatives and two prosecutor initiatives in 2022. These initiatives focused on identifying and disrupting/dismantling drug trafficking organizations and money laundering organizations. The return on investment for these activities, calculated as the ratio of the W/B HIDTA's investigative budget to the wholesale value of drugs, money and other assets seized from traffickers was $9.57 for every HIDTA dollar spent.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT: $9.57

$13,765,948 – 2022 W/B HIDTA Investigative Budget

$131,681,597 – Total Value of Drugs, Money, and Other Assets Removed from the Marketplace in 2022

Breakdown of Seizures

$107,540,493 – Wholesale Value of Drugs Seized

$19,448 – Cash Assets Seized

$4,692,604 - Value of Other Assets Seized

25   50   75   100   125   150   175   200   225   250   275   300
U.S. DOLLARS (IN MILLIONS)

In 2022, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from over 140 agencies worked in HIDTA-funded initiatives, which were collocated in 20 sites across the region using Case Explorer software developed by the W/B HIDTA.

Through the use of Case Explorer, W/B HIDTA initiatives deconflicted shared contacts involving 122 drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations; and over 2,847 events.

ELIMINATING DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION

W/B HIDTA-sponsored law enforcement initiatives disrupted or dismantled 134 drug trafficking/money laundering organizations, to include:

20
INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

63
MULTI-STATE DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

51
LOCAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

DRUGS REMOVED FROM THE MARKETPLACE

FENTANYL
113 KG; 5,306 D.U.

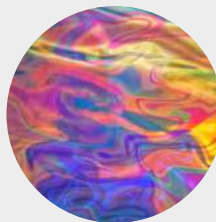**PRESCRIPTION NARCOTICS**
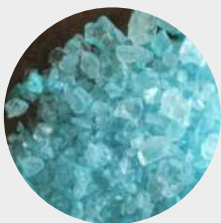5 KG; 6,150 D.U.

HEROIN
40 KG

PRESCRIPTION CNS DEPRESSANTS
10 KG; 10,852 D.U.

COCAINE HcL/CRACK
2,015 KG

SYNTHETIC HALLUCINOGENS
199 KG; 923 D.U.

METHAMPHETAMINE
102 KG; 53 D.U.

MARIJUANA/CANNABIS
5,546 KG; 31 D.U.

OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE COLLABORATION:
BALTIMORE SEAPORT INITIATIVE

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)-Baltimore Seaport Initiative and the Baltimore County Police Department—Vice Narcotics Section (BCPD-VNS) investigated members of an outlaw motorcycle gang (OMG) known as the Infamous Ryders Motorcycle Club (IRMC) from 2021-2022. Members of the IRMC were engaging in criminal activity and utilized the club and its resources to further their criminal objectives. Investigators identified the target of the investigation as a multi-kilogram cocaine trafficker and the president of the IRMC Maryland Chapter.

During the investigation, various IRMC members were arrested for narcotics, firearms, and assault violations. Investigators also witnessed numerous sales of narcotics, and conducted controlled purchases of cocaine from members of the IRMC. In February 2022, investigators obtained a court order authorizing the interception of telephonic wire communications associated with the cellphone number utilized by the target and his Facebook messenger account.

The telephonic wire communications interceptions revealed that a Baltimore City police officer sold a privately-manufactured AR-style rifle, ammunition, firearm parts, oxycodone, and sensitive law enforcement information related to the murder of an associate in the suspect's drug trafficking organization (DTO) to a convicted felon, in exchange for cocaine and U.S. currency. Investigators worked closely with the FBI Public Corruption Taskforce and the United States Attorney's Office Fraud and Public Corruption Section regarding the police officer and his criminal activities.

As a result of this investigation, investigators executed 19 search warrants, obtaining nine criminal arrests and the seizure of 16 rifles, six pistols, two shotguns, one flamethrower, 3.2 pounds of marijuana, 9.6 ounces of cocaine, large quantities of assorted ammunition, psilocybin, and numerous pills of suspected oxycodone, amphetamine, Adderall, buprenorphine, gabapentin, and cyclobenzaprine. Investigators also seized $18,847 in U.S. currency. The Baltimore City police officer was indicted federally for drug distribution and conspiracy charges, and for possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. This investigation resulted in the dismantlement of the target's DTO and the IRMC Maryland Chapter.

OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATION INVOLVING ILLICIT FINANCE/COMMERCIAL DISRUPTION

Drug Money Laundering Initiative-Operation Red Card

In June 2017, members of W/B HIDTA's Drug Money Laundering Initiative (DMLI) received information on a $458,500 fraudulent wire transfer to a Maryland account. The transfer occurred when the victim, who was purchasing a home, received fraudulent wire instructions from a realtor's compromised email address. DMLI investigators opened the case in Maryland to follow where the funds went after the initial deposit. Through close cooperation with anti-money laundering bank investigators, and the use of the grand jury process, agents determined that a substantial amount of the proceeds from this scheme were used to purchase an automobile for $105,000 by the investigation target. The remaining proceeds were withdrawn by cashier's checks and wire transfers to the target's girlfriend.

Subsequent investigative efforts led DMLI agents to serve search warrants at multiple locations associated with the target in the Baltimore area. Investigators also executed seizure warrants on four luxury vehicles owned by the target, and a bank account containing approximately $80,000.

The target and others based in the United States used victim funds to supply their lavish lifestyles, purchasing luxury goods and residences. Additionally, they used victim funds to infuse capital into their fledgling marijuana distribution organization in Maryland.

OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATION INVOLVING ILLICIT FINANCE/COMMERCIAL DISRUPTION

Drug Money Laundering Initiative-Operation Red Card

To date, 14 members of the target's transnational criminal organization (TCO) have been indicted in the District of Maryland on multiple charges of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Money Laundering.

DMLI investigators, with assistance from United States Secret Service (USSS), identified the top three leaders of this TCO. The United States Attorney's Office (USAO) in Maryland subsequently indicted these top-level targets with an intent to extradite. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) special agents assigned to DMLI coordinated a takedown effort involving HSI attaches in South Africa and Canada, and their in-country partners, while working under a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty.

In June 2022, DMLI investigators, the USSS, HSI-Pretoria, and HSI-Toronto apprehended the top three targets in South Africa and Canada as part of a simultaneous international coordinated effort—completely dismantling the fraud scheme.

DMLI investigators recovered over $160,000 in victim funds through the seizure of bank accounts used to launder the illicit proceeds, and through the seizure of luxury vehicles also purchased with illicit funds. DMLI members are actively pursuing victim restitution. Through the partnership with the USAO in Maryland, those co-conspirators already sentenced in Operation Red Card, have been ordered to pay over $3.6 million in U.S. currency as restitution to the many victims identified during this investigation. Additional orders of restitution are expected with the sentencing of the remaining members.

The South African leader in the DTO and others captured abroad are currently involved in the extradition process with the assistance of INTERPOL to face federal charges in the United States.

CO-CONSPIRATORS ALREADY SENTENCED IN OPERATION RED CARD ORDERED TO PAY

$3.6

MILLION DOLLARS AS RESTITUTION TO VICTIMS

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT CENTER (ISC)

The W/B HIDTA Investigative Support Center (ISC), as an established leader in intelligence analysis and innovation, provides analytical support for developing leads to further an investigation, and evidentiary products required for a successful prosecution. Each of the W/B HIDTA's 20 collocated sites are linked electronically to the ISC, which collects, analyzes, and disseminates information and intelligence on drug trafficking, money laundering, violence, gangs, and weapons trafficking to support HIDTA initiatives and participating agencies. The W/B HIDTA ISC's ability to exploit big data through network analysis makes it unique in the law enforcement arena.

The ISC is heavily involved with information technology projects that contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of other programs and agencies. These efforts have led to the advancement of intelligence-led prosecutions and the creation of data-sharing networks. In 2022, ISC analysts provided detailed analytical support to 108 cases and 1,014 tactical products.

