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**LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**



**A Major Narcotic Trafficking Gateway to the Nation
A Nationally Recognized Program**

**ANNUAL REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 2005**

I. ANNUAL REPORT -- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since its inception in 1990, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) has developed into a fully functioning regional and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement narcotic trafficking strategy. *The LA-HIDTA was originally designated as one of the Nation's "major narcotic gateways", a distinction which is most evident and remains true to this day.*

In C/Y 2005, this HIDTA consisted of seven major operational task forces comprised of collocated Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies, three intelligence initiatives and five critical support elements. Each are dedicated to the task of positively impacting the major drug trafficking problems that continue to face our geographic region and country. Specifically, this summary underscores the initiatives of the LA-HIDTA and some of the more notable achievements in C/Y 2005 and an eleven year impact overview follows:

- ***Los Angeles Primary Drug Market*** – Again in C/Y 2005, Los Angeles is the only primary market area in the country for all five major drugs: cocaine; methamphetamine; marijuana, heroin; and MDMA. Traffickers use the highways to transport most of the illicit drugs into and across the country as well as to move vast sums of illicit proceeds across and out of the country. *Of the 13 primary market areas nationwide, Los Angeles is the only area identified as a primary market for all major drugs of abuse.* It is the nation's largest market for methamphetamine, the largest market in the West for heroin and a staging ground for Mexican drug trafficking organizations and some National street gangs.¹
- ***Major Drug Trafficking Organizations Targeted*** -- Through the year, the LA-HIDTA Task Forces targeted **89% (221)** of the major drug trafficking organizations they identified (**249**) in our region.
- ***Major Drug Trafficking Organizations Impacted*** -- Once targeted, **63% (139)** of the major drug trafficking organizations were dismantled or severely disrupted. Specifically,

¹ NDIC, Intelligence Bulletin, Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Drug Market Analysis, June 2005, Product Number 2005-LO424-008, page 1.

49 (22%) of the targeted organizations were dismantled and **90 (41%)** were severely disrupted.

- ***Impact -- Drugs / Money Seized -- Arrests*** -- Over **87** tons of dangerous drugs were removed from the streets of America by the LA-HIDTA Task Forces. This included **4.5** tons of cocaine, **79.6** tons of marijuana, **33** lbs of heroin, **2.5** tons of methamphetamine, and approximately **1** ton of pseudoephedrine. Additionally, over **\$51** million in cash and an additional **\$5.8** million in property assets were seized and **1,512** individuals were arrested for various narcotics and money laundering offenses (*includes 327 federal fugitive / narcotic nexus arrests by the United States Marshal's Service*).
- ***Intelligence Support System (ISS) Achievements -- Increase in Productivity*** -- The Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC) Analysis and Research Unit supported **494** major narcotic trafficking investigations in C/Y 2005, a **295%** increase over C/Y 2004. Additionally, they handled **225** support requests, which resulted in **14,196** analytical products, a **10.3%** increase over C/Y 2004.

Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group (LAJDIG) Support Teams, each of which by design have specific areas of focus and expertise, supported **302** major drug trafficking initiatives in C/Y 2005. These Teams produced over **7,113** analytical products, a **5.6%** increase over C/Y 2004. Additionally, the LA-JDIG opened **19** intelligence investigations for the Narcotics-Terrorism Team.

The Inland Narcotics Clearing House (INCH) activity reflected **212** major narcotic trafficking cases which were supported by INCH in C/Y 2005. Additionally, during the year, they recorded some **213** requests for service from the law enforcement community and the production of **3,993** reports and charts.

- ***Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse / Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group / Inland Narcotics Clearing House -- Intelligence Projects -- Combined Highlights*** – In 2005, the LA-HIDTA Intelligence Initiatives recorded **1,008** major narcotic trafficking cases supported. In 2004, the LA-HIDTA Intelligence Initiatives recorded **19,439** work products and, in 2005, this number increased to **20,231**, a **4.1%** increase.
- ***LA-HIDTA - Providing Deconfliction Services for Other HIDTA Regions in the Nation***
In addition to serving the LA-HIDTA region, the Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC) has been selected by the Central Valley, Northern California and Nevada HIDTAs to handle their deconfliction services.

While it is a remarkable thing to accomplish this "sharing of resources" and "erasing" of jurisdictional boundaries within the State of California, it is quite another achievement to "crossover" into the State of Nevada. This notable capability, which became fully operational in July of 2002, means that the LA-HIDTA is handling the deconfliction services for **24** counties within the State of California (**24** out of **58** -- **41.4%**) and 1 county in the State of Nevada.

As a result, the LACRCIC is providing both focused intelligence and deconfliction services to 448 Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in the States of

California and Nevada. It should be noted that all of the Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies served in the regions described are provided this critical service regardless of their HIDTA membership / participation.

This most remarkable "consolidation of effort" and "erasing" of jurisdictional boundaries speaks extremely well to the overall capabilities and ultimate design of the LA-HIDTA deconfliction process. The combining of regional law enforcement resources such as this, in order to successfully address major drug trafficking issues, truly speaks to the very essence of the ONDCP National HIDTA Program.

- ***Drug Trafficking Organizational Changes*** -- Again this year, many drug trafficking organizations view the LA-HIDTA region as "hot" in terms of law enforcement effectiveness and have been "shifting" in terms of staging their operations out of our area.

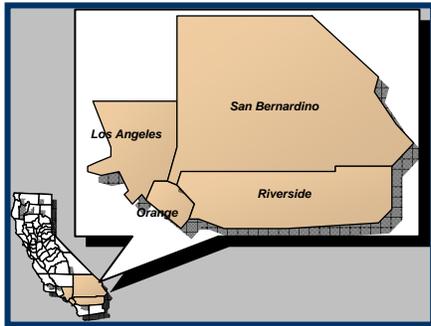
While many organizations are still located, developed and controlled in the LA-HIDTA region, it is their operations that continue to shift away from center mass. Our investigative and enforcement elements are moving with the threat and viable intelligence and trafficking cases continue to be developed.

- ***Enhanced Law Enforcement Cooperation - Local, Regional, and National*** -- During this year, the LA-HIDTA Task Forces (7) "handed off" **261** significant major narcotics trafficking investigation elements to other law enforcement organizations and **235** outside our area to other HIDTA regions. This has resulted in an increase in intelligence / information sharing with other law enforcement / HIDTA regions both inside and outside our region. Additionally, this insures that appropriate enforcement action continues against major drug trafficking organizations.
- ***Training Initiative*** -- Capable and focused training is essential in improving both the effectiveness and efficiency of the Los Angeles HIDTA. In C/Y 2005, training was provided to **2,363** law enforcement "students" for a total of **44,224** classroom hours. The training was designed to enhance computer and analytical skills, improve investigative knowledge and managerial abilities. This training, which costs the Los Angeles HIDTA an average of only **\$4.58** per classroom hour, was provided at no cost to law enforcement within the region. *The great majority of these training offerings would not have been available without the continuing support of both the National HIDTA Program and the Los Angeles HIDTA.*
- ***Twelve Year Impact Overview*** -- Over the past twelve years, the LA-HIDTA enforcement initiatives have seized some **490** tons of dangerous drugs, arrested **18,051** drug trafficking offenders, and seized over **\$267** million in U.S. currency. Additionally, they have positively impacted **1,804** major drug trafficking organizations by dismantling **1,164** and severely disrupting **640**.

The LA-HIDTA task forces (7) accomplished all of this with less than 400 agents and officers inside our 4 county (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino), 32,341 Square mile region which contains a general population of (+/-) 16 million.

II INTRODUCTION

The Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) was designated by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in 1990. Its designated geographic area covers the four counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino, and is comprised of some 32,341 square miles, including 213 miles of coastline, with a general population of (+/-) 16 million. The Southern portion of our region is some 90 miles off of the United States/ Mexico border. The territorial expanse of the LA-HIDTA extends from Santa Catalina Island, located in the Pacific Ocean approximately 25 miles off shore, in the West to the Arizona and Nevada borders in the East. *The LA-HIDTA was originally designated as one of the Nation's "major narcotic gateways", a distinction which is most evident and remains true to this day.*



Regional Response -- In C/Y 2005, this HIDTA consisted of seven major operational task forces comprised of collocated Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and three intelligence Initiatives. It is their collective purpose to effectively and efficiently identify and target the major drug trafficking organizations, who work at the higher levels of the narcotic "food chain", in order to measurably reduce drug trafficking, thereby reducing the impact of illicit drugs in this and other areas of the country.

Reporting Period and Funding -- The information and dates covered in this Annual Report will cover the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. The National HIDTA Program, Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA), funding for this reporting period follows:

\$14,774,637²

Since its inception in 1990, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LAHIDTA) has developed into a fully functioning regional and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement, intelligence driven, major narcotic trafficking strategy that has been designed to successfully embrace and support the National HIDTA Program Concept. *In order to further demonstrate this active, focused relationship, the Mission Statement from the National HIDTA Program along with both the Mission and Vision Statements from the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) are provided below:*

NATIONAL HIDTA PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the National HIDTA Program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting Federal, State and local 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.

² This amount includes the regular baseline budget of \$14,057,115 + Supplemental Funding. The Supplemental Funding was not received for implementation until September, 2005

**LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA
MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the Mission of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) to measurably reduce drug trafficking, thereby reducing the impact of illicit drugs in this and other areas of the country. This mission is to be accomplished through the use of multi-jurisdictional (Federal, State and local), collocated and commingled law enforcement and intelligence initiatives designed to attack, disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations that are operating in and through the LA-HIDTA region.

**LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA
VISION STATEMENT**

We envision that within the next five years, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) Intelligence Support System (ISS) and task force initiatives will effectively communicate and coordinate their respective intelligence and enforcement efforts to enhance the disruption and / or dismantling of major drug trafficking organizations that, at their highest levels, operate in and through our primary geographical area to other parts of the country. *To this end, it is our intent to positively impact (dismantle / disrupt) over 50% of the major drug trafficking organizations targeted each year for enforcement action.*

III NATIONAL HIDTA GOALS

The National HIDTA Program has adopted two very specific goals that are to be achieved in meeting the major drug trafficking threat that impacts our region and beyond. These two National HIDTA Program Goals are designed to universally guide all of the various High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area enforcement and intelligence initiatives throughout the United States. The following will present these two National HIDTA Program Goals, along with a summary of the Los Angeles HIDTA 2005 Threat Assessment and resultant enforcement and intelligence Strategy, which has been specifically designed to meet the regional, national and international threat. The two National HIDTA Goals that guided all Program activities during the calendar year were:

NATIONAL HIDTA PROGRAM GOALS

Goal 1 -- Reduce drug availability by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and / or money laundering organizations.

Goal 2 -- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA Initiatives.

The above two National HIDTA Program Goals represented very clear targets for the various initiatives of the Los Angeles HIDTA to achieve. Additionally, they provided the foundation upon which performance, planning and outcome were measured each year. Historically, all of

the initiatives of the Los Angeles HIDTA have been designed and developed in order to have maximum impact on the established National HIDTA Program Goals.

Our Executive Board and its two sub-committees (intelligence & finance) continue to take a very active and positive role in determining the Strategy, priorities and overall direction of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. By design, the Strategy provides a comprehensive, dynamic law enforcement / intelligence plan which combines and coordinates regional drug enforcement efforts in areas where they can have the most significant impact upon the threat.

As a result of the Executive Board's input and guidance, the ongoing effort on the part of all initiatives continued to be enhanced through mutual cooperation and teamwork. The primary focus of the Los Angeles HIDTA Executive Board in 2005 was:

- The coordination, integration and synchronization of both intelligence and enforcement efforts to reduce drug trafficking on a regional, national and international level
- Work to improve the systematic sharing of intelligence data and eliminate unnecessary duplication
- Monitor the implementation of the Strategy to ensure that the joint efforts of both the law enforcement and intelligence initiatives produce maximum results
- Where success is measured by results, ensure that each initiative is held accountable for its success or failure in meeting identified objectives

IV SUMMARY OF THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR C/Y 2005³

Annual Threat Assessment Process – Dynamic -- The Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) continues to be successful in moving the Annual Threat Assessment process forward by establishing a periodic review beginning with the baseline, continuing with a mid-year evaluation and ending with the year-end review and impact assessment. These periodic reviews result in changes being made to the Threat Assessment as new intelligence / data is received.

A LA-HIDTA Threat Assessment “window” (January 1 to December 31) has been established and it is within this “time frame” that the Threat Assessment and Annual Report process will focus and against which the impact of law enforcement in our region was measured for C/Y 2005. A continual evaluation capacity ensures that the overall purpose and direction of each initiative directly relates to the regional / national threat.

This detailed evaluation capability is developed through the dynamic threat assessment process, internal review process (on-site visits) and scheduled initiative presentations before the Executive Board. Additionally, numerous major narcotic trafficking investigations from our area

³ The data used in this Threat Assessment Summary comes from the dynamic 2005 LA-HIDTA Baseline Threat Assessment, including the Mid-Year and Year-End Review and Enhancement, DTO Reports.

continue to move into other parts of the country, requiring detailed and integrated planning in order to ensure successful resolution.

The Threat

**** A Summary ****

As stated at the beginning of this report, within the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, all types of narcotics are manufactured, imported and distributed for regional, national and international consumption. Los Angeles is the only primary market area in the country for all five major drugs: cocaine; methamphetamine; marijuana; heroin and MDMA. Traffickers use the highways to transport most of the illicit drugs into and across the country, as well as to move vast sums of illicit proceeds across and out of the country. *Of the 13 primary market areas nationwide, Los Angeles is the only area identified as a primary market for all major drugs of abuse.* It is the nation's largest market for methamphetamine, the largest market in the West for heroin and a staging ground for Mexican drug trafficking organizations and some National street gangs. (source: NDIC).

Organizations⁴ -- During this year, the Threat Assessment process identified **275** criminal narcotic trafficking organizations operating within our region. These organizations range their base operations from regional to national and international in scope and sophistication. **24 (9%)** of the investigations conducted in 2005, within the LA-HIDTA, had verified linkage with Consolidated Priority Organization Targets (CPOT).

The majority of the trafficking organizations identified in our Threat Assessment are primarily Mexican National and multi-drug in operational scope. The Mexican National drug trafficking organizations continue to dominate the drug trade within our region. These organizations consistently operate beyond the LA-HIDTA geographic region. Of the identified **275** major drug trafficking organizations, **139** traffic in cocaine, **131** are involved in the manufacturing / distribution of methamphetamine, **8** traffic in precursor chemicals, **60** traffic in marijuana, **35** traffic in heroin, **5** traffic in ecstasy and **72** are involved in some form of money laundering.

Land -- Land is the most common means of transporting illegal narcotics within our region and beyond. Of the **275** identified organizations, **235** use land conveyances to transport their product. Almost 8,000 miles of freeway and 27,000 miles of non-freeway arteries link our four county (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino) region together. Additionally, 4 major interstate highways connect the LA-HIDTA area with Mexico, all of the Southwest border and Gulf of Mexico States to the South, Canada to the North and all of the States to the East.

Air -- Of the **275** drug trafficking organizations identified, **17** facilitate their activities through the use of air conveyances. The FAA recognizes 5 international, 94 municipal and 3 seaplane airports within our geographic region. Commercial aircraft constantly pose a significant threat to the LA-HIDTA area. Numbers of daily flights land directly in our region that originate from drug source countries in both Central and South America, as well as the Pacific Rim.

⁴ Organization: For LA-HIDTA purposes, the definition of an organization is 5 or more people, organized in some fashion, who gain substantial income from a continuing series of illegal drug-related activities [Continuing Criminal Enterprise, 21 USC 848]

The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is the 5th busiest passenger airport in the world. It handles more than **61** million passengers each year, which includes some **17.5 (28.5%)** million international travelers, many from drug source countries. It is also the 2nd busiest in the United States in terms of bulk cargo movement, processing over **1.9** million metric tons annually.

Sea – Maritime smuggling presents a significant concern to the LA-HIDTA. The counties of Los Angeles and Orange have the Pacific Ocean as their western border. Miles of pristine shoreline, Mexican waters some 90 miles to the South, numerous private harbors and international ports makes our region a prime consideration for maritime smuggling of illicit narcotics.

The Los Angeles / Long Beach commercial seaport is rated as the 3rd largest port facility in the world. It processes over 123 million tons of cargo annually. During 2005, **2** organizations were identified as using maritime conveyances, but it is believed that many more operate with this method of transportation.

V LA-HIDTA STRATEGY SUMMARY

By design, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) Strategy provides a comprehensive, dynamic law enforcement / intelligence plan which combines and coordinates the regional drug control efforts in areas where they can have the most significant impact upon the threat. *An overview of the primary elements of our Strategy follows:*

Unity of Effort – In C/Y 2005, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) consists of 7 major task forces, comprised of collocated Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and three intelligence Initiatives each focused and dedicated to the task of positively impacting (reducing) the major poly-drug trafficking organizations that continue to face our geographic region and country. *These most capable Initiatives are organized seamlessly into Intelligence, Investigation and Prosecution counter-drug subsystems and an overview of each will be provided below:*

- **Intelligence Subsystem Description** – Our Strategy initially focuses on obtaining the most recent institutional drug intelligence and on developing new viable sources. All intelligence information will be supported as much as possible by independent agency / individual sources. The information / data will be fused into a consolidated targeting picture. This will enable the various investigative and enforcement (task forces) elements to prioritize and focus their collective efforts on those activities which will yield the greatest outcomes. The following will provide an overview of three of the primary elements of our Intelligence Subsystem:
 - **Threat Assessment Project** – The Threat Assessment Project in the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) has evolved into a comprehensive process where we are continually, throughout the year, assessing the ever changing narcotics trafficking threat in our region. *We have been successful in moving this process forward by establishing a periodic review, beginning with the baseline, continuing with a mid-year evaluation and ending with the year-end review and impact assessment.* This periodic review results in changes being made to the Threat Assessment as new data is received. The law

enforcement components and resources of the Los Angeles HIDTA are then adjusted accordingly in order to successfully address the threat.

Additionally, a Threat Assessment “window” (January 1 to December 31) has been established. It is within this “time frame” that the Threat Assessment, Strategy and Annual Report process will focus and against which the overall impact of law enforcement in our region is measured.

- **Intelligence Architecture Plan** – Developed and implemented in 1995, the *LA-HIDTA Intelligence Architecture Plan* recognizes the ever increasing importance and remarkable potential that our three intelligence Initiatives bring to the various law enforcement organizations in our region. This plan redefined the intelligence responsibilities and priorities within the LA-HIDTA, effectively “bringing together” our intelligence Initiatives into what today is called the *Intelligence Support System (ISS)*. It optimizes valued resources and enhances coordination of effort, including the sharing of information. *Our 3 Intelligence Initiatives are listed below:*

Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group

Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse

Inland Narcotics Clearing House

The Initiatives of the LA-HIDTA *Intelligence Support System (ISS)*, utilizing support from the California National Guard, work in close concert providing responsive deconfliction, pointer index, case support, target profiles, intelligence fusion, predictive analysis and operational and strategic support services to all regional law enforcement customers within our region. When appropriate, all interdiction operations and major narcotic trafficking investigations will be coordinated with the appropriate Intelligence Initiative. The Intelligence Initiatives (3) are to work and focus their collective efforts in accordance with the defined *matrix of responsibility*⁵ and signed *Intelligence Architecture Memorandum of Understanding*, which has been approved by our Executive Board.

- **Executive Board – Intelligence Sub-Committee** – Established and recognized as a “standing committee” by the Executive Board, its primary purpose is to shape and drive the policies and objectives of the LA-HIDTA intelligence community. Additionally, they serve as a planning element for future intelligence operations and are responsible for monitoring and assessing the ongoing activities of the various intelligence agencies serving the LA-HIDTA.
- **Investigative Subsystem Description** – The Investigative Systems of the LA-HIDTA are designed to focus on defining viable targets and provide meaningful case support based upon major drug trafficking intelligence information which has been gathered by our *Intelligence Support System (ISS)* and various law enforcement elements within our region. Our “cornerstone” task force and regional task forces will then apply the

⁵ Matrix of Responsibility – Refer to the Strategy, Appendix B

necessary investigative resources to identify, prioritize, target and impact (dismantle/disrupt) the major poly-drug trafficking organizations that have been found to operate in the LA-HIDTA on a regional, national and international level. Our task forces, in concert with the *Intelligence Support System (ISS)*, continually conduct a detailed review of their ongoing cases. Their goal is to revalidate their targets as still being viable and to redistribute resources, if necessary, in order to ensure maximum impact and overall success.

- **Investigative Subsystem Description – Major Components**

- **LA-HIDTA Task Forces – A “Team” Approach** -- The LA-HIDTA Task Force Memorandum of Understanding, implemented in 1995, remains most successful in its design of facilitating the linkages between our collocated, multi-jurisdictional task forces through a closer cooperative effort and more unified approach leading to successful case resolution. This document, signed by all current task force commanders, calls for mutual cooperation, monthly meetings, sharing of “real time” intelligence information, utilization of specialized technical equipment, training of personnel and defines appropriate case “hand off” procedures.
- **Operational Task Forces – Identified** – Listed below are the seven operational task forces of the LA-HIDTA. All of these task forces work under a unique arrangement which takes the process of institutionalizing teamwork to a higher level. Again, this viable “team” concept is formalized by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which assures the appropriate linking of the task forces. This process produces a more efficient, effective and successful LA-HIDTA law enforcement narcotics interdiction system.

“Equal Justice” Fugitive Task Force

Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force

Inland Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team

Los Angeles

Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force

Regional Methamphetamine Task Force

Regional Narcotics Suppression Program

Southern California Drug Task Force

- **Major Narcotics Trafficking Investigation “Hand Offs” – Building the Legal Wall** – This capability stands as a remarkable example of the creativity and outstanding professional working relationship that exists between the judicial system and task forces in the four county LA-HIDTA region. This process is used extensively by our “Team of Task Forces” by “handing off” key elements of

major narcotics trafficking investigations to other law enforcement organizations in our region for the purpose of “taking down” some of the key suspects and drugs while not jeopardizing the main target of the task force.

- **Prosecution Subsystem** – The prosecution resources of the LA-HIDTA are balanced between Federal and State / local prosecutors. Cross designation is accomplished which allows for trials to occur in the most expeditious manner and within the appropriate judicial system. The prosecution subsystem is collocated with LA-HIDTA task force elements.

VI LA-HIDTA PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The following Core Measures are required of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA), as they are of all HIDTAs, by National HIDTA Program Policy. A total of 16 Core Measures have been developed to assess outcomes for the two National HIDTA Goals, which were defined earlier in this report which, by design, will guide all Program activities during each calendar year. Each of the two National HIDTA Program Goals will be listed below along with their respective Core Measures and the results from the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA)⁶:

Goal 1 – Disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking organizations.

Goal 1 -- Core Measures – Core Tables 1 through 11 are designed for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of the *Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA)* in reducing drug availability by targeting, disrupting or dismantling major drug trafficking organizations, arresting and prosecuting traffickers and seizing their drugs and profit.

Core Table #1 Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Percentage of Drug Trafficking Organizations -- Disrupted or Dismantled

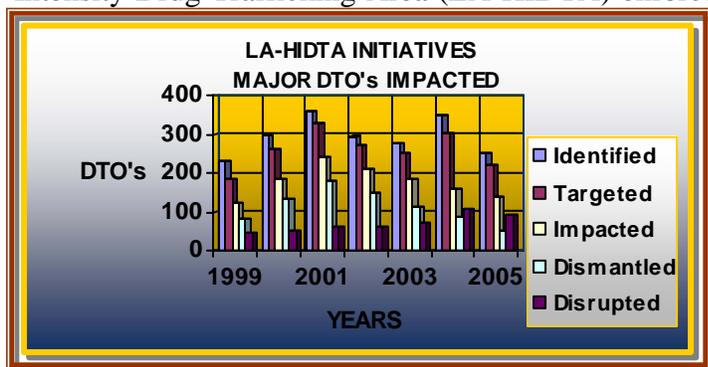
Percentage of DTOs & MLOs Disrupted or Dismantled for Year 2005, at Los Angeles HIDTA						
	DTOs Identified	# Targeted	# Disrupted	% of Targeted Disrupted	# Dismantled	% of Targeted Dismantled
Begin 2005	78	59	25	42%	13	22%
During 2005	171	162	65	40%	36	22%
Total 2005	249	221	90	41%	49	22%

⁶ Unless otherwise noted, all of the data reflected in the Core Tables, 1 through 11, comes from the dynamic 2005 LA-HIDTA Baseline Threat Assessment, including the Mid-Year and Year-End Review and Enhancement, DTO Reports.

Core Table #2
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Percentage of Drug Trafficking Organizations Disrupted or Dismantled
By Scope, 2005

Percentage of DTOs & MLOs Disrupted or Dismantled by Scope for Year 2005, at Los Angeles HIDTA (All DTOs & MLOs Included)								
Scope	# Identified	# Targeted	# Disrupted	% of Targeted Disrupted	# Dismantled	% of Targeted Dismantled	Total Disrupted or Dismantled	Total % Disrupted or Dismantled
International	105	97	37	38%	13	13%	50	52%
Multi-state	54	50	20	40%	15	30%	35	70%
Local	90	74	33	45%	21	28%	54	73%
Total	249	221	90	41%	49	22%	139	63%

Discussion – Core Tables 1 and 2 reflects the overall impact that the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) enforcement initiatives have had in C/Y 2005 on the major drug trafficking organizations found operating regionally, nationally and internationally.



The C/Y 2005 Threat Assessment process, which includes the Baseline, Mid-Year and Year End review and enhancement, finds the LA-HIDTA initiatives identified **249 (90.5%)** of the major drug distribution organizations

operating in the region.

After prioritizing these **249** organizations, **221 (89%)** were specifically targeted for immediate enforcement action. Of the **221** organizations targeted by the LA-HIDTA initiatives, **139 (63%)** were dismantled or severely disrupted. Specifically, **49 (22%)** of the targeted trafficking organizations were dismantled and **90 (41%)** were disrupted. This impact on the part of the LA-HIDTA initiatives equates to a **63%** success rate against the **221** targeted organizations.

Core Tables 2 and 4 will further define the operational scope of the major drug trafficking organizations identified and targeted by the LA-HIDTA initiatives during F/Y 2005. It is of interest to note that of the **249** major drug trafficking organizations identified, **159 (64%)** operated beyond our region – **54 (34%)** in other States and **105 (66%)** internationally.

LA-HIDTA Initiatives Enforcement Impact on the Threat – The above enforcement activity for C/Y 2005, on the part of the LA-HIDTA Task Forces, resulted in the seizure of **4,062 kgs (4.5 tons)** of cocaine, **72,191 kgs (79.6 tons)** of marijuana, **2,236 kgs (2.5 tons)** of methamphetamine, approximately **1 ton** of pseudoephedrine tablets and **33 pounds** of heroin. Over **\$51 million** in cash and **\$5.8 million** in property and assets were seized and **1,512** total arrests were made on various narcotics trafficking related charges.

It is of interest to note that against the C/Y 2005 Baseline, Mid-Year and Year End Threat Assessment, the initiatives of the LA-HIDTA were responsible for over **87 tons (98%)** of all of the dangerous drugs seized by law enforcement throughout the entire region.

Again this year, the initiatives of the LA-HIDTA accounted for **81%** of the cocaine seizures, **73%** of the methamphetamine seizures and **100%** of the pseudo-ephedrine seizures from the organizations prioritized and targeted in our region for C/Y 2005.

National / International Impact – Similar to 2004, the C/Y 2005 Baseline, Mid-Year and Year End Threat Assessment found that the vast majority of major drug trafficking organizations (**64%**), operating in the LA-HIDTA region, are national and international in scope. In addition, our intelligence components continue to estimate that over **70%** of all the illegal narcotics (poly-drug – cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana) smuggled into our country comes across the United States / Mexico border. Of this amount, **60%** to **80%** is reportedly controlled by the drug trafficking organizations operating out of the Los Angeles HIDTA region.⁷

Core Table #3
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Percentage of Money Laundering Organizations
Disrupted or Dismantled By Scope, 2005

Percentage of Money Laundering Organizations Disrupted or Dismantled by Scope for Year 2005, at Los Angeles HIDTA								
Scope	# Identified	# Targeted	# Disrupted	% of Targeted Disrupted	# Dismantled	% of Targeted Dismantled	Total Disrupted and Dismantled	Total % Disrupted or Dismantled
International								
Multi-State								
Local								
Total	0	0	0		0		0	

Discussion – By design, the initiatives of the LA-HIDTA do not specifically identify / target trafficking organizations that, as a primary function, are money laundering enterprises. Therefore, by rule, **Core Table 3** will not apply to the LA-HIDTA. *All of the major drug trafficking organizations identified and targeted by the LA-HIDTA during this year, operating in and through our region, are primarily poly-drug, wherein some will conduct money laundering activities.*

Beginning in 1996, through our dynamic Threat Assessment process, it was found that the major drug trafficking organizations that operate in our region are laundering money as an associated capability.

As an example in C/Y 2005, **72 (26%)** of the **275** major poly-drug trafficking organizations identified in our region were additionally laundering money as a secondary / associated activity.

⁷ Source: EPIC

Core Table #4
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Operational Scope of All DTO & MLO Cases Initiated
For Year 2005⁸

Operational Scope of All DTO & MLO Cases Initiated for Year 2005, at Los Angeles HIDTA					
	# Cases Opened	# CPOT Cases	# RPOT Cases	# OCDETF Cases	% OCDETF of Total DTOs Targeted
International	97	15	2	6	6%
Multi-state	50	2	0	5	10%
Local	74	2	1	1	1%
Total	221	19	3	12	5%

Discussion -- *The LA-HIDTA was originally designated as one of the Nation’s “major narcotic gateways”, a distinction which is most evident and remains true to this day.* As a result, it is the collective purpose of the LA-HIDTA intelligence and enforcement initiatives to effectively and efficiently identify and target the major drug trafficking organizations, who work at the higher levels of the narcotic “food chain”, in order to measurably reduce drug trafficking, thereby reducing the impact of illicit drugs in this and other areas of the country.

In remaining true to this original designation, which was identified above, **Core Table #4**



reflects the very significant “operational enforcement scope” of the LA-HIDTA regional task force efforts for C/Y 2005. *It is of interest to note that of all of the cases identified as open and targeted by the LA-HIDTA task forces in C/Y 2005, 5% were designated as OCDETF cases.*

Operational Scope -- Major Drug Trafficking Organizations Targeted -- Further, as a result of our

intensive law enforcement and intelligence targeting efforts in C/Y 2005, the following remarkable results were achieved:

Of the **221** major drug trafficking cases identified as *open and targeted* during the year, **12 (5%)** were OCDETF cases / investigations. Of this number, **6 (6%)** were OCDETF investigations that were International in scope; **5 (10%)** were OCDETF cases that were Multi-State in scope; and **1 (1%)** was an OCDETF investigation that was Local in scope.

Additionally, of the **221** investigations identified as *open and targeted* in C/Y 2005, **19 (9%)** were CPOT (*Consolidated Priority Organization Target*) Cases. Specifically of this number, **15 (15%)** of the CPOT investigations were International in scope; **2 (4%)** of the CPOT cases were Multi-State in scope; and **2 (3%)** were CPOT investigations Local in scope. Further, **3 (1%)** of the total cases were RPOT (*Regional Priority Organization Targets*) with **2 (2%)** being International in scope; and **1 (1%)** being Local in scope.

⁸ Core Table #4 reflects those investigations that were open (targeted) in C/Y 2005. These numbers include prior year carryover cases.

Core Table #5
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Drugs Removed from the Marketplace, 2005

Drugs Removed from the Marketplace for Year 2005, at Los Angeles HIDTA		
Drug Seized (kg or D.U.)	Amount Seized (kg/D.U.)	Wholesale Value
heroin kg	15.020	\$330,440
cocaine HCL kg	4,023.733	\$62,367,861
crack cocaine kg	37.856	\$666,265
marijuana kg	70,780.054	\$45,299,234
marijuana plants & grows	1,325.623	11,665,482
marijuana hydroponic kg	72.594	\$638,827
methamphetamine kg	1,943.015	\$23,316,180
methamphetamine ice kg	285.985	\$4,575,760
ecstasy (MDMA) (D.U.s)	46.213	\$924
GHB	0.500	\$150
PCP Liquid - Gallons	23.173	\$405,527
Pseudoephedrine	859.524	\$3,781,905
other: Psilocybin	0.501	\$176
Total Wholesale Value		\$153,048,734

Discussion – Core Table 5 is designed to focus on the value of the various drugs that were removed from the marketplace by Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) enforcement initiatives during C/Y 2005.

In order to determine a value, the average wholesale price for each individual drug seized was used and it was determined through the use of the *Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse, Drug Prices, Quarterly Reports, for C/Y 2005*.

In C/Y 2005, over **87** tons of dangerous drugs were removed from the streets of America by the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) Task Forces. The seized drugs had a remarkable wholesale street value of **\$153,048,734**.

As a direct result of this enforcement activity, the overall number of major drug traffickers operating in our region was reduced, trafficking routes and methods were forced to change and it is logical that the operating costs to traffickers increased and the amount of illegal narcotics available in our region was reduced.

Core Table #6
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Return on Investment (ROI) for Drugs Removed
From the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives, by Year

Los Angeles HIDTA Return on Investment (ROI) for <u>Drugs Removed</u> from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives, by year					
Year	Budget	Baseline Drug Wholesale Value	Targeted Drug ROI	Drug Wholesale Value Removed From Market	Actual Drug ROI
2004	\$13,604,905	\$193,452,210	\$14	\$193,452,210	\$14
2005	\$14,142,427	\$193,452,210	\$14	\$153,048,734	\$11
2006					
2007					

* Baseline drug wholesale value = 2004 data – No drug wholesale values established in prior years

* 2005 Budget = \$14,774,637 - \$632,210 (Administration Costs) = \$14,142,427 (ISS = \$3,863,247/ Task Forces = \$10,279,180)

Core Table #7
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Return on Investment (ROI) for Assets Removed
From the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives, by Year

Los Angeles HIDTA Return on Investment (ROI) for <u>Assets Removed</u> from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives, by Year							
Year	Budget	Baseline Value of Drug Assets	Targeted Asset ROI	Value of Drug Assets Removed from Market			Actual Asset ROI
				Cash	Other Assets	Total	
2004	\$13,604,905	\$20,966,152	\$2	\$22,568,619	\$8,006,910	\$30,575,529	\$2
2005	\$14,142,427	\$20,966,152	\$1	\$51,844,285	\$5,820,986	\$57,665,271	\$4

* Drug Assets – 4 year average = 2004 Baseline

Core Table #8
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Total Return on Investment (ROI) for Drugs & Assets Removed
From the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives, by Year

Los Angeles HIDTA Total Return on Investment (ROI) for <u>Drugs and Assets Removed</u> from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives, by year					
Year	Budget	Drugs and Assets Baseline	Targeted Total ROI	Drugs and Assets Removed From Market	Actual Total ROI
2004	\$13,604,905	\$214,418,362	\$16	\$224,027,739	\$16
2005	\$14,142,427	\$214,418,362	\$15	\$210,714,005	\$15
2006					
2007					

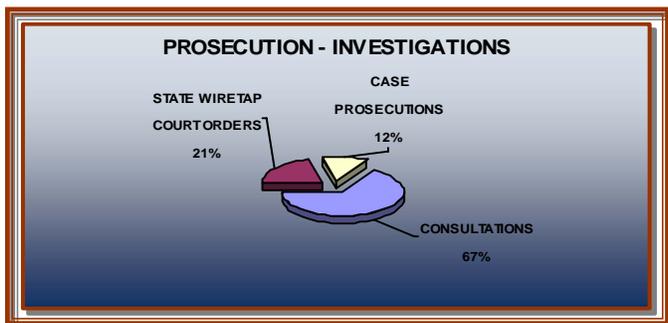
Discussion – Table 6 – In C/Y 2005, the enforcement initiatives of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) seized **\$153,048,734** worth of drugs from the major drug trafficking organizations operating in and through our region. *This remarkable law enforcement effort yielded an ROI of \$11 for every dollar of HIDTA funds spent.*

The real impact to any major drug trafficking organization is to affect them in such a manner as to reduce their bottom line profits. **Tables 6, 7 and 8** clearly demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) enforcement and intelligence initiatives through the removal of both illicit drugs and profits from the major drug trafficking organizations targeted for enforcement action. In C/Y 2005, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) invested **\$14,142,427** to effectively remove **\$210,714,005** in drugs and assets. *This reflects a remarkable combined ROI of \$15 returned for every HIDTA dollar invested.*

Core Table #9
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Prosecution Outputs & Outcomes, by Year⁹

Prosecution Outputs and Outcomes by Year, at Los Angeles HIDTA						
Year	Budget	Investigations Baseline	Investigations Projected	Investigations Handled	% Handled	Cost/ Investigation
2004	\$111,426	100	100	125	125%	\$891
2005	\$111,426	100	100	272	272%	\$410
2006						

Discussion – The Los Angeles County District Attorney collocates a Deputy District Attorney with the Southern California Drug Task Force (SCDTF) for the purpose of providing tactical, legal strategies and counsel pertaining to Major Drug Trafficking related investigations. Additionally, the Deputy District Attorney is immediately available to prepare and obtain search warrants, State wiretap orders, court orders and to facilitate telephonic or facsimile search warrants around-the-clock, seven days a week.