The ISC made many advancements in supporting deconfliction in 2022, including reducing redundancies in operations by connecting Case Explorer with two additional analytical solutions. Throughout 2022, the ISC expanded access to an analytical platform from Maryland to the District of Columbia and Virginia. The platform provides regional law enforcement the opportunity to conduct an analysis of their communication data while finding overlaps with other agencies. The ISC also secured funding to hire two additional intelligence professionals to work with public health professionals in Maryland.
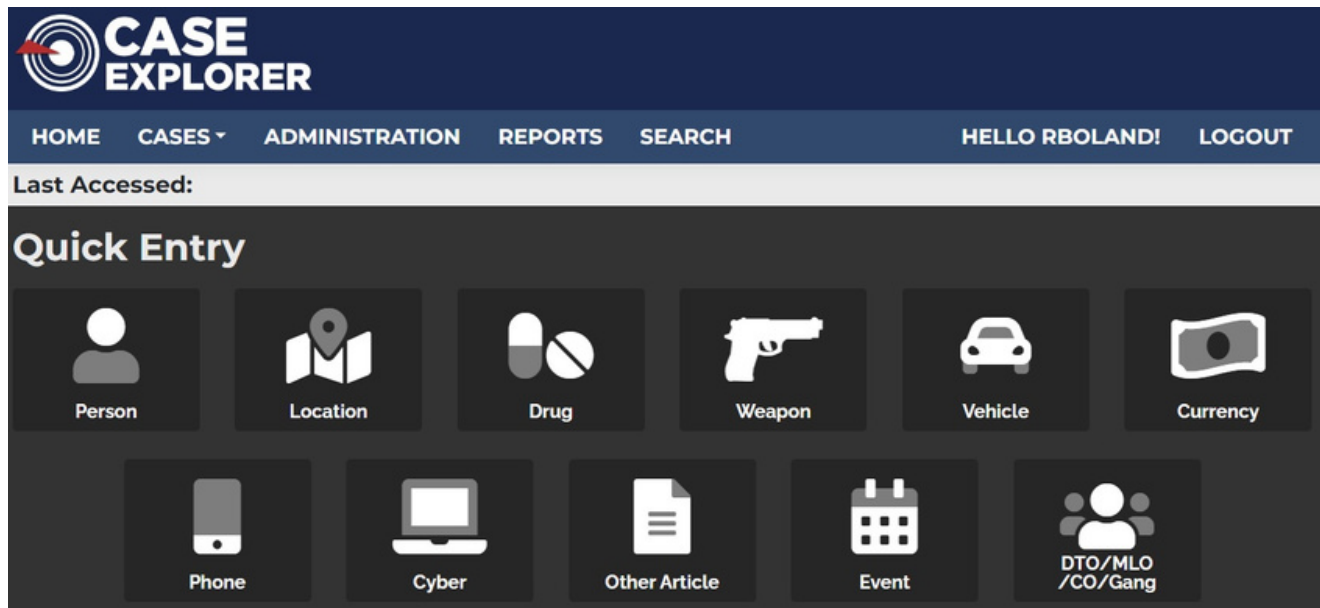
Nationally, the ISC worked with federal agencies to link illicit online sales of drugs with overdoses across the region. Finally, the ISC ended 2022 by convening the first ISC Analysts Roundtable meeting at the Canadian Embassy, and providing analytical training for law enforcement at the Virginia Criminal Justice Academy.

CASE EXPLORER

Case Explorer (CE) is a web-based tool that provides event and target deconfliction, case management, and investigative data matching. In addition to increasing officer safety and operational effectiveness, it is free to all law enforcement. It supports the entry of case data, criminal intelligence, and unconfirmed tip data.

Recognized as one of three nationwide deconfliction services, CE software interfaces with other event deconfliction systems to provide nationwide event deconfliction. It also works with the HIDTA Performance Management Process (PMP) Program, the nationally-recognized Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) through ODFORM, and the Communications Analysis Portal (CAP) to streamline data entry, allowing law enforcement to enter data in one system and perform deconfliction.