In C/Y 2005, the Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney assigned to the Southern California Drug Task Force (SCDTF) facilitated the following: **272** intensive, complex, high level major drug trafficking “investigations” to include **182** consultations¹⁰; **57** State wiretap (multiple lines) court orders; **33** case prosecutions involving **46** “high end” defendants resulting

⁹ Los Angeles County District Attorney – Statistical Reports – Definition: “Investigations” include case consultations, State wiretap court orders and defendants prosecuted

¹⁰ Consultations involve *Ex Parte Motions* which include search warrant and PEN register affidavits, applications for court authorized installation of vehicle tracking devices and case prosecution (Federal – State) strategy meetings

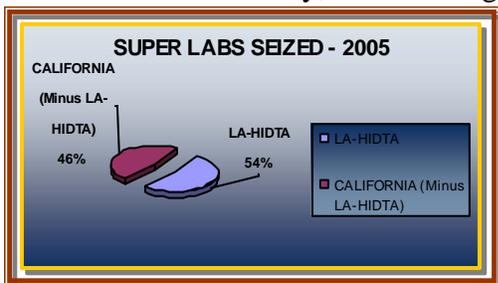
in a **98%** (1-dismissal) conviction rate (closed cases). *In this instance, the Return on Investment (ROI) is outstanding and is expressed as a ratio of HIDTA dollars invested in the yearly salary and benefits for the Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney (\$111,426) versus major drug trafficking “investigations” handled (272% of number projected) at \$410 each.*

Core Table 10
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Value of Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs Dismantled in 2005, by Size¹¹

Value of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories Dismantled by Size for Year 2005, at Los Angeles HIDTA			
Meth Cost Per Ounce		\$650	
Lab Size	ID/Targeted	Dismantled	Value of Labs Dismantled
A. Less 2 Oz	33	33	\$42,900
B. 2 - 8 Oz	32	32	\$104,000
C. 9 Oz - 31 Oz	9	9	\$72,800
D. 32 - 159 Oz	14	14	\$800,800
E. 160 - 320 Oz	13	13	\$2,028,000
F. Over 320 Oz	2	2	\$416,000
Total	103	103	\$3,464,500

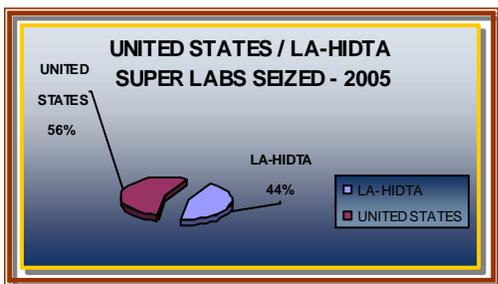
** Of the 110 methamphetamine labs seized in the region, the LA-HIDTA initiatives seized 103 (94%)*

Discussion – Historically, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) continues to be considered a major methamphetamine production and transportation source for both the State of California and the rest of the Nation where the drug is produced in high capacity labs controlled by Mexican traffickers¹². Additionally, our region is known as a “source country” for the trafficking of methamphetamine to other regions in the Nation.



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Table 10 demonstrates that the LA-HIDTA enforcement initiatives targeted and dismantled **103** methamphetamine production laboratories of various sizes. At a local average wholesale selling price of **\$650** per ounce on the street, they conservatively stopped the production of over **\$3,464,500** worth of raw methamphetamine.



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It is interesting to note that in C/Y 2005, the enforcement initiatives of the LA-HIDTA were

¹¹ Data for Core Table 10 & 11 (including the discussion) was obtained through the EPIC National Clandestine Laboratory Seizure System (CLSS) – as of February 2006 (C /Y 2005 data from EPIC not finalized until June, 2006)

¹²NDIC, Intelligence Bulletin, Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Drug Market Analysis, Product Number 2005-LO424-008, June 2005.

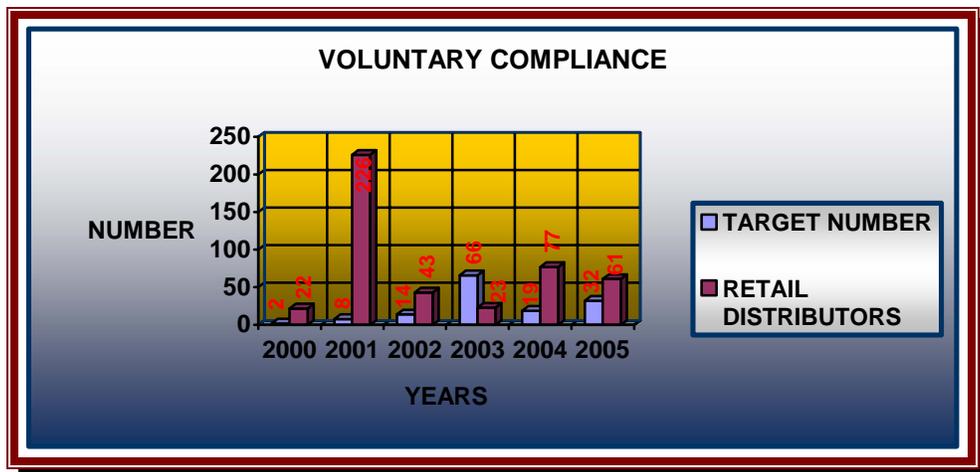
responsible for seizing **54% (15)** of all the methamphetamine “super labs” (*10 to 20+ pounds per production cycle*) in the State of California (**28**). This year, “super labs” accounted for about **1%** of the total methamphetamine production lab seizures in the Nation. Even more striking in C/Y 2005 was the fact that the enforcement initiatives of the LA-HIDTA seized **44% (15)** of all the “super labs” seized in the United States (**34**).

Core Table 11
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Clandestine Laboratory Activities in 2005

	Baseline	# Projected	# Identified	% Identified
Laboratory Dump Sites Seized	40	17	17	100%
Chemical/Glassware Equipment Seizures	44	24	24	100%
Persons Affected:				
Children	0	14	14	100%

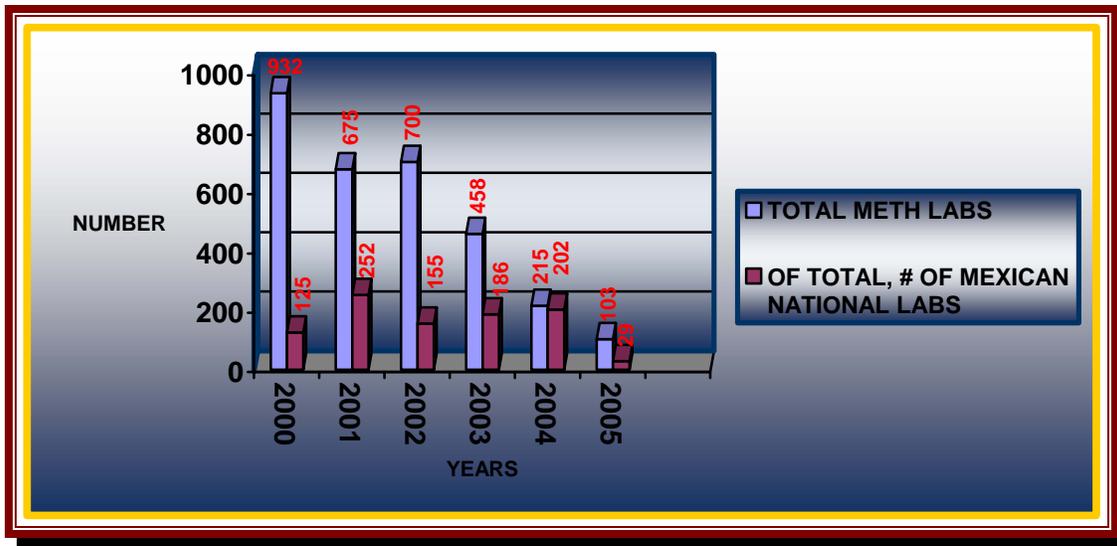
Discussion – **Table 11** demonstrates the anticipated continued reduction of methamphetamine production activities in our region. Still, the outcome of the above methamphetamine related activity ultimately enhances our intelligence databases. This allows investigators to capitalize on the intelligence information retrieved from these laboratory dump sites and chemical glassware seizures which will lead them to new illegal methamphetamine production sites in the region. *The following chart will demonstrate the number of retail distributors of pseudoephedrine products who, at the urging of LA-HIDTA law enforcement initiatives, voluntarily complied with various distribution restrictions, 2000 through 2005.*

LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA
Retail Distributors of Pseudoephedrine Products
VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE



Methamphetamine Laboratory Seizures – Reduction – Since the peak year of 1999, the numbers of methamphetamine laboratory seizures have decreased throughout the State of California every year. Despite the declining methamphetamine laboratory seizure rate, the Los Angeles HIDTA still accounted for approximately one-quarter of all “super lab” seizures (*addressed earlier in this section*) in the country. *The following chart will provide an overview of methamphetamine laboratory seizures the LA-HIDTA, 1999 through 2005:*

METHAMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED
of this total, the number of
MEXICAN NATIONAL OPERATED LABORATORIES SEIZED



Regional Factors in Methamphetamine Laboratory Seizure Reductions – A detailed analysis by our Intelligence Support System (ISS) reveals that the following factors have come into play within the Los Angeles HIDTA region over the years, leading to a general reduction in methamphetamine laboratory seizures:

- Effective drug law enforcement and intelligence operations
- Precursor chemical restrictions
- Chemical control laws
- Increased methamphetamine production in Mexico
- Downsizing of methamphetamine clandestine lab law enforcement teams – Fewer methamphetamine labs observed / reported by officers/agents

Impact -- In C/Y 2005, LA-HIDTA enforcement groups participated in **143** investigations targeting major Mexican National methamphetamine trafficking organizations. Additionally, they participated in the seizure and prosecution of some **103** methamphetamine laboratories found to be operating in the region. **67** of these cases had child endangerment charges presented for prosecution against the laboratory operators and **96** were referred to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Over the past four years, our Intelligence Support System (ISS) tells us that intensive regional law enforcement activity, supported through the National HIDTA Program within the LA-

HIDTA, has been driving methamphetamine laboratory production East into Arizona and South into Mexico. Finished product returns to our region through well established and documented land trafficking routes.

Goal 2 – Core Measures -- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA Initiatives.

Goal 2 – Core Measures – Tables 12 through 16 are designed for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) in providing access to advanced technology, law enforcement training opportunities and in the establishment of advanced systems which facilitate the “real time” exchange of critical drug trafficking related intelligence information.

**Core Table #12
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Training Efficiency by Type and Year**

Training Efficiency by Type for Year 2005, at Los Angeles HIDTA											
Type of Training	# Students Expected for Training		# Students Actually Trained		# Training Hours Actually Provided		Total Training Cost		Training Cost per Hour		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	% Change 2004-2005
Analytical/ Computer	217	217	217	209	3,322	4,306	\$3,500	\$14,857	\$1.05	\$3.45	229%
Investigative/ Interdiction	2,115	2,115	2,115	1,417	22,284	25,806	\$72,866	\$133,258	\$3.27	\$5.16	58%
Management/ Administrative	54	54	54	99	1,264	2,493	\$15,906	\$12,318	\$12.58	\$4.94	-61%
Intelligence	205	205	205	177	5,980	4,511	\$8,688	\$39,670	\$1.45	\$8.79	506%
Financial	55	55	55	117	2,000	3,551	\$610	\$872	\$0.30	\$0.25	-17%
Miscellaneous	24	24	24	211	1,299	1,638	\$0	\$1,775	\$0	\$1.08	0%
Other: Tactical	0	133	0	133	0	1,919	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total	2,670	2,803	2,670	2,363	36,149	44,224	\$101,570	\$202,750	\$2.80	\$4.58	64%

Discussion – Training Initiative (Program)¹³ – Capable and focused training is essential in improving both the effectiveness and efficiency of the Los Angeles HIDTA. In C/Y 2005, training was provided to **2,363** law enforcement “students” for a total of **44,224** classroom hours. The training was designed to enhance computer and analytical skills, improve investigative knowledge and managerial abilities. This training, which costs the Los Angeles HIDTA an average of only **\$4.58** per classroom hour, was provided at no cost to law enforcement within the

¹³ For the current LA-HIDTA Training Schedule, please refer to: laweb.hidta.net. Table 12 refers to all training conducted by “all sources”. LA-HIDTA training staff facilitates the training offered – they do not conduct any training classes. All training costs are for offerings “external” to the LA-HIDTA. Source: LA-HIDTA Training Records.

region. *The great majority of these training offerings would not have been available without the continuing support of both the National HIDTA Program and the Los Angeles HIDTA.*

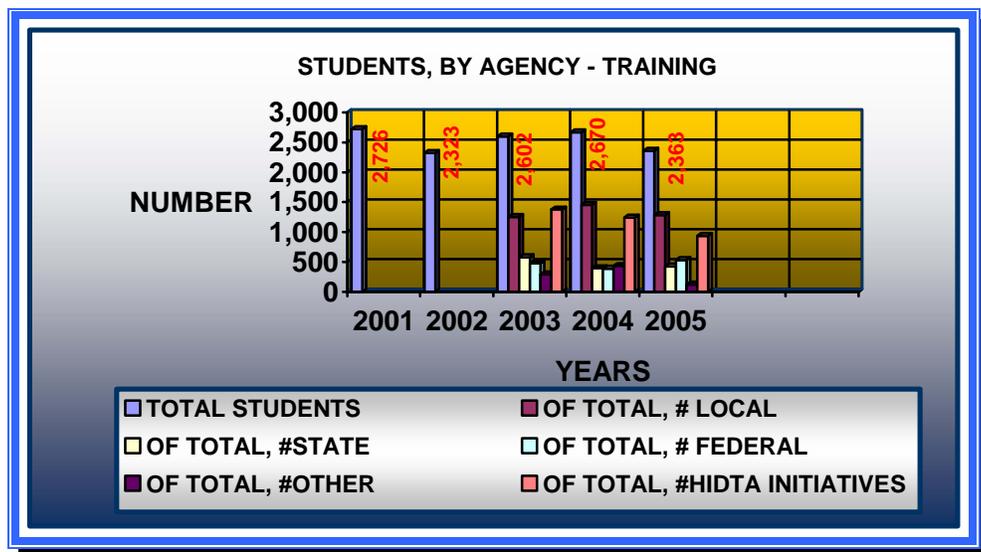
The primary mission of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Intelligence Support System (ISS), Training Initiative (Program), is to improve the ability of Federal, State and local law enforcement in our region to counter drug trafficking through viable training programs. The LA-HIDTA Training Initiative is designed to provide advanced law enforcement training efforts which address the regional threat and advances the Administration’s National Drug Control Strategy and the enforcement / intelligence goals and objectives of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Historically involved in providing meaningful law enforcement training programs, the general geographical expanse, coupled with the topographical complexity of the region, has required that we “center” our training efforts within the following initiatives:

**Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group
Los Angeles Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse
Inland Narcotics Clearing House**

By design, each of these initiatives, which comprise the LA-HIDTA Intelligence Support System (ISS), have individual “Training Coordinators” and appropriate facilities (multi-media capable) to facilitate all forms of intensive law enforcement / intelligence training.

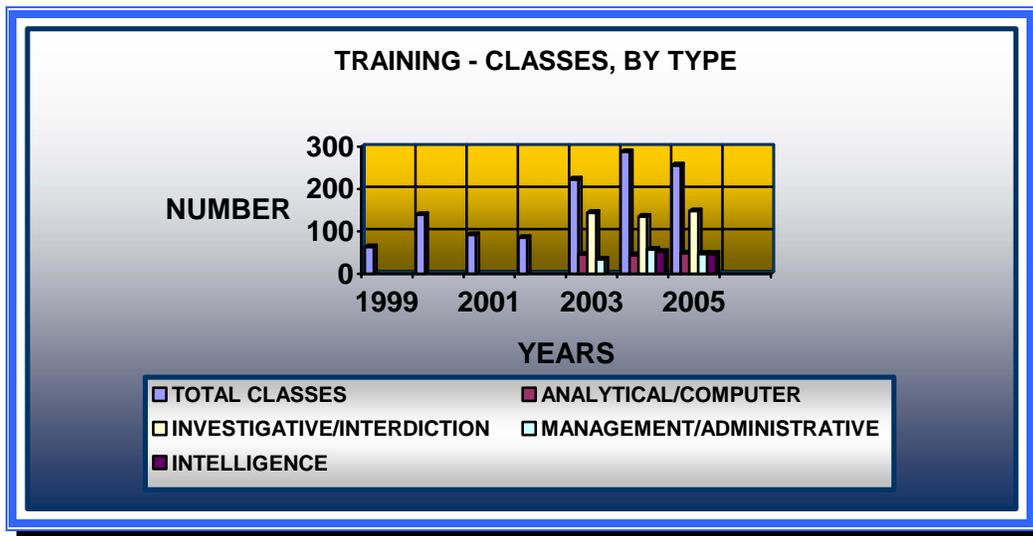
The Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) has developed and instituted a “*Training Team*” which functions under the direction of the *Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group (LAJDIG)* and this “*Team*” is comprised of representatives from the above three Intelligence Initiatives and “*key*” members of Federal, State and local law enforcement elements in our region. *Their primary purpose is to develop research and provide various law enforcement / intelligence training opportunities within our region through an established, regional coordinated effort.* The following charts will provide an overview of the numbers of students trained and training classes by type, 1999 through 2005:

**LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA
Intelligence Support System (ISS) – Training Initiative
NUMBER OF STUDENTS TRAINED, BY AGENCY**



Note: Breakdown of students by agency not required until 2003

LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA
 Intelligence Support System (ISS) – Training Initiative
NUMBER OF TRAINING CLASSES, BY TYPE
 2001 through 2005



Note: Breakdown of classes by type not required until 2003

Core Table #13
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Percentage of Initiatives Using Event & Case Deconfliction Services, by Year¹⁴

Year, at Los Angeles HIDTA				
Year	Total HIDTA Initiatives	# Initiatives Targeted to Use Services	# Initiatives Using	% Initiatives Using
2004	7	7	7	100%
2005	7	7	7	100%
2006				
2007				

Discussion – Over the years, the event and case deconfliction services provided by the Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC), Deconfliction Center “War Room”, has been “institutionalized” in all of the enforcement / intelligence initiatives within the LA-HIDTA (100% participation). Additionally, as a further example of this most remarkable capability, every Federal, State and local law enforcement agency that operates within the LA-HIDTA region participates, by Memorandum of Participation, in the LACRCIC “War Room”, Event and Subject / Case Deconfliction process.

¹⁴ Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse, Deconfliction Center “War Room”, Statistical Reports & agency participation Memorandum of Participation. This chart excludes the Intelligence Initiatives (3) and the Administrative Initiative none of which, by design and purpose, are intended to use these services.

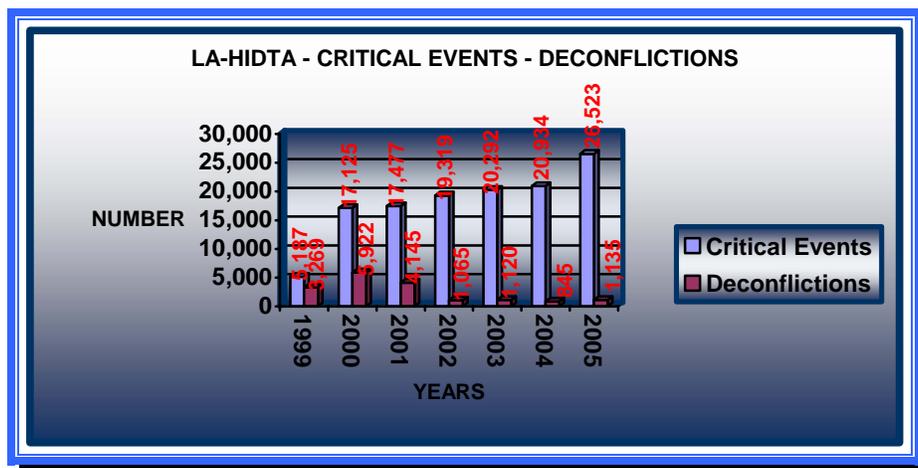
Core Table #14
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Percentage of Event & Case Deconflictions Submitted, by Year¹⁵

Percentage of Event & Case Deconflictions for Year, at Los Angeles HIDTA						
Year	Baseline # Deconflictions Submitted	# Deconfliction Submissions Expected	# Event Deconflictions Submitted	# Case/Subject Deconflictions Submitted	Total Deconflictions Submitted	% Deconflictions Submitted
2004	195,870	195,870	20,934	185,781	206,715	106%
2005	195,870	195,870	26,523	169,261	195,784	100%
2006					0	
2007					0	

Notation: Deconflictions -- The definition of a "conflict" was redefined in C/Y 2002, resulting in lower numbers but more accurate reporting.

Discussion – In C/Y 2005, the Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC) War Room and Intelligence Watch Center handled **26,523** critical events, a **27%** increase over last year’s activity, within the LA-HIDTA region. Of this number, **1,135 (4.2%)**, an increase over 2004 of **34.3%**, were undercover law enforcement deconflictions (*one out of every twenty five critical events*). The following chart will provide an overview of both Critical Events and Deconflictions, 1999 through 2005.

LA-HIDTA
CRITICAL EVENTS – DECONFLICTIONS
1999 through 2005



¹⁵ Includes all LA-HIDTA Initiatives plus every Federal, State and local law enforcement entity in our 4 county region (176 agencies)

Core Table #15
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Percentage of Investigations Provided Analytical Support, by Year

Percentage of Cases Provided Analytical Support for Year, at Los Angeles HIDTA				
Year	Baseline # Cases Receiving Analytical Support	# Cases Targeted for Analytical Support	# Cases Provided Analytical Support	% Targeted Cases Supported
2004	991	991	1,101	111%
2005	991	991	1,008	101%
2006				
2007				

*Includes 37 cases completed by SCDTF / LAFD Intelligence Group 3, linked to LACRCIC Intelligence Support System (ISS) -- (12-CPOT / 10 OCDEF)

Discussion – The Intelligence Support System (ISS) for the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area is comprised of the Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC), Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group (LAJDIG) and the Inland Narcotics Clearing House (INCH). The following will provide an overview of both their individual and combined intelligence efforts:

Individual Intelligence Initiative Efforts -- The Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC), Analysis and Research Unit supported **494** major narcotic trafficking investigations in C/Y 2005, a **295%** increase over last year. Additionally, they handled **225** support requests which resulted in **14,196** analytical products, a **10.3%** increase over C/Y 2004.

Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group (LAJDIG), Support Teams, each of which, by design, have specific areas of focus and expertise, supported **302** major drug trafficking initiatives in C/Y 2005. These Teams produced over **7,113** analytical products, a **5.6%** increase over C/Y 2004. Additionally, the LA-JDIG opened **19** intelligence investigations for the Narcotics-Terrorism Team.

The Inland Narcotics Clearing House (INCH) activity reflected **212** major narcotic trafficking cases which were supported by INCH in C/Y 2005. Additionally, during the year, they recorded some **213** requests for service from the law enforcement community and the production of **3,993** reports and charts.

Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse / Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group / Inland Narcotics Clearing House -- Intelligence Initiatives Combined Highlights -- In 2005, the LA-HIDTA Intelligence Projects recorded **1,008** combined requests for case support and a **6.5%** increase in the combined amount of work product produced at the three LA-HIDTA Intelligence Projects. In 2004, the three Intelligence Projects produced some **19,439** work products and, in 2005, this number increased by **6.5%** to **20,698**.

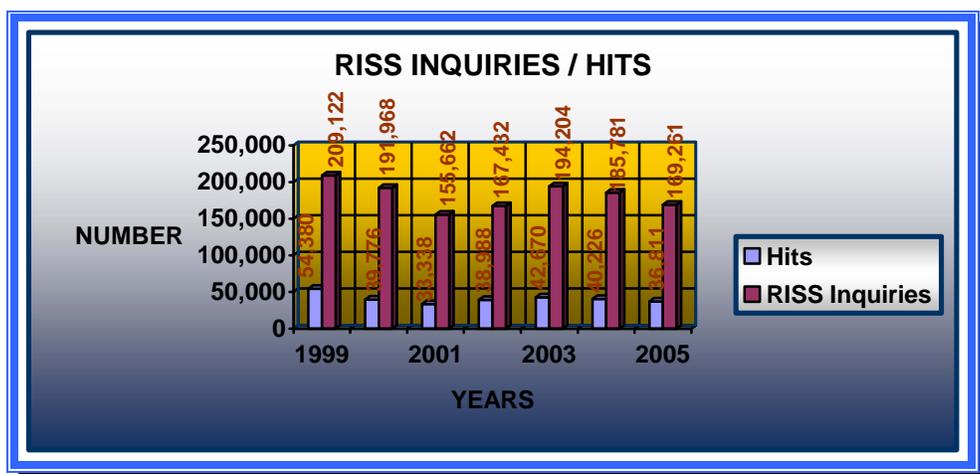
The following chart will provide a historical workload overview of the various Intelligence Initiatives, which make up the Intelligence Support System (ISS) of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA), 1999 through 2005:

LA-HIDTA
INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SYSTEM (ISS)
 Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group - Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse
 Inland Narcotic Clearing House
INTELLIGENCE CASE SUPPORT – WORK PRODUCTS
 1999 through 2005



As an example of the amount of major drug trafficking criminal activity confronted in the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) in C/Y 2005, regional law enforcement within the LA-HIDTA submitted **185,781** inquiries into the *Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse, Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)*, resulting in **40,226 (22%)** suspect “hits”. The below chart will provide an overview of LA-HIDTA inquiries into the *State of California, Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)*, along with the number of “hits”, 1999 through 2005.

REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM (RISS)
 Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse
INQUIRIES / HITS
 1999 through 2005



Core Table #16
Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Percentage of HIDTA Initiative Investigations Referred to Other HIDTAs
&
Other Agencies, by Year

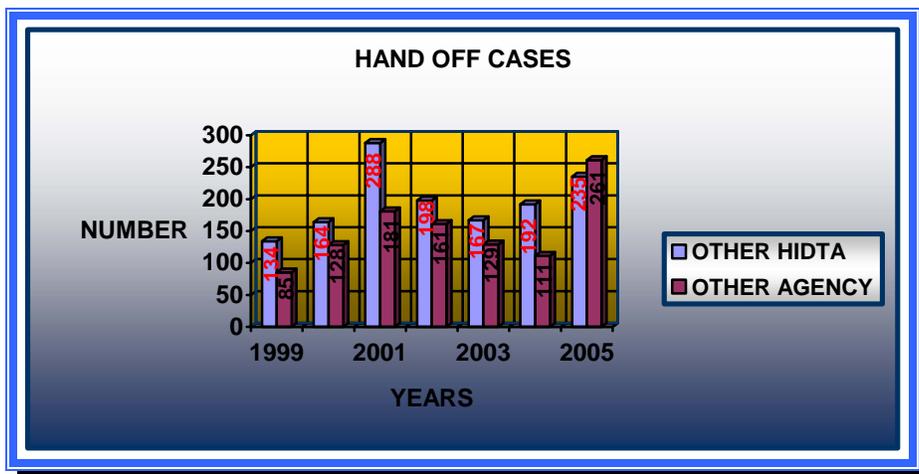
Percentage of HIDTA Initiative Cases Referred to Other HIDTAs and Other Agencies for Year, at Los Angeles HIDTA						
Year	Total HIDTA Initiative Investigations	# Initiative Investigations Targeted for Referral	# HIDTA Initiative Investigations Referred to Other HIDTAs	# HIDTA Initiative Investigations Referred to Other Agencies	Total Initiative Investigations Referred	% Targeted Initiative Investigations Referred
2004	807	303	9	294	303	100%
2005*	619	496	235	261	496	100%
2006					0	
2007					0	

*Includes 370 "Pipeline" investigations generated by LACRCIC / 197 referred – 76 'Other HIDTAs' & 121 to 'Other Agencies'

Discussion – Enhanced Law Enforcement Cooperation – Local, Regional and National – Tables 15 and 16 clearly depict the very positive outcome achieved by the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) intelligence and enforcement initiatives in the critical areas of investigative support and investigation referrals.

These activities are essential to the overall success of drug law enforcement in terms of improving efficiency and effectiveness through information sharing and coordinated intelligence. During this year, the LA-HIDTA Task Forces (7) "handed off" **496** significant major narcotics trafficking investigation elements to other HIDTA regions and law enforcement organizations both in our region and beyond. *It should be noted that it is quite likely that these "hand off" cases would not have been worked if it were not for the ONDCP – HIDTA enhanced cooperative efforts of participating Federal, State and local law enforcement.* The following chart will provide an overview of "hand off" cases, 1999 through 2005:

LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA
 Enhance Effectiveness – Promote Joint Investigations
HANDOFF CASES
 To Other Law Enforcement Agencies & Other HIDTA regions, 1999 through 2005



Threat Specific Measures – Relates to Goal 1

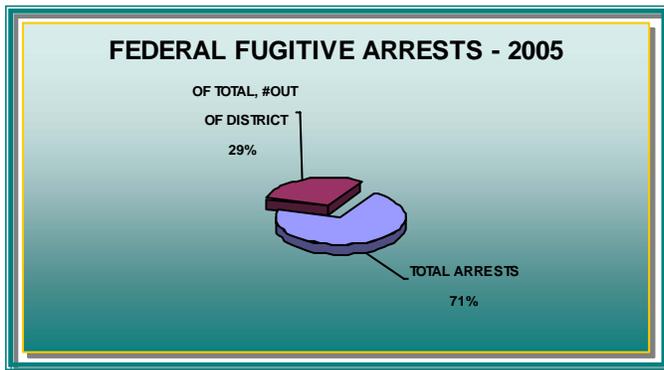
The following Threat Specific Tables have been provided by the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) in order to illustrate various areas of regional, national and international drug trafficking concerns not addressed in the specific required Core Measures reported earlier in this report.

Threat Specific Table #17 Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Federal Fugitives Targeted and Apprehended, by Year¹⁶

Los Angeles		HIDTA Fugitives Targeted and Apprehended by Year			
Year	# Identified	# Targeted	% Targeted of Identified	# Apprehended	Apprehended % of Targeted
2004	225	225	100%	249	111%
2005	225	225	100%	327	145%
2006					
2007					

* # identified & targeted based on a 4 year average

Discussion – The United States Marshal’s Service operates an LA-HIDTA Initiative with a very



specific focus of targeting and arresting fugitives who are members of significant narcotic trafficking organizations who have committed crimes of violence in our region and beyond. They work in close concert with all of the LA-HIDTA Task Forces on matters of mutual concern and they are collocated with the State of California, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Fugitive Detail.

United States Marshal’s Service – “Equal Justice” Fugitive Task Force – Global Impact –

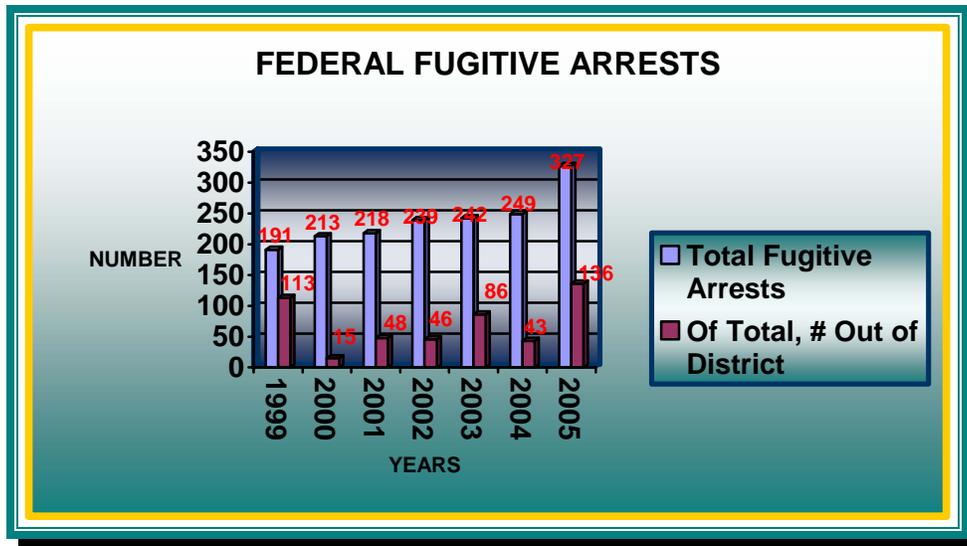
Of the **327** LA-HIDTA fugitives arrested by the United States Marshal’s Service – “Equal Justice” Fugitive Task Force in C/Y 2005, **136** were wanted in other Judicial Districts and Courts. The arrests of these individuals clearly indicate that narcotic fugitives do not recognize National, State or judicial boundaries. These apprehended fugitives have significant ties not only to narcotic trafficking organizations in the Central District of California¹⁷, but to more prominent organizations throughout the continental United States, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

¹⁶ Data for the USMS – “Equal Justice” Task Force is obtained through their Fugitive Apprehension Data Base

¹⁷ Central District of California – the largest Federal Judicial District in the United States

“Equal Justice” Fugitive Task Force – 7 Year Impact Overview – Over the past 7 years, the United States Marshal’s Service, “Equal Justice” Fugitive Task Force, has taken **1,679** Federal fugitives with a narcotic nexus into custody. Of the above number, **487** were wanted in other Federal Judicial Districts and Courts. *The following chart will provide a breakdown of both “in district” and “out of district” federal fugitive arrests, 1999 through 2005:*

**LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**
United States Marshal’s Service – “Equal Justice” Task Force
FEDERAL FUGITIVE ARRESTS – NARCOTICS NEXUS
1999 through 2005



VII CONCLUSIONS

Since its inception in 1990, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) has developed into a fully functioning regional and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement narcotic trafficking strategy. *The LA-HIDTA was originally designated as one of the Nation’s “major narcotic gateways”, a distinction which is most evident and remains true to this day.*

The various achievements of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) reflected in this Annual Report clearly stand as remarkable examples of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, National HIDTA Program concept where the key elements to success are visibly demonstrated by individual, multi-jurisdictional efforts, task force and intelligence system creativity and the ability of Federal, State and local law enforcement to adapt, both regionally and nationally, to ever changing drug trafficking circumstances. Through the years, as evidenced by the remarkable quality of the work accomplished, both our Executive Board and Initiatives have continued to work very hard in order to successfully embrace and support the National HIDTA Program concept.

C/Y 2005 marks the second year that the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) has reported initiative operational targets and subsequent outcomes using the new Performance Management Process (PMP) efficiency and effectiveness core tables which are spread throughout this Annual Report. These graphic presentations provide clear illustrations as

to how the various goals and objectives of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) are right on target with respect to impacting the defined major drug trafficking threat in both our region and beyond.

Additionally, clear evidence of very successful initiative effectiveness and productivity is present throughout this report, leading one to correctly conclude that drug trafficking, illegal narcotics availability and the resulting criminal financial rewards are, in fact, being successfully impacted and reduced (Goal 1). All of these accomplishments are being done by regional Federal, State and local law enforcement efficiently and effectively being enhanced through Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) facilitated training and information sharing (Goal 2).

Specifically, this conclusion will again underscore the initiative efforts of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) and a number of the more notable achievements in C/Y 2005:

- **Major Drug Trafficking Organizations Targeted** -- Through the year, the LA-HIDTA Task Forces targeted **89% (221)** of the major drug trafficking organizations they identified (**249**) in our region.
- **Major Drug Trafficking Organizations Impacted** -- Once targeted, **63% (139)** of the major drug trafficking organizations were dismantled or severely disrupted. Specifically, **49 (22%)** of the targeted organizations were dismantled and **90 (41%)** were severely disrupted.
- **Impact -- Drugs / Money Seized -- Arrests** -- Over **87** tons of dangerous drugs were removed from the streets of America by the Los Angeles HIDTA Task Forces. This included **4.5** tons of cocaine, **79.6** tons of marijuana, **33** lbs of heroin, **2.5** tons of methamphetamine, and approximately **1** ton of pseudoephedrine. Additionally, over **\$51** million in cash and an additional **\$5.8** million in property assets were seized and **1,512** individuals were arrested for various narcotics and money laundering offenses (*includes 327 federal fugitive / narcotic nexus arrests by the United States Marshal's Service*).

It is interesting to note that the **87** tons of dangerous drugs seized this year by the LA-HIDTA Task Forces had a remarkable street value (*average wholesale price*) of **\$153,048,734**.

- **Methamphetamine Laboratories Dismantled** – In C/Y 2005, the enforcement initiatives of the Los Angeles HIDTA seized **103** methamphetamine laboratories that were operating in the region. At a local average wholesale selling price of **\$650** per ounce in the street, they conservatively stopped the production, per “cooking” cycle, of over **\$3,464,500** worth of raw methamphetamine.

It is interesting to note that **29** of these investigations targeted major Mexican National methamphetamine manufacturing organizations and **67** of the total investigations had child endangerment charges presented for prosecution against the laboratory operators.

Additionally, the enforcement initiatives of the Los Angeles HIDTA were responsible for seizing **54% (15)** of all of the methamphetamine “super labs” (*10 to 20 pounds per*

production cycle) in the State of California (28). This year, “super labs” accounted for about 1% of the total methamphetamine production laboratory seizures in the Nation. Even more striking in C/Y 2005 was the fact that the enforcement initiatives of the Los Angeles HIDTA seized 44% (15) of all the “super labs” seized in the United States (34).

- **Return on Investment (ROI)** -- In C/Y 2005, the enforcement initiatives of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) seized **\$153,048,734** worth of drugs from the major drug trafficking organizations operating in and through our region. *This remarkable law enforcement effort yielded an ROI of \$11 for every dollar of HIDTA funds spent.*

The real impact to any major drug trafficking organization is to affect them in such a manner as to reduce their bottom line profits. **Core Tables 6, 7 and 8** clearly demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) enforcement and intelligence initiatives which resulted in the removal of both illicit drugs and profits from the major drug trafficking organizations targeted for enforcement action.