4,400
CASE EXPLORER USERS NATIONWIDE

1,886
UNIQUE PARENT AGENCIES USING CASE EXPLORER

OVERDOSE DETECTION MAPPING APPLICATION PROGRAM (ODMAP)

The Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) provides near real-time suspected overdose surveillance data to support public safety and public health efforts in mobilizing an immediate response to a sudden increase or spike in overdose events. It links first responders and records management systems to a mapping tool to track overdoses and stimulate real-time response and strategic analysis across jurisdictions.

"IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE PROBLEM, YOU CAN'T FIX THE PROBLEM, AND ODMAP ALLOWS PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS TO IDENTIFY HOT SPOTS IN REAL-TIME AND TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. THE PLATFORM IS FREE, EASY TO USE, AND IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS FACING OUR COUNTRY."

-U.S. Attorney for Northern West Virginia, William Ihlenfeld, II

A participation agreement is designed to protect the data within the system. Agency personnel can then begin uploading data in near real-time through a variety of methodologies. They can also get access to the National Map, which allows select users to view nationwide data and create custom visualizations. ODMAP is only available to federal, state, local, and tribal government agencies serving the interests of public safety and public health.

"THE INFORMATION THAT WE CAN GARNER FROM THIS PLATFORM WHEN WE SHARE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE IS IMMENSE. WE CAN MAKE DECISIONS ON THE TYPES OF UNITS THAT ARE GOING AND RESPONDING TO THESE CALLS, THE KIND OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT WOULD BE BEST SERVED TO THE COMMUNITY, AND ALSO IDENTIFY THESE TRENDS AS THEY ARE EMERGING IN OTHER PARTS WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE OVERDOSES BEFORE."

-Lake Travis, TX Fire Chief, Robert Abbott

27,003

ACTIVE USERS PARTICIPATING IN

ODMAP
OVERDOSE DETECTION
MAPPING APPLICATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE TRAINING

The W/B HIDTA funded and supported 20,615 hours of training for its law enforcement, analytical, and management resources, to include:

8,290
HOURS OF ENFORCEMENT TRAINING TO 714 STUDENTS

7,794
HOURS OF ANALYTICAL TRAINING TO NEARLY 700 STUDENTS

1,557
HOURS OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING TO NEARLY 520 STUDENTS

When surveyed two months after they received the training:

95%

OF THE STUDENTS RESPONDED THAT THE TRAINING COURSE IMPROVED THEIR KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES NEEDED TO PERFORM THEIR JOBS

85%

RESPONDED THAT THEY USED THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES THEY ACQUIRED IN THE TRAINING COURSE

TREATMENT SERVICES

The W/B HIDTA granted $2,473,965 in 2022 to support initiatives that provide integrated drug treatment services and criminal justice supervision for substance-dependent offenders. Funds continue to be used to address identified gaps in the treatment and recovery systems in W/B HIDTA communities. Treatment initiatives must incorporate drug testing and graduated sanctions for all offenders. They must include an assessment of the individual's drug use and criminal history, and placement in the appropriate level of service, such as outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential, or community re-entry.

W/B HIDTA TREATMENT GRANTEES:

- Alexandria (VA) Treatment Criminal Justice System
- Arlington County (VA) Treatment
- Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems
- Berkeley (WV) Substance Abuse Initiative
- Berkeley County *WV) CATALIST Program
- Brooke's House (Hagerstown, MD)
- Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (Washington, D.C.)
- Fairfax County (VA) Alcohol Substance Abuse Services
- Fairfax County (VA) Sheriff's Department STAR 360 Program
- Northern Shenandoah Valley (VA) Substance Abuse Coalition
- Prince William County (VA) Treatment Program
- Richmond (VA) Adult Drug Treatment Court
- Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance of Virginia

PREVENTION

The W/B HIDTA invested $418,471 in 2022 to support prevention activities. Funded initiatives are designed to prevent, identify, or mitigate substance use across the region by coordinating community and local government resources to foster protective factors, mitigate risk factors, increase knowledge around substances, and link individuals to appropriate levels of care.

Prevention initiatives include law enforcement partnerships participating in operational and policy-making levels. A nexus has been formed among law enforcement and other public and private sector program elements, with an ongoing effort to expand alternative funding to enhance the W/B HIDTA's prevention component.