In C/Y 2005, the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) invested **\$14,142,427** to effectively remove **\$210,714,005** in drugs and assets from the drug traffickers who were operating in and through our region. *This reflects a remarkable combined ROI of \$15 returned for every HIDTA dollar invested.*

- **Law Enforcement Agencies – Leveraged Contributions to the Los Angeles HIDTA Program** -- The Los Angeles HIDTA Program involves hundreds of Federal, State and local law enforcement personnel from agencies that make significant contributions to our initiatives which are not reimbursed. *The dollar amounts that are reflected below have been reported by our participating agencies and is a conservative estimate of their contributions to our Los Angeles HIDTA Program:*

- State and Local Law Enforcement Agency Contributions = **\$44,352,839**
- Federal Law Enforcement Agency Contributions = **\$13,565,145**
- Combined Contributions = **\$57,917,984**

The above dollar amounts are based on salary and benefits, vehicles, facility costs, aircraft and specialized equipment not provided by the HIDTA Program. *In Los Angeles, for every \$1 of HIDTA funds spent on the Program, our participating Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies contribute \$4 of un-reimbursed funds.*

- **12 Year Impact Overview** – During this twelve year time period, the LA-HIDTA enforcement initiatives have seized over **490** tons of dangerous drugs arrested some **18,051** drug trafficking offenders and seized over **\$267** million in U.S. currency. Additionally, they have positively impacted **1,804** major drug trafficking organizations by dismantling **1,164** and severely disrupting **640**. *The LA-HIDTA task forces (7) accomplished all of this with less than 400 agents and officers inside our 4 county (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino) 32,341 square mile region, which contains a general population of (+/-) 16 million.*

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APPENDIX A

LA-HIDTA

INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SYSTEM (ISS) ** DETAILED ACTIVITY OVERVIEW **

INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT ** A Systems Approach ** INFORMATION FLOW CHART

Intelligence Support System (ISS) Defined Combined Detailed Activity Overview (Separated)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL CRIMINAL INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE LOS ANGELES JOINT DRUG INTELLIGENCE GROUP INLAND NARCOTICS CLEARING HOUSE (Intelligence Support System (ISS) – Combined Intelligence Requests)

<i>INTELLIGENCE REQUESTS</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>+/- % 04/05</i>
<i>CASES SUPPORTED</i>	<i>777</i>	<i>976</i>	<i>1,008</i>	<i>+3.3</i>

<i>WORK PRODUCTS PRODUCED</i> <i>(Major Intelligence Activity)</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>+/- % 04/05</i>
<i>CHARTS / GRAPHS</i>	<i>3,884</i>	<i>2,098</i>	<i>3,992</i>	<i>+90.3</i>
<i>TELEPHONE TOLL REPORTS</i>	<i>10,400</i>	<i>11,164</i>	<i>11,863</i>	<i>+6.2</i>
<i>INTEL PROFILES*</i>	<i>5,111</i>	<i>6,177</i>	<i>4,376</i>	<i>-29.2</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>19,395</i>	<i>19,439</i>	<i>20,231</i>	<i>+4.1</i>

* Includes Link Profiles, VIA Charting Profiles, Geo Mapping, Target Profiles, PSA Organizational/ Bio Profiles

Discussion:

LA-HIDTA Intelligence Support System (ISS) – Intelligence Architecture Plan – Defined as a major goal for C/Y 2005, this year continued to bring greater focus to our various intelligence systems through the implementation of the *Intelligence Architecture Plan, a work in progress*. This plan redefines the intelligence responsibilities and priorities within the LA-HIDTA, effectively “bringing together” our intelligence initiatives into what today is called the *Intelligence Support System (ISS)*. It brings a working memorandum of understanding between intelligence initiatives, enhanced lines of communication and clear definitive lines of responsibility. Additionally, the process brings an enhanced level of intelligence service to the LA-HIDTA law enforcement community. Work on the overall LA-HIDTA Intelligence Support System (ISS) will continue into C/Y 2006 and will remain an area of primary focus for our region. The “driving elements” of this fully integrated intelligence plan are:

- **Intelligence Sub-Committee** – Established and recognized as a “standing committee” by the Executive Board, its primary purpose is to shape and drive the policies and objectives of the LA-HIDTA intelligence community. Additionally, they serve as a planning element for future intelligence operations and are responsible for monitoring and assessing the ongoing activities of the various intelligence components serving the LA-HIDTA.
- **Intelligence Sub-Committee Membership** – Includes representatives from all agencies which possess intelligence nodes within the LA-HIDTA.

- **Working Group** – The Intelligence Sub-Committee has appointed a standing “Working Group” comprised of representatives from the LA-HIDTA intelligence community (DEA, ICE, LAJDIG, LACRCIC and INCH). By design, this “Working Group” remains in place to assist in the coordination of both the continuing LA-HIDTA intelligence efforts and the annual threat assessment process.
- **Delineation of Intelligence Initiatives Responsibilities** – Working with the recommendations made in the Intelligence Architecture Report, the Working Group developed a matrix which clearly defines intelligence initiative responsibilities. This matrix was approved for implementation by the LA-HIDTA Executive Board, Intelligence Sub-Committee.
- **Intelligence Initiatives** – Memorandum of Agreement – Driven by the recommendations made in the Intelligence Architecture Report, A Memorandum of Agreement, which defines the overall capabilities and responsibilities of the LA-HIDTA Intelligence Initiatives, has been developed, signed and implemented.
- **Case Support** – In order to provide direct case support to enforcement teams, the intelligence resources at the Southern California Drug Task Force (SCDTF) were augmented with additional LACRCIC analysts.
- **Post Seizure Analysis Team** – The Post Seizure Analysis Team, staffed by the LACRCIC, LAJDIG and INCH, augments and exploits the intelligence potential of seized evidence and further develops the Seizure Data Base.
- **Threat Assessment Team** – A Threat Assessment Team staffed by analysts from each intelligence and enforcement initiative has been established to function under the direction of the LAJDIG to monitor the threat in the LA-HIDTA region on a continuing basis and assist in the production of the Annual Threat Assessment, Mid-Year Enhancement and Year-End Review and Impact Assessment.
- **Intelligence Summary Team** – An Intelligence Summary Team, staffed by analysts from the LACRCIC, has been established and tasked with the production of a monthly report summarizing significant intelligence events for the LA-HIDTA.
- **Intelligence Training Team** – An Intelligence Training Team, under the direction of the LAJDIG, has been formed for the purpose of developing, researching and promoting various training opportunities within the LA-HIDTA.
- **Technical Team** – Instituted in 1999, the Technical Team was implemented for the primary purpose of assessing the status of current computer systems within the enforcement and intelligence communities of the LA-HIDTA, as well as predicting future needs with a focus on standardization and “cutting edge” technology.

LA-HIDTA
INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVES
(Detailed Overview / Activity – Separated)

Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC)

(Component of the Intelligence Support System (ISS))

The mission of the Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC) is to produce and provide intelligence products, enhanced information sharing and advanced systems technology to Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in order to ensure officer safety and enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness.

The LACRCIC represents a unified effort to develop an innovative and progressive information management system in support of narcotic law enforcement operations in the LA-HIDTA region. The system uses advanced technology and skilled professionals to maximize the ability of counter-drug law enforcement to manage and share critical information. The critical elements of this initiative are: The *24 hour War Room* and *Intelligence Watch Center*, the *Research and Analysis Unit*, the *Special Operations Center* and the *Statewide Integrated Narcotics System (SINS)*.

- **War Room / Intelligence Watch Center** – The War Room provides “real time” operational and tactical intelligence support by tracking, around-the-clock, all Federal, State and local law enforcement undercover operations within the four county region known as the LA-HIDTA.¹⁸ On-site Intelligence Analysts are available to immediately research the various law enforcement intelligence data bases, thus enabling officers to conduct enhanced narcotic investigations.

The War Room and Intelligence Watch Center, during the C/Y 2005 twelve month “threat assessment window”, January 1 to December 31, handled some **169,261** database inquiries, a **9%** decrease over last year’s activity, resulting in **36,811 (21.7%)** database “hits”.

- **Critical Event Tracking** – The War Room tracked **26,523** Critical Events, an increase of **27%** over last year. This number included **1,135** deconflictions (**4.2%** - one out of every twenty five critical events), an increase of **34.3%** over 2004, wherein various law enforcement undercover operations are notified when they are about to conflict with each other for a number of reasons. The following is a summary of War Room activity:

¹⁸ The LACRCIC “War Room” also provides deconfliction and related intelligence services to the Northern California, Central California and Nevada HIDTAs.

LACRCIC
WAR ROOM / INTELLIGENCE WATCH CENTER
Database and Critical Event Summary¹⁹
Four Year Overview

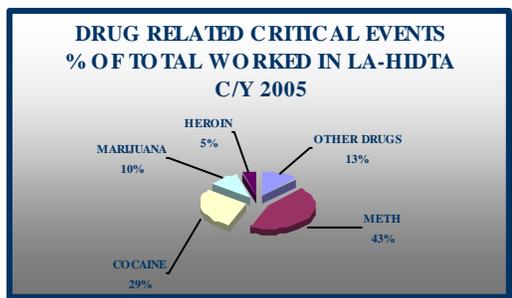
DATABASE ACTIVITY	NUMBER						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
DATABASE INQUIRIES (RISS)	167,432	194,204	+16	185,781	-4.0	169,261	-9
DATABASE HITS	38,988	42,670	+47.2	40,226	-6.0	36,811	-8.4
HIT PERCENTAGE	23.3%	22.0%		21.6%		21.7%	

Note: While the War Room handles the deconfliction services for the Los Angeles HIDTA, Northern California HIDTA, Central California HIDTA and Nevada HIDTA, this report only reflects data for the Los Angeles region.

CRITICAL EVENT ACTIVITY	NUMBER						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
CRITICAL EVENTS	19,319	20,292	+5.0	20,934	+3.0	26,523	+27
CRITICAL EVENT CONFLICTS	1,065	1,120	+5.2	845	-25.0	1,135	+34.3
CONFLICT PERCENTAGE	6.0%	6.0%		4.0%		4.2%	

Deconfliction – The definition of a “conflict” was redefined in C/Y 2002, resulting in lower numbers, but more accurate reporting. For explanations of reductions, please refer to each year’s respective Annual Report

- **Threat Assessment and Strategy Validation** -- In order to assist in the process of both validating the regional drug threat and ensuring the proper focus of our strategy, the Los Angeles HIDTA continually monitors, in real time through our 24/7 deconfliction system, the actual drug trafficking related undercover field operations of all Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies operating within our 4 county region. In part, these operations are tracked by the primary type of drug being trafficked by the involved individual or organization. The above chart reflects both the percentage and various primary drugs worked by law enforcement in C/Y 2005.



- **Providing Deconfliction Services to other HIDTA Regions** – It is of interest to note that the LACRCIC “War Room” is one of three integrated / compatible deconfliction / intelligence systems in the State of California (*Western States Information Network*), each one having the capability to back the other up as a result of either anticipated or unanticipated down time. The other two systems are located in Sacramento and San Diego. In addition to serving the LA-HIDTA region, the Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC) has been selected by the Central Valley, Northern California and Nevada HIDTAs to handle all of their deconfliction services.

As stated earlier, while it is a remarkable thing to accomplish this “sharing of resources” within the State of California, it is quite another achievement to “crossover” into the State of Nevada. This notable capability means that the LA-HIDTA is handling the deconfliction services for **24** counties within the State of California (**24** out of **58** – **41.4%**) and one County in the State of Nevada. As a result, the LACRCIC is providing

¹⁹ Source: Information / data provided from the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) data base.

both focused intelligence and deconfliction services to 448 Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in the States of California and Nevada.

This most remarkable “consolidation of effort” and “erasing” of jurisdictional boundaries speaks extremely well to the overall capabilities and ultimate design of the LA-HIDTA deconfliction process. *The combining of regional law enforcement resources such as this, in order to successfully address major drug trafficking issues, truly speaks to the very essence of the ONDCP National HIDTA Program.*²⁰ The following is a listing of the four HIDTA regions comprised of 25 counties in the States of California and Nevada that are continually served, 24 hours-a-day / 7 days-a-week by the *Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACRCIC) Deconfliction Center / War Room:*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES
ORANGE
SAN BERNARDINO
RIVERSIDE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

ALAMEDA
CONTRA COSTA
LAKE
MARTIN
MONTEREY
SANTA CLARA
SANTA CRUZ
SAN FRANCISCO
SAN MATEO
SONOMA
SAN BENITO

CENTRAL VALLEY CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO
SAN JOAQUIN
STANISLAUS
MERCED
MADERA
FRESNO
KINGS
TULARE
KERN

NEVADA

CLARK

- **State of California Anti-Terrorism Information Center** – In C/Y 2005, utilizing the RISS, the LACRCIC provided analytical support to the California Anti-Terrorism Information Center (CATIC) and the associated anti-terrorism intelligence task forces that are located within our HIDTA region (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties).
- **Analytical and Research Unit** – In the LA-HIDTA region, this unit supports drug enforcement operations, tracks potential threats to officer safety, manages and analyzes case information and drug trafficking activities and prepares cases for prosecution. They provide support through Telephone Toll Analysis, Analytical Case Support, Operational Intelligence Programs, Officer Safety Bulletins, Post Seizure Analysis and Asian Crime Analysis.

The LACRCIC Analytical and Research Unit, during C/Y 2005, provided support to some **494** law enforcement investigations and handled **225** Service Requests. This resulted in **14,196** analytical products, a **10.3%** increase over the prior year. A listing of these requests for service follows, by type:

²⁰It should be noted that all of the Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies served in the regions described are provided this service regardless of their HIDTA membership / participation.

LACRCIC
ANALYTICAL AND RESEARCH UNIT
*Activity Summary – Four Year Overview*²¹

SUPPORT REQUEST TYPE	NUMBER						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
CHARTS & GRAPHS	999	1,464	+146	1,335	-.9	1,315	-1.5
SUMMARIES & REPORTS	136	983	+622	1,294	+31.6	1,133	+12.4
COMPUTER LISTINGS*	3,042	8,164	+140	10,238	+25.4	11,748	+14.7
TOTAL	4,537	10,611	+133	12,867	+21.2	14,196	+10.3

* Computer Listings = toll and data base reports

CASES SUPPORTED*	83	103	+24.1	125	+21.4	494	+295
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* Includes SCDTF / LAFD Intelligence Group 3 (operationally linked to the LACRCIC) support of 37 cases in C/Y 2005.
 12 of these cases were CPOT and 10 were OCDEF / 2004 & 2005 includes pipeline investigations

TOTAL SERVICE REQUESTS	321	737	+130	333	-54.8	225	-32.4
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ARRESTS- RESULT OF SERVICE	166	196	+18.1	292	+49.0	397	+36
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COURT SAVINGS	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
	\$2,850,000	\$350,000	-88	\$450,000	+29	\$300,000	-33.3

Court Savings reflects only Los Angeles County

For explanations of reductions, please refer to each year's respective Annual Report

- Special Operations Center** – The LACRCIC – Special Operations Center is designed to support major law enforcement operations in our region involving activity such as electronic surveillance or “wire tap” investigations. *In C/Y 2005, the Center facilitated telecommunication intercepts on 402 (land line / wireless) telephones and as a result intercepted 52,440 pertinent calls.* The Center employs state-of-the-art automated information management systems (Statewide Integrated Narcotics System) and electronic surveillance equipment and is configured to house and support an on-site staff of investigators and analysts for the duration of any special investigation / operation.
- Statewide Integrated Narcotics System (SINS)** – The LACRCIC, as a major component of the Statewide Integrated Narcotics System, operates in support of the Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in the LA-HIDTA region. The Clearinghouse, in conjunction with the Western States Information Network (WSIN), San Diego / Imperial County Narcotics Information Network (NIN) and the California Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, form a statewide, state-of-the-art intelligence narcotic information network with connectivity through the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System to National intelligence data bases through the Regional Information Sharing System.

²¹ Source: Information / data provided from the LACRCIC internal “Case Track” System

Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group (LAJDIG)

(Component of the Intelligence Support System (ISS))

The LAJDIG is a fully functioning, multi-agency, collocated, strategic and operational intelligence and analytical initiative. Its mission is to provide strategic profiles, target profiles, post seizure analysis, telephone toll analysis, cross case analysis, organizational profiling and major case support to all law enforcement agencies operating within the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. Additionally, the LAJDIG is responsible for the development and distribution of the LA-HIDTA Threat Assessment.

- **Support Teams** – In order to best meet the intelligence needs of the various Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies throughout the LA-HIDTA region, the LAJDIG assigns the various service requests to the following “Support Teams”, each of which, by design, has specific areas of focus and expertise:

Narcotics – Terrorism
Case Support / Financial
Post Seizure Analysis / Administrative
Threat Assessment Lead / Toll & Cross Case Analysis
Federal Intelligence Data Systems / Data Entry
Organizational Studies / Criminal Enterprise / Southwest Border Teams

In C/Y 2005, the above LAJDIG “Teams” supported **302** Investigations. These “Teams” produced over **7,113** analytical products, an increase of **5.6%** over last year (6,738). The following chart list the requests for service by the five “Substantive Teams” by type of request:

LAJDIG ANALYTICAL AND RESEARCH SUPPORT (SUBSTANTIVE) TEAMS Activity Summary – Cases Supported – Four Year Overview²²

<i>SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITY</i>	<i># CASES SUPPORTED</i>						
	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>%+/-</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>%+/-</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>%+/-</i>
<i>POST SEIZURE ANALYSIS</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>-19.2</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>+4.8</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>-13.6</i>
<i>TELEPHONE TOLL ANALYSIS</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>-14.8</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>+19.4</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>+18.9</i>
<i>FINANCIAL / HIFCA</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>+4.7</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>-90.1</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-9.1</i>
<i>NARCO / TERRORISM*</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>+7.9</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>+22</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>-61.2</i>
<i>CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>+55.6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-85.7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>+300</i>
<i>SOUTHWEST BORDER</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>-32.2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+700</i>
<i>TOTAL*</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>-5.9</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>-37.9</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>-5.3</i>

*Reduction due to an increase in criminal enterprise/gang cases and less emphasis on narco / terrorism investigations

²² Source: Information / data provided by the LAJDIG internal Case Tracking System

LAJDIG
ANALYTICAL AND RESEARCH SUPPORT TEAMS
Activity Summary / Work Products Produced
(January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005)

PRODUCTION ACTIVITY	TOTAL
TARGET PROFILES*	153
TOLL ANALYSIS PROFILES*	28
CHARTS / GRAPHS / REPORTS*	1,470
CASE CONNECTIVITY ESTABLISHED*	4,462
INDIVIDUAL BIO SHEETS CREATED*	254
TITLE III / DNR SUPPORT	152
NEW TARGETS IDENTIFIED	10
COURT ORDER REQUESTS*	176
REPORT DISSEMINATIONS*	498
FULL POST SEIZURE PROFILES*	5
SUBPOENAS ISSUED*	67
TOLL RECORDS LOADED INTO JDIG DATABASE	1,688,643
METRO SEARCH INQUIRIES	93,589
TOLL SUBSCRIBERS IDENTIFIED (Metro Search)	11,403
DATABASE / RECORD INQUIRIES	542,663

* Number = work products produced / Source: LAJDIG Case Tracking System

- High Intensity Financial Crimes Area (HIFCA)** – During C/Y 2000, Los Angeles was designated a High Intensity Financial Crimes Area. The LAJDIG “Financial Team” supports the Los Angeles HIFCA by conducting toll analysis on telephone numbers recorded through the banking industries’ “*Suspicious Activity Reports (SAR’s)*”, for the purpose of determining various case leads and identifying money laundering cells contained within the major drug trafficking organizations that operate in and through our region. *The combining of regional law enforcement resources such as this, in order to successfully address major drug trafficking / money laundering issues, speaks indeed to the strength of the ONDCP National HIDTA Program.*
- Narcotics – Terrorism Team** – On September 11, 2001, the LAJDIG created a “Narcotics – Terrorism Team” and began to immediately assist the *FBI Strategic Information Operation Center (SIOC)* in Washington, D.C. Continuing into 2006, this team is providing “real time” assistance to Federal, State and local anti-terrorism / narcotic terrorism investigations throughout our region and beyond. In C/Y 2005, the LAJDIG opened **19** intelligence investigations for the *Narcotics – Terrorism Team*.

Inland Narcotics Clearing House (INCH)
(Component of the Intelligence Support System (ISS))

INCH, administered by the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, Special Investigations Bureau, and collocated at DEA Riverside, has a twofold support mission within the LA-HIDTA: (1) Provide narcotic related analytical support to all law enforcement agencies and multi-agency task forces within the Inland Empire, which is comprised of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties; (2) Provide the necessary hardware and communications connectivity to the Statewide Integrated Narcotics System (SINS) and act as a local processing site for the transfer of SINS based information between Sacramento, the LA Clearinghouse and the several agencies within the Inland Empire with SINS workstations. The collocation of INCH with DEA Riverside allows significant interaction with their analytical component facilitating communication and intelligence sharing capabilities. Their various internal intelligence support systems are as follows:

Operates as a Support Unit / Case Support / Toll and Cross Case Analysis
 State of California Anti-Terrorism Informational Center – Analytical Support

The role of INCH is geared toward providing case specific analytical support by taking drug intelligence information from submitting investigators and manipulating that data into a usable format. This format is usually some graphical representation of the information which, when processed, is turned back to the initial investigator for appropriate dissemination. INCH is a support unit and does not actively seek out new intelligence or develop intelligence sources. These capabilities within the LA-HIDTA remain with both the LAJDIG and LACRCIC.

A comparative listing of service requests for 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 for the Inland Narcotics Clearing House (INCH) follows. This activity reflects that a total of **212** major narcotic trafficking cases were supported by INCH in C/Y 2005. Additionally, during the year, they recorded some **213** requests for service from the law enforcement community and the production of **3,993** reports and charts.

INCH
MAJOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING CASES SUPPORTED
(Four Year Overview)

TYPE	# CASES SUPPORTED						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
COCAINE	8	34	+32.5	35	+2.9	19	-46
CLANDESTINE LABS	41	18	-56.1	50	+178	46	+8
MARIJUANA	2	16	+700	13	-19	14	+8
METHAMPHETAMINE	17	85	+400	126	+48.2	71	-44
OTHER DRUGS	7	5	-28.6	86	+162	62	-28
TOTAL	75	158	+110.7	310	+96.2	212	-32

INCH
ANALYTICAL CASE SUPPORT – NUMBER OF REQUESTS
(Four Year Overview)

TYPE	# OF REQUESTS						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
TELEPHONE TOLL	31	15	-51.6	18	+20	9	-50
REPORTS*	113	114	+0.8	257	+125	124	-52
MAPPING	4	2	-50	0	-200	1	+100
CHARTING	12	12	0	27	+125	10	-63
PHOTOGRAPHIC	30	81	+170	169	+108	69	-59
TOTAL	190	224	+17.9	471	+110	213	-55

* Includes 2 terrorism related California Anti-Terrorism Information Center (CATIC) investigations

INCH
ANALYTICAL CASE SUPPORT – NUMBER OF REPORTS AND CHARTS
(Four Year Overview)

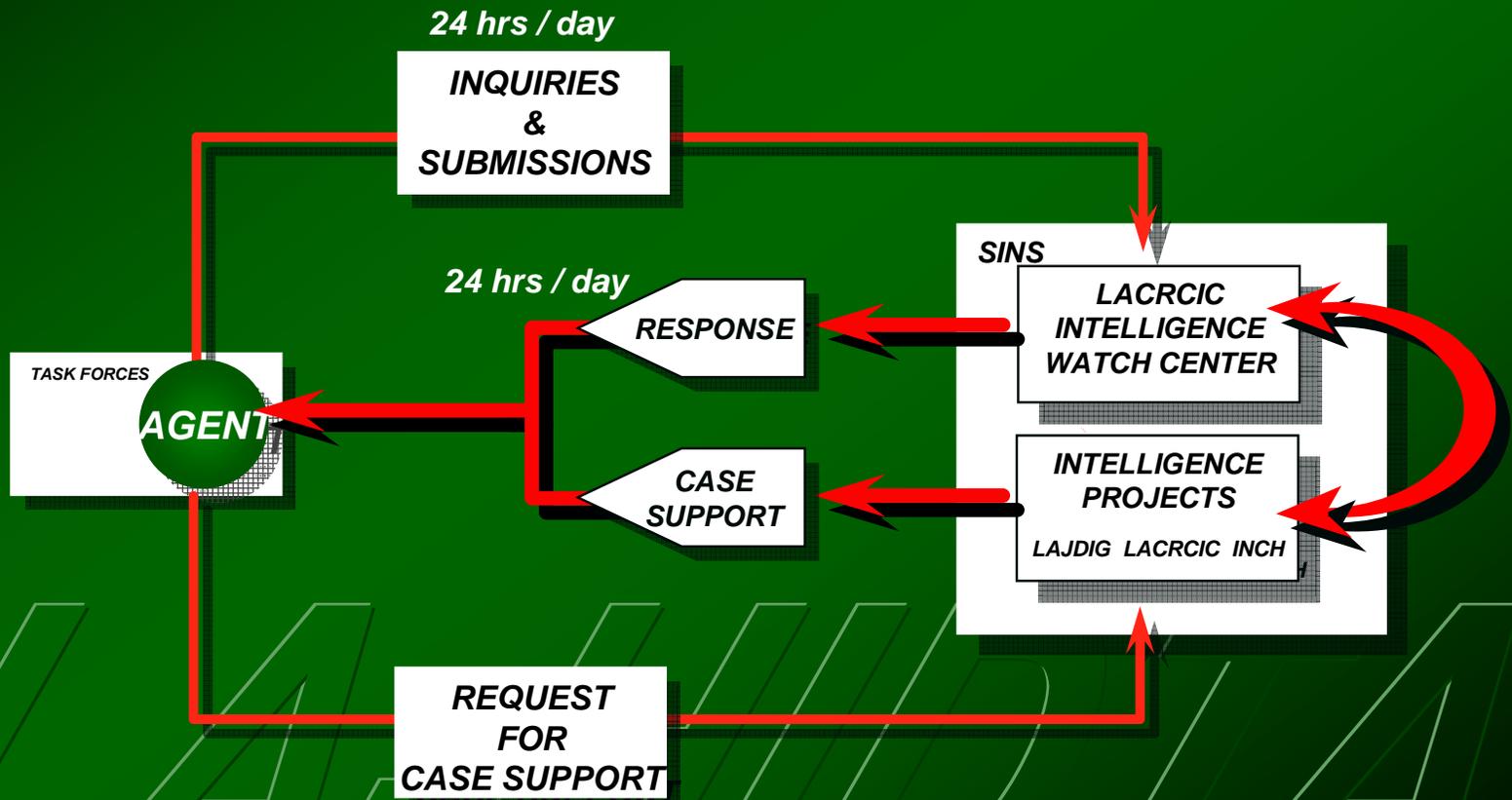
TYPE	# REPORTS & CHARTS						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
TELEPHONE TOLL*	3,083	1,213	-60.6	907	-25.2	87	-90.4
REPORTS**	1,317	3,172	+140.8	3,719	+17.2	2,699	-27
MAPPING	10	76	+660	6	-92	15	+150
CHARTING***	143	171	+19.6	74	-57.0	127	+71
PHOTOGRAPHIC	759	826	+8.8	704	-15.0	1,065	+51
TOTAL	5,312	5,458	+2.7	5,410	- .9	3,993	-26.2

* Telephone Toll includes reports & supporting documents

** Reports include: Textual Analysis, Statistical Reports Intelligence Profiles and the Hammer

***Charting include: Link Analysis and VIA Charting

Intelligence Support -- A Systems Approach



APPENDIX B

LA-HIDTA

TASK FORCES

**** STATISTICAL OUTPUTS**

Arrests

Drugs Seized, By Type

12 Year Overview

**TASK FORCES – INTELLIGENCE
ORGANIZATION CHART**

LA-HIDTA Task Forces Statistical Outputs²³

(Arrests / Drugs Seized by Type / 12 Year Overview)

The combined statistical data reflected below from the LA-HIDTA Initiatives (7 Operational Task Forces), provides a listing of activity, covering the time period from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, that is inclusive of the C/Y 2005 Threat Assessment process. Additionally, an eleven year impact overview is provided for review:

Arrests

LA-HIDTA TASK FORCES -- ARRESTS 2002 Through 2005

AGENCY	NUMBER ARRESTED						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
LA-HIDTA TASK FORCES	1,496	1,178	-21.2	1,129	-4.2	1,185	+4.9
<i>USMS-Narcotic Fugitives</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>+1.2</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>+2.9</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>+31.3</i>
TOTAL	1,735	1,420	-18.2	1,378	-3.0	1,512	+9.7

Drug Seizures

LA-HIDTA TASK FORCES Inclusive of the Annual Threat Assessment DRUGS SEIZED BY TYPE 2001 Through 2005

DRUGS SEIZED	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
COCAINE	1,877	2,257	3,452	2,849	4,062
<i>(kgs)</i>	<i>(2 tons)</i>	<i>(2.5 tons)</i>	<i>(3.8 tons)</i>	<i>(3.1 tons)</i>	<i>(4.5 tons)</i>
MARIJUANA	11,231	18,618	35,984	36,294	72,191
<i>(kgs)</i>	<i>(12.4 tons)</i>	<i>(20.5 tons)</i>	<i>40.3 tons)</i>	<i>(40 tons)</i>	<i>(79.6 tons)</i>
TOTAL	13,108	20,875	39,436	39,143	76,253
<i>(kgs)</i>	<i>(14.4 tons)</i>	<i>(23 tons)</i>	<i>(44.1 tons)</i>	<i>(43.1 tons)</i>	<i>(84.1 tons)</i>

* 2004 – Marijuana Seizures –does not include a significant seizure (113,449 plants) in the U.S. National Forest – Riverside Facilitated by the National Marijuana Initiative -- The result of an LA-HIDTA intelligence initiative led investigation (INCH)

²³ Unless otherwise noted, all of the data reflected in Appendix B comes from the LA-HIDTA Baseline Threat Assessment, including the Mid-Year and Year-End Review and Enhancement, DTO Reports.

**12 YEAR TOTAL
(Above Listed Drugs)**

<i>DRUGS SEIZED – TYPE</i>	<i>12 YEAR TOTAL</i>
<i>COCAINE (kgs)</i>	<i>102,955 (113.5 tons)</i>
<i>MARIJUANA (kgs)</i>	<i>242,228 (267 tons)</i>
<i>GRAND TOTAL (kgs)</i>	<i>345,183 (380.5 tons)</i>

**LA-HIDTA TASK FORCES
Inclusive of the Annual Threat Assessment
DRUGS SEIZED BY TYPE
2001 Through 2005**

<i>DRUGS SEIZED</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
<i>HEROIN</i>	<i>97 lbs</i>	<i>93 lbs</i>	<i>137 lbs</i>	<i>79.5 lbs</i>	<i>33 lbs</i>
<i>METHAMPHETAMINE</i>	<i>6,681 lbs (3.3 tons)</i>	<i>2,599 lbs (1.3 tons)</i>	<i>6,898 lbs (3.5 tons)</i>	<i>5,591 lbs (2.8 tons)</i>	<i>4,930 lbs (2.5 tons)</i>
<i>EPHEDRINE</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>**</i>
<i>PSEUDOEPHEDRINE</i>	<i>44,000 lbs (22 tons)</i>	<i>19,614 lbs (9.8 tons)</i>	<i>39,731 lbs (19.9 tons)</i>	<i>10,891 lbs (5.4 tons)</i>	<i>1,895 lbs</i>
<i>TOTAL (lbs)</i>	<i>50,778 lbs (25.4 tons)</i>	<i>22,306 lbs (11.1 tons)</i>	<i>46,766 lbs (23.4 tons)</i>	<i>16,561.5 lbs (8.2 tons)</i>	<i>6,858 lbs (3.5 tons)</i>

**12 YEAR TOTAL
(Above Listed Drugs)**

<i>DRUGS SEIZED – TYPE</i>	<i>12 YEAR TOTAL</i>
<i>HEROIN</i>	<i>781 lbs</i>
<i>METHAMPHETAMINE</i>	<i>60,474 lbs (30.3 tons)</i>
<i>EPHEDRINE</i>	<i>9,244 lbs (4.6 tons)</i>
<i>PSEUDOEPHEDRINE</i>	<i>150,131 lbs (75.1 tons)</i>
<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>220,630 (110.4 tons)</i>

Asset Seizures

LA-HIDTA INITIATIVES SEIZURES OF MONEY 1994 Through 2005

U.S. CURRENCY SEIZURES / YEAR	AMOUNT
2005	\$51,844,285
2004	\$22,568,619
2003	\$21,105,000
2002	\$16,900,000
2001	\$16,200,000
2000	\$19,059,611
1999	\$13,412,984
1998	\$ 8,599,585
1997	\$21,659,834
1996	\$18,977,584
1995	\$20,734,262
1994	\$ 36,127,490
TOTAL	\$267,189,254

* 2005 – Assets seized = \$5,820,986

Investigative Activity

LA-HIDTA ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES Electronic Intercept – Investigative Activity 2002 through 2005

ACTIVITY	NUMBER COMPLETED						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
TITLE III INITIATIONS	31	29	-6/5	58	+100	80	+38
PEN REGISTERS	29	23	-20.7	59	+157	53	-10.2
TOTAL	60	52	-16.1	117	+125	113	-3.5

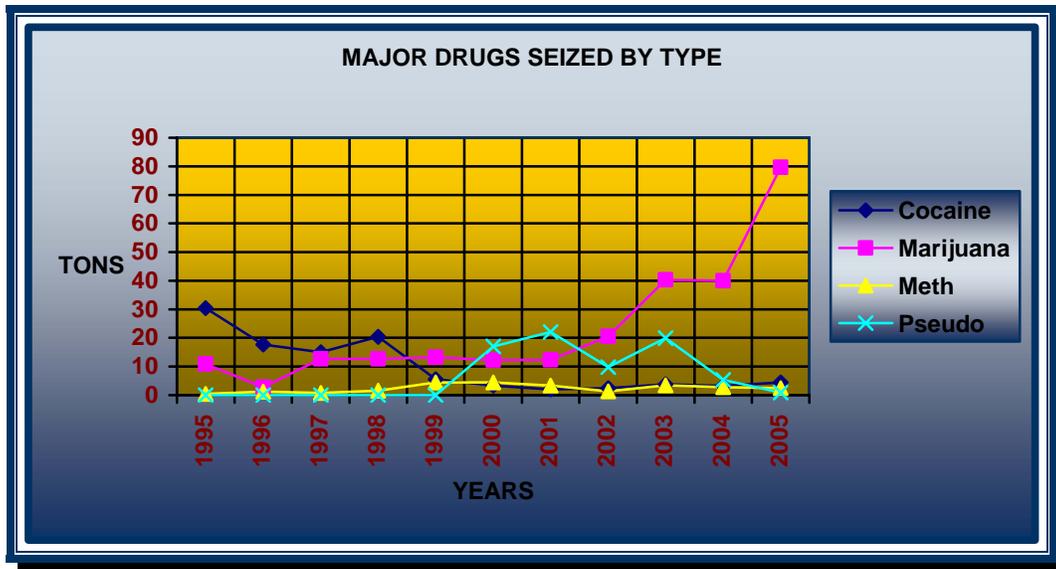
ACTIVITY	NUMBER COMPLETED						
	2002	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
OCDETF CASES	24	16	-33.3	54	+237.5	12	-78
TOTAL CASES INTEL ANALYST ASSIGNED	1,025	1,626	+59	1,101	-32.2	1,008	-9.5

DISCUSSION
12 YEAR IMPACT OVERVIEW
LA-HIDTA Initiatives

The mission of the LA-HIDTA is to measurably reduce drug trafficking organizations that operate on a regional, national and international level. As a rule, the major drug trafficking organization investigations that are undertaken by our task forces (7) are long term, complex processes which often take months or years to bring to a successful conclusion. Because these cases do not follow calendar year time parameters, it is important to take into consideration the total enforcement activity of the LA-HIDTA task forces for a twelve year time frame, 1994 through 2005.

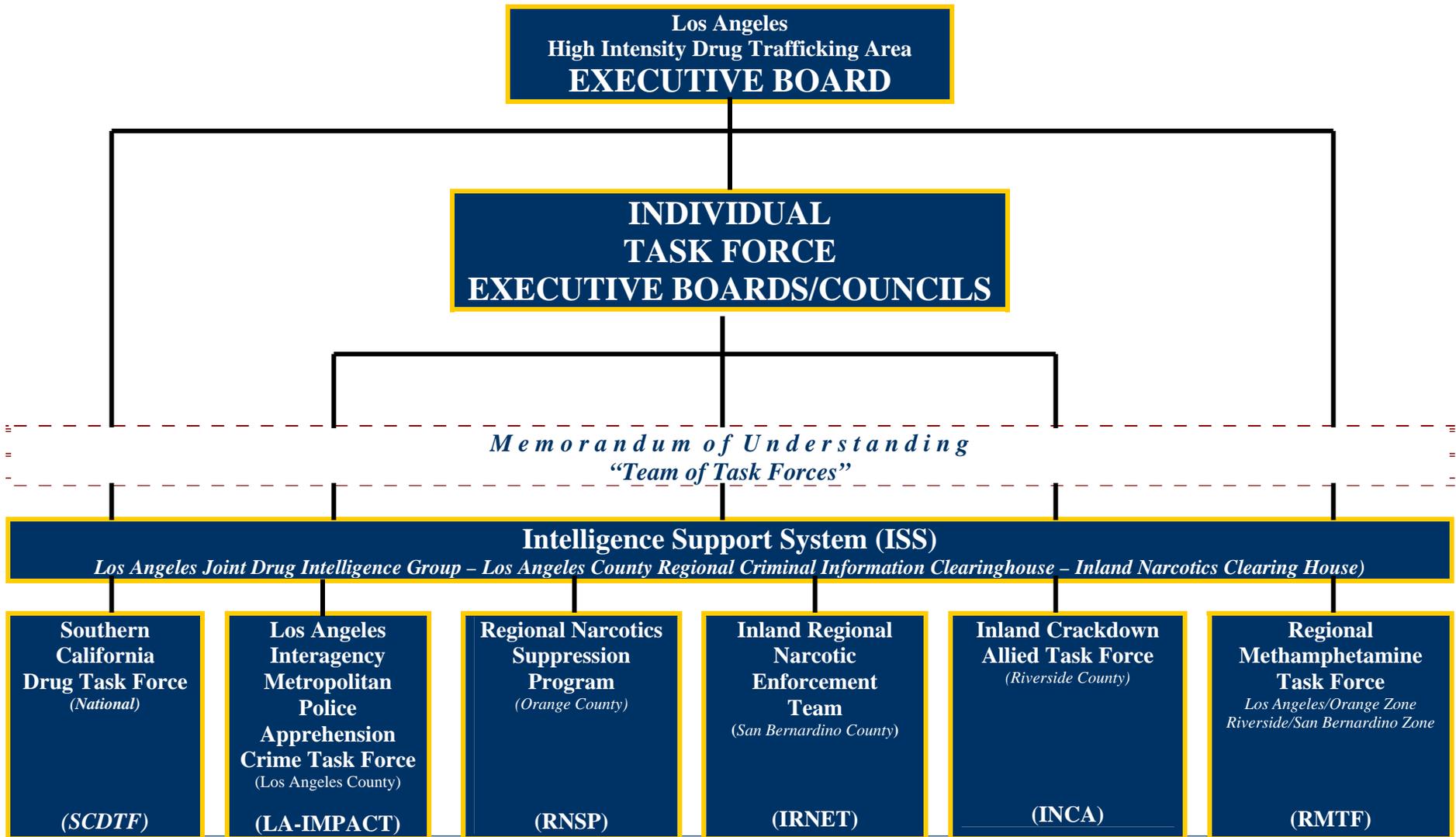
During this twelve year period, the LA-HIDTA enforcement initiatives have seized over **490** tons of dangerous drugs, arrested some **18,051** drug trafficking offenders and seized over **\$267** million in U.S. currency. Additionally, they have positively impacted **1,804** major drug trafficking organizations by dismantling **1,164** and severely disrupting **640**. *The LA-HIDTA task forces (7) accomplished all of this with less than 400 agents and officers inside our 4 county (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino) 32,341 square mile region which contains a general population of (+/-) 16 million.*

The following chart will provide an overview reflecting the amount of major drugs (cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine and pseudoephedrine) seized by Los Angeles HIDTA initiatives, 1995 through 2005:



LA-HIDTA

Task Force – Intelligence -- Organizational Chart



APPENDIX C

OVERALL INDICATORS

**2005 MID-YEAR & YEAR END
THREAT ASSESSMENT
** BEYOND THE BASELINE ****

**REGIONAL IMPACT
INCLUSIVE OF LA-HIDTA INITIATIVES
(Five Year Overview)**

**LA-HIDTA INITIATIVES
IMPACT AGAINST THE THREAT
(Twelve Year Overview)**

Overall Indicators

2005 Baseline Threat Assessment -- Identified

In C/Y 2005, the initial Baseline Threat Assessment for the LA-HIDTA identified **106** major drug distribution organizations operating within the four county (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino) geographic region defined as the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA).