Initiatives focus on one or more of the following aims:

- Strengthen youth, parent, and teacher resiliency
- Develop social and emotional competence in youth
- Offer concrete support, early intervention, or referral services in times of need
- Develop healthy and supportive social connections
- Educate on parenting and child development
- Offer unique prevention services to W/B HIDTA high-risk communities based on community needs assessments
- Promote drug-free values

HIDTA funded prevention initiatives are:

- Badges for Baseball
  - Richmond, VA
  - Baltimore, MD
  - Roanoke, VA
- Prince William County (VA) Prevention
- The Martinsburg Initiative, Martinsburg, WV

TREATMENT & PREVENTION SPOTLIGHT

CATALIST

Community-based Assessment and Treatment for Adolescents & Families to Launch Interventions for Substances and Trauma (CATALIST) is a full-spectrum drug prevention and treatment program that is designed to enhance and expand early intervention, treatment, and recovery services for underserved and at-risk adolescents ages 12-18 with substance use disorders and/or occurring disorders (SUD/COD) and their primary caregivers in Berkeley County, WV. The W/B HIDTA provided initial funds to support a treatment provider and part-time recovery coach. Within its first year, CATALIST has grown to include four therapists, a case manager, and a full-time recovery coach.

CATALIST

PROJECT GOALS

1 Help youth and their caregivers understand their risk levels for substance use, mental health disorders, and trauma.

2 Offer early interventions for substance misuse or mental health or trauma symptoms.

3 Provide effective treatment, recovery, and support services for youth and their caregivers.

TREATMENT & PREVENTION SPOTLIGHT

CATALIST

CATALIST staff and therapists are trained and supported to provide targeted interventions for substance use, anxiety and depression, trauma, and family systems. Youth who need higher levels of treatment, such as in-patient care, are referred for these services.

Common sources of referrals to CATALIST are the juvenile court system, Berkeley County middle and high schools, and emergency rooms. Though youth are ineligible for CATALIST services if they have violent behaviors or sexual charges or personality disorders, they will be navigated to appropriate care.

While in recovery, youth participating in CATALIST also have access to individual and youth peer recovery group services, supported by the CATALIST Youth Peer Recovery Coach.

Between October 2021 and December 2022, CATALIST served 67 youth with one therapist. Among its greatest accomplishments is its relationship with the community, including the ability to provide therapy in the schools; and that many clients served continue to refrain from substance use three to six months post-treatment, per interviews with CATALIST staff members.

67

YOUTH SERVED BETWEEN OCTOBER 2021-DECEMBER 2022 WITH ONE THERAPIST

TREATMENT & PREVENTION SPOTLIGHT

CATALIST

"THE CATALIST PROGRAM IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER WITH ITS UNIQUE RESOURCES TO SYNTHESIZE EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES FOR YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION. CATALIST MEETS YOUTH AND THEIR CAREGIVERS WHERE THEY ARE AT IN THEIR JOURNEY AND WALKS ALONGSIDE THEM AS THEY WORK TOWARDS A BRIGHT FUTURE. "

-W/B HIDTA Deputy Director for Treatment and Prevention. Dr. Lora Peppard

Among the 67 youth who engaged in CATALIST services in 2022, 30% had successfully completed services, while 31% were currently receiving services. The average length of engagement for those who successfully completed treatment was nearly seven months. Among the 22 youth who completed the three-month follow-up, nicotine use decreased from 76% to 53%, alcohol use from 49% to 26%, and marijuana from 74% to 40%; while 54% had no risk or had decreased their risk level from their initial intake into the CATALIST program.

62%

OF ENGAGED YOUTH COMPLETED OR WERE CURRENTLY RECEIVING SERVICES IN 2022

As CATALIST continues, the program is integrating caregivers into a family therapy strategy, and delivering primary prevention interventions, such as Catch My Breath and Talk. The increase in family engagement is planned to support families of youth engaged in CATALIST services to enhance their treatment and recovery efforts.

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