2005 Mid-Year and Year-End Threat Assessment – Beyond the Baseline

At mid-year and year-end, a review and enhancement to the initial C/Y 2005 Baseline Threat Assessment was conducted. This review is designed to move the threat assessment process forward in a dynamic manner by providing a mid-year and year-end status report on the major drug trafficking organizations that were initially identified at the beginning of the year. Additionally, any new organizations identified, since the initial Baseline Threat Assessment was established at the beginning of the year, were added to the process for tracking and analysis.

MAJOR NARCOTIC ORGANIZATIONS IDENTIFIED

in the

2005 BASELINE THREAT ASSESSMENT

INCLUDING MID-YEAR AND YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS

ASSESSMENT PERIOD	NUMBER IDENTIFIED
<i>BASELINE-INITIAL ASSESSMENT</i>	<i>106</i>
<i>MID-YEAR REVIEW</i>	<i>89</i>
<i>YEAR-END / FINAL REVIEW</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS IDENTIFIED</i>	<i>275</i>

2005 LA-HIDTA Threat Assessment “Window” – The initial Baseline, Mid-Year and Year-End Threat Assessment process used by the LA-HIDTA for 2005 is designed to provide a complete and comprehensive dynamic overview of our task force enforcement and interdiction efforts during a given period of time. Bringing the LA-HIDTA into compliance with the National HIDTA Program’s calendar year reporting requirement, this 2005 Threat Assessment “window” will address the combined statistical data (arrests and tons of dangerous drugs seized) for a 12 month time frame from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

As a result of the Mid-Year and Year-End review, the total number of major drug trafficking organizations identified in the 2005 Threat Assessment was adjusted upward to **275**. A general breakdown of the major drug trafficking organizations and their activities identified in both the Baseline, Mid-Year and Year-End analysis follows and it is against these numbers that the LA-HIDTA law enforcement assessment of effectiveness for C/Y 2005 will be measured:

2005 THREAT ASSESSMENT
Baseline + Mid-Year + Year-End Review and Adjustments
ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES BY TYPE²⁴

ORGANIZATION TYPE	NUMBER
COCAINE / MULTI-DRUG²⁵	<i>155</i>
METHAMPHETAMINE	<i>131</i>
MARIJUANA	<i>60</i>
HEROIN / OPIUM	<i>35</i>
MONEY LAUNDERING²⁶	<i>14</i>
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE (Precursor Chemicals)	<i>13</i>

Impact on the 2005 Threat Assessment
By
Various Law Enforcement Agencies in the Region
Including LA-HIDTA Initiatives

The overall impact on both the 2005 Baseline Threat Assessment, which includes the Mid-Year and Year-End review and enhancement for the Los Angeles area (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties), finds that, of the **275** major drug trafficking organizations identified, the various law enforcement agencies in our region, inclusive of the LA-HIDTA Initiatives (7 major task forces), prioritized and targeted for enforcement **241 (88%)** of the **275**.

Of the **241** major drug distribution organizations targeted, **150 (62%)** were dismantled or severely disrupted by enforcement action. Specifically, of these **241** organizations targeted, **51 (21%)** of these targeted major drug trafficking organizations were dismantled and **99 (41%)** were severely disrupted.

Major Drug Trafficking Organizations Impacted – Listed below are the major drug trafficking organizations (types) impacted for C/Y 2005. For comparison, the same data is identified for 2001 through 2005 and the percentage difference (%+/-) between the years is reflected:

²⁴ Reflects the number of organizations out of the 275 involved in each activity – multiple activities common.

²⁵ Major drug trafficking organizations are predominately trafficking in cocaine with heroin / methamphetamine / marijuana.

²⁶ From 1996 to present, the major narcotic trafficking organizations are laundering money as well.

**2005 BASELINE THREAT ASSESSMENT
MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IMPACTED
Including Mid-Year & Year-End Adjustments
By
Various Law Enforcement Organizations in our Region
Inclusive of LA-HIDTA Initiatives**

ORGANIZATION TYPE	# DISMANTLED								
	2001	2002	%+/-	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
<i>COCAINE/MULTI-DRUG*</i>	59	49	-17	55	+12	34	-38	17	-50
<i>HEROIN</i>	9	11	+22	9	-18	9	0	4	-56
<i>MARIJUANA</i>	26	24	-8	16	-33	20	+25	8	-60
<i>METHAMPHETAMINE</i>	96	108	+12	53	-51	39	-26	21	-46
<i>CHEMICAL BROKERS (Pseudoephedrine)</i>	34	4	-88	7	+75	3	-57	1	-67
<i>ECSTASY (Dangerous Drugs)</i>	4	1	-75	2	+100	1	-50	0	-100
TOTAL	228	197	-14	142	-28	106	-25	51	-52

ORGANIZATION TYPE	# DISRUPTED								
	2001	2002	%+/-	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
<i>COCAINE/MULTI-DRUG*</i>	29	28	-3	38	+36	43	+13	31	-28
<i>HEROIN</i>	6	5	-16	1	-80	3	+200	9	+200
<i>MARIJUANA</i>	12	5	-58	12	+140	18	+50	17	-6
<i>METHAMPHETAMINE</i>	44	34	-23	42	+24	47	+12	36	-23
<i>CHEMICAL BROKERS (Pseudoephedrine)</i>	**	**	**	10	**	6	-40	5	-17
<i>ECSTASY (Dangerous Drugs)</i>	**	**	**	4	**	1	-75	1	0
TOTAL	91	82	-10	107	+30	118	+10.3	99	-16

* Trafficking predominately cocaine with heroin / methamphetamine / marijuana – All major DTO's are laundering money as well.

National / International Impact – Similar to 2004, the 2005 Baseline Threat Assessment found that the vast majority of major drug transportation organizations (**66%**), operating in the LA-HIDTA region, are national and international in scope.²⁷ In addition, our intelligence components continue to estimate that over **70%** of all the illegal narcotics (poly-drug – cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana) smuggled into our country comes across the United States / Mexico Border. Of this amount, **60%** to **80%** is reportedly controlled by the drug trafficking organizations operating out to the Los Angeles HIDTA region.²⁸

Regional – Law Enforcement Impact – Including LA-HIDTA Initiatives -- The enforcement effort against the 2005 Threat Assessment process by the various law enforcement agencies in our region, including the LA-HIDTA Initiatives, resulted in the seizure of some **89 tons** of dangerous drugs including, **4,896 kgs (5.4 tons)** of cocaine, **72,477 kgs (79.9 tons)** of marijuana, **2,844 kgs (3.1 tons)** of methamphetamine, approximately **1 ton** of pseudoephedrine, **22.1 kgs** of heroin and **49.2 kgs** of ecstasy. Additionally, they made **1,217** arrests and seized over **\$62** million in cash and **\$5.9** million in property assets.

²⁷ 2005 LA-HIDTA Threat Assessment, DTO Reports

²⁸ EPIC Reports – Regional Drug Trafficking Trends

LA-HIDTA FUNDED INITIATIVES

Activity Against the Threat

** Separated **

The 2005 Baseline Threat Assessment, which includes the Mid-Year and Year-End review and enhancement, finds that the LA-HIDTA initiatives identified **249 (91%)** of the **275** major drug trafficking organizations identified. After prioritizing these **249** organizations, **221 (88.8%)** were specifically targeted for immediate enforcement action. Of the **221** organizations targeted by the LA-HIDTA initiatives, **139 (63%)** were dismantled or severely disrupted. Specifically, **49 (22%)** of the targeted trafficking organizations were dismantled and **90 (41%)** were disrupted.

This impact on the part of the LA-HIDTA initiatives equates to a **63%** success rate against the **220** targeted organizations. A five year comparative analysis 2001 through 2005 of this disruption/dismantling activity follows along with the difference (%+/-).

2005 BASELINE THREAT ASSESSMENT ** LA-HIDTA INITIATIVES – SEPARATED ** MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IMPACTED Includes Mid-Year & Year-End Adjustments

ORGANIZATION TYPE	# DISMANTLED								
	2001	2002	%+/-	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
<i>COCAINE/MULTI-DRUG*</i>	39	36	-7.7	38	+1	23	-39	16	-30
<i>HEROIN</i>	5	5	--	6	+20	5	-17	4	-20
<i>MARIJUANA</i>	79	91	+15	50	-45	51	+2	8	-84
<i>METHAMPHETAMINE</i>	20	12	-40	12	--	25	+108	20	-20
<i>CHEMICAL COMPANIES</i> <i>(Pseudoephedrine)</i>	34	4	-88	5	+25	2	-60	1	-50
<i>ECSTASY</i>	4	1	-75	1	--	1	0	0	-100
TOTAL	181	149	-18	112	-25	107	-4.5	49	-54

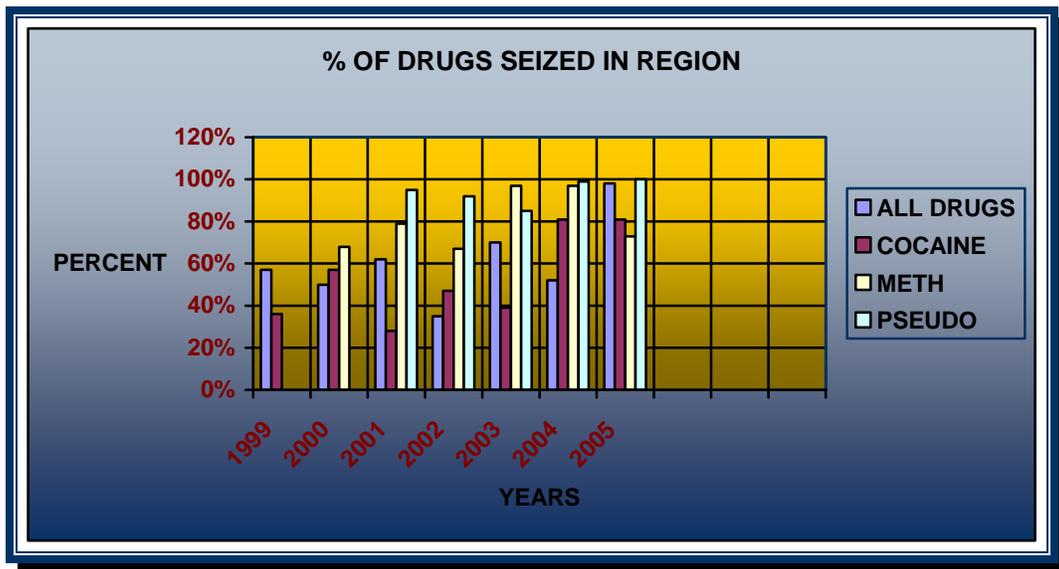
ORGANIZATION TYPE	# DISRUPTED								
	2001	2002	%+/-	2003	%+/-	2004	%+/-	2005	%+/-
<i>COCAINE/MULTI-DRUG*</i>	20	22	+10	21	-5	30	+42.9	28	-7
<i>HEROIN</i>	4	3	-25	1	-66	2	+100	8	+300
<i>MARIJUANA</i>	37	26	-30	7	-73	11	+57.2	16	+45
<i>METHAMPHETAMINE</i>	4	4	--	32	+700	37	+15.6	32	-14
<i>CHEMICAL BROKERS</i> <i>(Pseudoephedrine)</i>	**	4	**	8	+100	4	-50	5	+25
<i>ECSTASY</i> <i>(Dangerous Drugs)</i>	**	3	**	3	--	1	-66	1	0
TOTAL	61	62	+2	72	+14	85	+18.1	90	+6

* Trafficking predominately cocaine with heroin / methamphetamine /marijuana – Illegal chemical brokers major focus 1999 – 2005.
Major narcotic trafficking organizations are laundering money as well

LA-HIDTA Initiatives Enforcement Impact on the Threat – The above enforcement activity for C/Y 2005 on the part of the LA-HIDTA Task Forces resulted in the seizure of **4.5 tons** of cocaine, **79.6 tons** of marijuana, **2.5 tons** of methamphetamine, **46.2 kgs** of ecstasy, approximately **1 ton** of pseudoephedrine and **33 lbs** of heroin. Over **\$51 million** in cash and **\$5.8 million** in property assets were seized and **1,512** total arrests were made on various narcotics trafficking related charges.

It is of interest to note that against the 2005 Baseline, Mid-Year and Year-End Threat Assessment, the initiatives of the LA-HIDTA were responsible for over **87 tons (98%)** of all the dangerous drugs seized throughout the entire region. Again this year, the initiatives of the LA-HIDTA accounted for **81%** of the cocaine seizures, **73%** of the methamphetamine seizures and **100%** of the pseudoephedrine seizures from the organizations prioritized and targeted in our region for C/Y 2005. *The following chart will provide an overview of the percent of drugs seized in the region, by Los Angeles HIDTA initiatives, 1999 through 2005:*

**LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**
Enforcement Initiatives
PERCENTAGE OF ALL DRUGS SEIZED IN REGION
By
LA-HIDTA INITIATIVES
1999 Through 2005



It must continue to be recognized in C/Y 2006 that the very nature of the narcotics enforcement business is quite complex and both time and manpower intensive. It demands that investigative officers / agents stay narrowly focused on individuals or targets, but they must remain flexible and able to quickly shift direction as case conditions dictate.

**TRAINING INITIATIVE
Program**

The primary mission of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Intelligence Support System (ISS), Training Initiative (Program), is to *improve the ability of Federal, State and local law enforcement in our region to counter drug trafficking through viable training programs. The LA-HIDTA Training Initiative is designed to provide advanced law enforcement training efforts, which both addresses the regional threat and advances the Administration's National Drug Control Strategy and the enforcement / intelligence goals and objectives of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.*

Historically involved in providing meaningful law enforcement training programs, the general geographical expanse, coupled with the topographical complexity of the region, has required that we “center” our training efforts within the following initiatives:

**Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group
Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse
Inland Narcotics Clearing House**

By design, each of these initiatives, which comprise the LA-HIDTA Intelligence Support System (ISS), have individual “Training Coordinators” and appropriate facilities (multi-media capable) to facilitate all forms of intensive law enforcement / intelligence training.

The Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) has developed and instituted a “Training Team” which functions under the direction of the Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group (LAJDIG). This “Team” is comprised of representatives from the above three Intelligence Initiatives and “key” members of Federal, State and local law enforcement elements in our region. Their primary purpose is to develop research and provide various law enforcement / intelligence training opportunities within our region through an established, regional coordinated effort. The following matrix will provide an overview of the training provided through this comprehensive effort for C/Y 2005:

(1) Total Number of Courses – The Initiatives of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA) facilitated **(256)** intelligence / law enforcement related training events in C/Y 2005.

- a. Number of Analytical/Computer Courses: **48**
- b. Number of Investigative/Interdiction Courses: **148**
- c. Number of Management/Administrative Courses: **13**
- d. Number of Intelligence Courses: **47**

**Awaiting NHAC list of courses offered – LA-HIDTA focus is on investigative & analytical personnel*

(2) Total Number of Students:

- a. Of the Total, Number of Local Students: **1,285**
- b. Of the Total, Number of State Students: **425**
- c. Of the Total, Number of Federal Students: **533**
- d. Of the Total, Number of Military Students: **0**
- e. Of the Total, Number of Students Not Listed Above: **120**
- f. Of the Total, Number of Students Assigned to a HIDTA Initiative: **936**

(3) Total Number of Student Hours: **44,224**

(4) Number of Agencies Impacted: **155**

(5) Number of State Certifications: **96**

**TRAINING INITIATIVE
C/Y 2005
GENERAL COURSE OFFERINGS**

The following will offer a general listing of the types of courses offered to regional, Federal, State and local law enforcement personnel (sworn/non-sworn) by the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA), Training Initiative:

Advanced Gangs*

Clandestine Laboratory Investigations*

Conspiracy Investigations*

Courtroom Testimony*

Designer Drugs*

Electronic Surveillance*

Indoor Marijuana Investigations*

Interview and Interrogations*

Money Laundering*

- State of California, Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), Certified Classes
- Note: Some classes held multiple times – above reflects a partial listing

Analyst Notebook

Basic Russian Language

Basic Spanish Language

Effective Briefing Techniques

Effective Interpersonal Communications

Essential Writing Skills for Law Enforcement

Financial Investigative Techniques

Fraud Investigation Methods

Microsoft Excel

Microsoft Powerpoint

DEA / Mobil FLEAT Training

Patrol Investigative Techniques

Statement Analysis

Technologies for Counter Drug Operations

Tracing the Money Trail

Train the Trainer

APPENDIX D

LA-HIDTA

C/Y 2005

**INITIATIVE OBJECTIVES
EXPECTED & ACTUAL
OUTPUTS / OUTCOMES**

C/Y 2005 Expected and Actual Outputs & Outcomes

As part of the overall C/Y 2005 Strategy for the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA), a number of measurable objectives and milestones (performance objectives) for our law enforcement initiatives were identified. The following will reflect these objectives along with the achievement results.²⁹

LA-HIDTA TASK FORCE OBJECTIVES C/Y 2005

Expected Overall Outputs and Outcomes	Actual Overall Outputs and Outcomes
Investigation Subsystems	
<p>Objective 1: Target Major Mexican National Methamphetamine Organizations</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>In C/Y 2005, enforcement groups will participate in seventy one (71) investigations targeting major Mexican National methamphetamine organizations.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Identify and dismantle the methamphetamine organizations, identify sources of precursor chemicals, arrest violators and reduce the amount of methamphetamine that is manufactured and distributed within and outside the LA-HIDTA.</p>	<p>Actual Output: LA-HIDTA enforcement groups participated in 143 investigations targeting major Mexican National methamphetamine organizations.</p> <p>Outcomes: During the year, a number of major Mexican National Methamphetamine organizations were identified, targeted and dismantled/disrupted. These significant investigations identified a number of sources of illegal precursor chemicals and suspects. Further investigations are continuing, designed to disrupt the illegal sources of supply.</p>

²⁹ To ensure appropriate focus, LA-HIDTA Initiatives provide a Quarterly Performance Objective Status Report to our Executive Board. Unique to the LA-HIDTA, a Mid-Year Performance Objective Status Report is furnished to ONDCP along with our Mid-Year Threat Assessment review and enhancement.

Objective 2: Investigate and Seize Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories

Expected Output:

Output #1: *In C/Y 2005, enforcement groups will participate in the seizure and prosecution of 475 methamphetamine laboratories (incidents).*

Output #2: *Enforcement groups will collaborate in the seizure of 29 methamphetamine laboratories “handed off” inside the LA-HIDTA region.*

Output #3: *Enforcement groups will collaborate in the seizure of 13 methamphetamine laboratories “handed off” outside the LA-HIDTA region*

Desired Outcome: The disruption of methamphetamine production in the LA-HIDTA region, the identification of sources of chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine and the reduction of damage to the environment caused by toxic chemicals. Improve the quality of life and the safety of the citizens.

Actual Outputs:

Output #1: The enforcement groups of the LA-HIDTA participated in the seizure and prosecution of some **103** methamphetamine laboratories operating in the region.

Output #2: Enforcement groups of the LA-HIDTA collaborated in the seizure of **143** methamphetamine laboratories “handed off” inside the region.

Output #3: Enforcement groups collaborated in the seizure of **32** methamphetamine laboratories “handed off” outside the LA-HIDTA region.

Note: *Reduction – Intensive regional law enforcement activity has been driving methamphetamine lab production East into Arizona and South into Mexico. Finished product returns to our region through well established and documented land trafficking routes.*

Outcome: Notable disruption of methamphetamine production in our region, increased identification of chemical sources needed to manufacture the product, dismantling of manufacturing sites resulted in a reduction of long-term environmental damage and an obvious increase in the safety of citizens and improved quality of life.

Objective 3: Reduce the Amount of Pseudoephedrine in the LA-HIDTA Region

Expected Output: *Identification and prosecution of thirty seven (37) pseudoephedrine brokers, suppliers and distributors that are operating illegally within the LA-HIDTA region.*

Desired Outcome: Reducing the amount of a necessary precursor for the manufacturing of methamphetamine, thus reducing the amount of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories in the LA-HIDTA region and beyond.

Actual Output: LA-HIDTA enforcement initiatives identified and prosecuted **38** pseudoephedrine companies, suppliers and distributors operating illegally in our area.

Outcomes: Reduced amount of required precursors needed in the manufacturing of methamphetamine, overall number of known methamphetamine laboratories reduced, enhanced impact regionally and nationally.

<p>Objective 4: In C/Y 2005, Reduce the Availability of Apparatus, Chemicals and Gasses Needed to Manufacture Methamphetamine</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>The investigation and prosecution of twenty (20) chemical brokers, suppliers and distributors operating illegally within the LA-HIDTA region.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: The reduction of available materials needed to manufacture methamphetamine resulting in the reduction of laboratories in the region.</p>	<p>Actual Output: Our enforcement elements investigated and prosecuted 19 chemical companies, suppliers and distributors that were operating illegally in our area.</p> <p>Outcome: Obvious reduction in the materials needed to manufacture this devastating product. Number of known laboratories reduced by dismantling.</p>
<p>Objective 5: In C/Y 2005, Reduce the Availability to “Stove Top Cookers” of Legitimate Pseudoephedrine and Other Products Through Education and Voluntary Compliance</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>Voluntary compliance from thirty two (32) retail distributors of pseudoephedrine, MSM and other manufacturing products to reduce the availability of their products being used for the manufacturing of methamphetamine, specifically in “stove top” operations.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: The reduction of availability of pseudoephedrine products and the reduction of “stove top” laboratories that require the product; increase in community safety.</p>	<p>Actual Output: LA-HIDTA investigative elements facilitated voluntary compliance from 61 retail distributors of pseudoephedrine products.</p> <p>Outcome: Apparent reduction in “over the counter” products that are used for the manufacturing of methamphetamine “stove top” operations. Obvious increase in public safety.</p>

<p>Objective 6: For C/Y 2005, Target Clandestine Laboratories That Operate with Children Present</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>Enforcement groups will participate in 121 laboratory cases where child endangerment charges will be presented for prosecution against the lab operators.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Increase the safety of the citizens, especially children that are exposed to toxic chemicals; improve the quality of life in the region.</p>	<p>Actual Output: LA-HIDTA investigative elements participated in 67 methamphetamine laboratory cases where child endangerment charges were presented for prosecution consideration.</p> <p><i>Note: Reduction – Refer to “Notation” – Objective 2</i></p> <p>Outcome: Obvious increase in the overall safety of both children who are exposed to toxic chemicals and citizens who live in the region. Improvement in the quality of life.</p>
<p>Objective 7: Reduce the Amount of Chemicals Being Disposed of Illegally in the LA-HIDTA Region</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>During C/Y 2005, enforcement groups will refer 222 investigations that have evidence of illegal dumping to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and assist in the prosecution of clandestine laboratory operators and/or person(s) proved to be responsible for the illegal dumping.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Reducing the amount of toxic chemicals that are being introduced into the environment within the LA-HIDTA region. Improve the quality of life and the safety of the citizens.</p>	<p>Actual Output: LA-HIDTA investigative elements referred 96 investigations that had evidence of illegal dumping to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p> <p><i>Note: Reduction – Refer to “Notation” – Objective 2</i></p> <p>Outcome: A reduction in the overall amount of dangerous, toxic chemicals that are being introduced into the environment. Overall improvement in the quality of life for all citizens.</p>
<p>Objective 8: Increase Public Awareness of the Dangers of Methamphetamine</p> <p>Expected Output: In C/Y 2005, LA-HIDTA enforcement / intelligence elements will participate in 111 public education presentations to a variety of citizen groups within our region.</p> <p>Desired Outcome: Citizens will become more aware of the methamphetamine problem in the LA-HIDTA region. “Educated” citizens will assist law enforcement in locating and identifying clandestine laboratories.</p>	<p>Actual Output: During the year, the LA-HIDTA enforcement / intelligence elements participated in 120 public presentations with a specific focus on the dangers of methamphetamine.</p> <p>Outcome: Enhanced citizen awareness relative to the methamphetamine problem in our region. Greater citizen involvement with law enforcement locating and identifying clandestine laboratories.</p>

<p>Objective 9: Enhance the Effectiveness of Law Enforcement by Promoting Joint Investigations</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <p>Output#1: <i>LA-HIDTA Initiatives (task forces) will develop and refer 176 “hand off” cases to law enforcement agencies <u>within the LA-HIDTA</u>.</i></p> <p>Output#2: <i>LA-HIDTA enforcement entities will develop and refer 122 significant investigative leads to Federal, State and local agencies <u>nationwide</u>.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Increase in the efforts to institutionalize teamwork among LA-HIDTA participants; increase in intelligence / information sharing; increase in number of “targeted” trafficking organizations; increase in the number of agencies participating in the HIDTA Program.</p>	<p>Actual Outputs:</p> <p>Actual Output#1: The LA-HIDTA task forces developed and referred 140 “hand off” cases to various law enforcement agencies <u>in the region</u>.</p> <p>Actual Output#2: Our enforcement elements developed and referred 159 significant investigative leads to Federal, State and local agencies <u>nationwide</u>.</p> <p>Outcome: Increased teamwork among LA-HIDTA enforcement entities; increase in overall intelligence / information sharing between the enforcement and intelligence communities; increase in number of organizations targeted and enhanced regional participation.</p>
<p>Objective 10: Identify the Major Drug Trafficking / Money Laundering Organizations Operating in our Region</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>One hundred and fifty three (153) major drug trafficking / money laundering organizations will be identified for enforcement consideration.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Increase in the number of known major drug trafficking organizations; enhance the threat assessment process; provide a more coordinated law enforcement effort.</p>	<p>Actual Output: 249 major drug trafficking / money laundering organizations were identified for enforcement consideration.</p> <p>Outcome: The number of known major drug trafficking organizations increased; the threat assessment for our region was enhanced with the additional intelligence generated through post seizure analysis and the efforts of law enforcement was more coordinated and effective.</p>

<p>Objective 11: Target the Organizations that are Identified by the LA-HIDTA Task Forces Through the Dynamic Threat Assessment Process</p> <p>Expected Outputs: 70% of the identified drug trafficking / money laundering organizations will have enforcement action taken against them. In excess of 5% will be dismantled.</p> <p>Desired Outcomes: Increase in the number of major drug trafficking organizations targeted³⁰; increase in the number of drug trafficking arrests; increase in the number of drug trafficking organizations severely impacted; increase in public safety.</p>	<p>Actual Output: 63% of the identified drug trafficking / money laundering organizations had enforcement action taken against them. 22% of those targeted were dismantled.</p> <p>Outcome: Increase in organizations targeted; arrests; major drug trafficking organizations severely impacted and an obvious increase in public safety.</p>
<p>Objective 12: Identify and Participate in Heroin Drug Trafficking Organization Investigations</p> <p>Expected Outputs: <i>Conduct investigations against, and negatively impact, twenty four (24) heroin trafficking organizations.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcomes: Decrease in heroin trafficking organizations; increase in intelligence through the identification of smuggling routes, source countries and methods; increase in intelligence sharing.</p>	<p>Actual Output: LA-HIDTA initiatives conducted investigations against, and negatively impacted, 37 heroin trafficking organizations.</p> <p>Outcome: Increased intelligence through post seizure analysis; increased intelligence sharing along with identification of smuggling routes and source countries; increase in heroin investigation effectiveness and task force efficiency.</p>

³⁰ Through the dynamic LA-HIDTA Threat Assessment process, it is found that as drug trafficking / money laundering targets are dismantled / disrupted, others are identified – DTO Reports.

<p>Objective 13: Arrest / Indict Major Drug Traffickers That Operate in the LA-HIDTA on a Regional, National and International Level</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>Arrest / indict over one thousand two hundred and seventy (1,270) major drug trafficking / money laundering violators.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcomes: Reduce the number of drug traffickers identified in the Threat Assessment; increase in public safety; provide additional intelligence from cooperative suspects; identify additional investigative trafficking leads and targets.</p>	<p>Actual Output: Some 1,185 major drug trafficking / money laundering violators were arrested and / or indicted. <i>(does not include U.S. Marshal Service)</i></p> <p>Outcome: The overall number of active major drug traffickers identified in the Threat Assessment was reduced; enhanced intelligence resulted from these arrests; obvious increase in public safety and additional leads / targets was identified.</p>
<p>Objective 14: United States Marshal's Service, Fugitive Detail, in Concert with the Various Law Enforcement Organizations in our Region, Will Focus Their Investigative Efforts Leading to the Successful Apprehension of Federal Fugitives with a Narcotic Nexus Operating in the LA-HIDTA Region</p> <p>Expected Output: <i>Arrest of two hundred and fifty five (255) federal fugitives with a narcotics nexus.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Increase in law enforcement agency participation and cooperation in the LA-HIDTA area; increased public safety; increased officer safety; increase in the quality of life.</p>	<p>Actual Output: Three hundred and twenty seven (327) federal fugitives with a narcotic nexus were arrested in the LA-HIDTA region by the U.S. Marshal's Service. One hundred and forty six (146) of these were fugitives wanted in other Federal Judicial Districts throughout the country.</p> <p>Outcome: Regional law enforcement participation and cooperation were enhanced; public safety was increased with the removal of these fugitives; enhanced quality of life.</p> <p>The arrest of these wanted individuals clearly indicates that narcotic fugitives do not recognize National, State or judicial boundaries. These apprehended fugitives have significant ties not only to narcotic trafficking organizations in the Central District of California, but to more prominent organizations throughout the continental United States, the Caribbean and Central / South America.</p>

Objective 15: In C/Y 2005, Investigations will Focus on Organizations / Targets Operating at a Medium to High Level of Trafficking / Money Laundering

Expected Output: *Seizure of over 12.1 tons (24,110 pounds) of dangerous drugs from the streets of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and beyond. These seizures to include: 1.6 tons (3,246 pounds) of cocaine; 6.3 tons (12,660 pounds) of marijuana; 1.4 tons (2,851 pounds) of methamphetamine; 53 pounds of heroin; and 2.6 tons (5,300 pounds) of pseudoephedrine*

Desired Outcome: Decrease in the number of major drug traffickers operating in the LA-HIDTA; cause traffickers to change routing and transportation systems; increase in cost of operation to traffickers; reduce the amount of narcotics available in our region.

Actual Outputs: Seizure of **87.5 tons (175,000 pounds)** of dangerous drugs including: **8,956 pounds (4.5 tons)** of cocaine, **159,153 pounds (79.6 tons)** of marijuana, **4,930 pounds (2.5 tons)** of methamphetamine, **33 pounds** of heroin, **1,895 pounds (.9 tons)** of pseudoephedrine and **102 pounds** of ecstasy.

Outcome: The overall number of major drug traffickers operating in and through our region was reduced, trafficking routes and methods were forced to change, various operating costs to traffickers increased and the amount of illegal narcotics available in our region was reduced.

Again this year, as a result of successful task force operations, the LA-HIDTA is witnessing significant routing changes of cocaine in our region. Many "loads" which once came into the LA-HIDTA for storage and distribution nationally are seen being diverted to other areas of the country in an attempt to avoid detection.

**LA-HIDTA INTELLIGENCE SUBSYSTEMS OBJECTIVES
C/Y 2005**

The following will provide the various Objectives for the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Intelligence Support System (ISS), which were developed for C/Y 2005:

<p>Objective 16: Increased Analytical Use of the Three Intelligence Initiatives by Law Enforcement in the LA-HIDTA Region</p> <p>Expected Outputs: <i>A 2% increase in the amount of work product produced at the three Intelligence Initiatives. A 1% increase in the use of the RISS Net System.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Increased intelligence sharing; increased LA-HIDTA efficiency; increased cooperation among participants; increased enforcement activity; decrease of duplication of effort.</p>	<p>Actual Outputs: An actual 6.5% increase in the amount of work products produced at the three intelligence initiatives and a 9% decrease in the overall use of the RISS Net System.</p> <p>Outcome: Increased intelligence sharing is obvious, as evidenced by an enhanced level of efficiency and cooperation between law enforcement agencies and a decrease in the duplication of effort.</p>
<p>Objective 17: An Increased Use of the Deconfliction Center by Regional Law Enforcement Agencies for C/Y 2005</p> <p>Expected Outputs: <i>A 1% increase in the use of the Deconfliction Center by participating law enforcement agencies for C/Y 2005.</i></p> <p>Desired Outcome: Increased officer / public safety; increased efficiency of enforcement entities; lower investigative cost by reducing the number of “officer vs. officer” encounters; reduce duplication of effort.</p>	<p>Actual Output: An overall 27% increase of the use of the Deconfliction Center by participating law enforcement agencies was realized.</p> <p>Outcome: Obvious increase in officer / citizen safety; increased efficiency; reduced investigative costs were realized through the reduction of “blue on blue” encounters.</p>

**OBJECTIVES for the LA-HIDTA
C/Y 2005**

The following will provide the various Objectives for the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area which was developed for F/Y 2005:

Objective 18: Increase Law Enforcement Intelligence / Operational Related Training in the LA-HIDTA Region

Expected Outputs: *The LA-HIDTA Intelligence Support System (ISS) will facilitate one hundred and twenty (120) intelligence / law enforcement related training events in C/Y 2005.*

Desired Outcomes: Increased intelligence system efficiency; increased law enforcement cooperation; increased intelligence sharing; enhanced analytical expertise, stronger, more viable case support; and increased enforcement effectiveness.

Actual Output: During the year, the LA-HIDTA Intelligence Support System, Training Initiative facilitated two hundred and fifty six (256) Federal, State & local intelligence / law enforcement related training events.

Note: This training involved **2,361** “students from some **155** various Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in our region – **44,224** student hours. Of the total, **936** “students” were assigned to HIDTA Initiatives.

Outcome: Increased law enforcement / intelligence system efficiency and cooperation; increased intelligence sharing and analytical expertise; more viable case support.

APPENDIX E

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION / LA-HIDTA

EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSITION

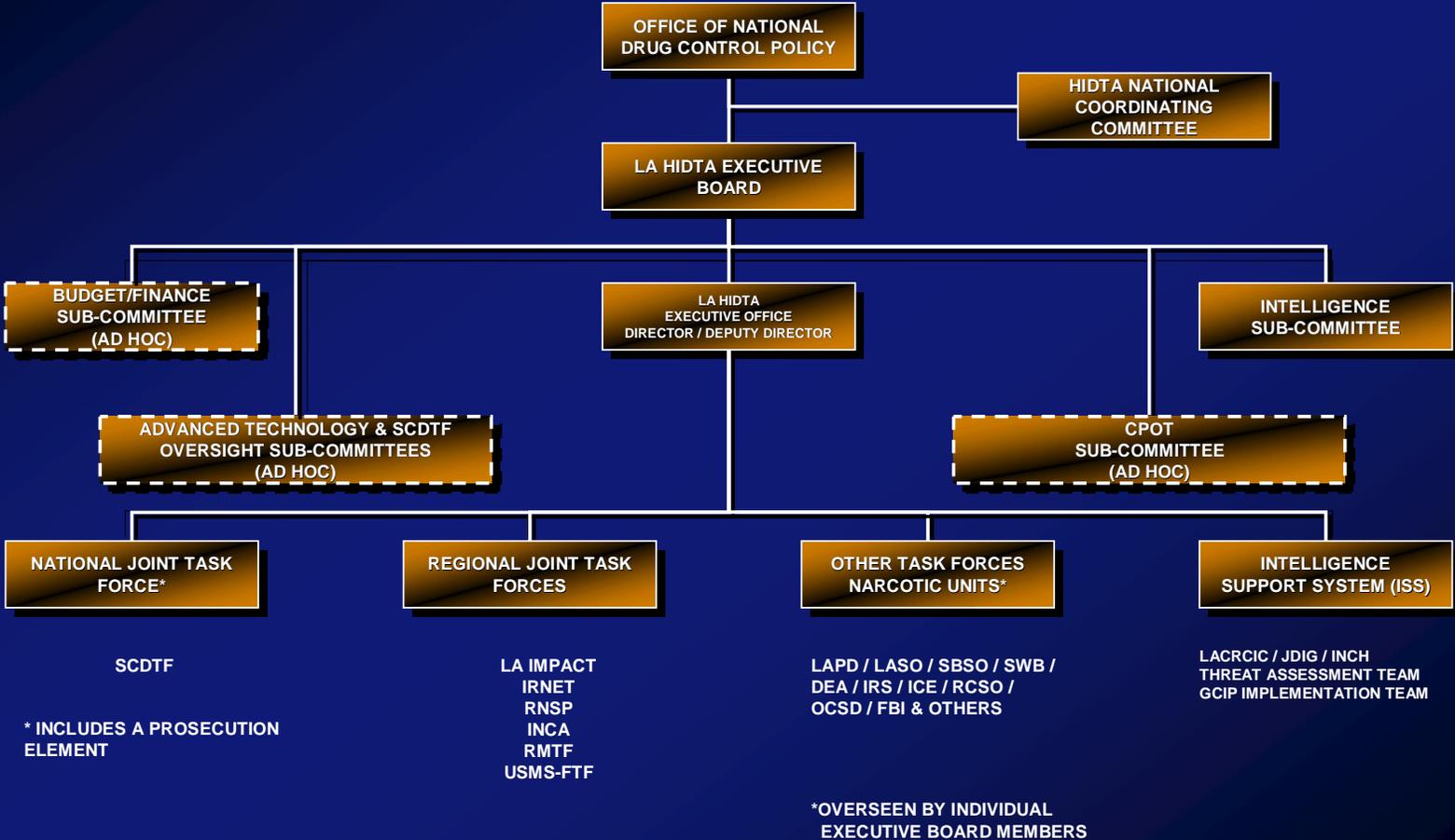
COUNTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE HIDTA

LIST OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, C/Y 2005

**OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
AWARDS**

“A Nationally Recognized Program”

LA HIDTA EXECUTIVE BOARD — ORGANIZATION CHART



**LOS ANGELES
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**



**A Major Narcotic Trafficking Gateway to the Nation
A Nationally Recognized Program**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

FEDERAL

Drug Enforcement Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Internal Revenue Service
United States Marshal's Service
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
United States Postal Inspection Service
United States Attorney's Office

STATE & LOCAL

California Department of Justice – Criminal Intelligence Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Orange County Sheriff's Department
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association
Orange County Police Chief's Association
San Bernardino County Police Chief's Association
Riverside County Law Enforcement Administrators Association
Los Angeles Police Department

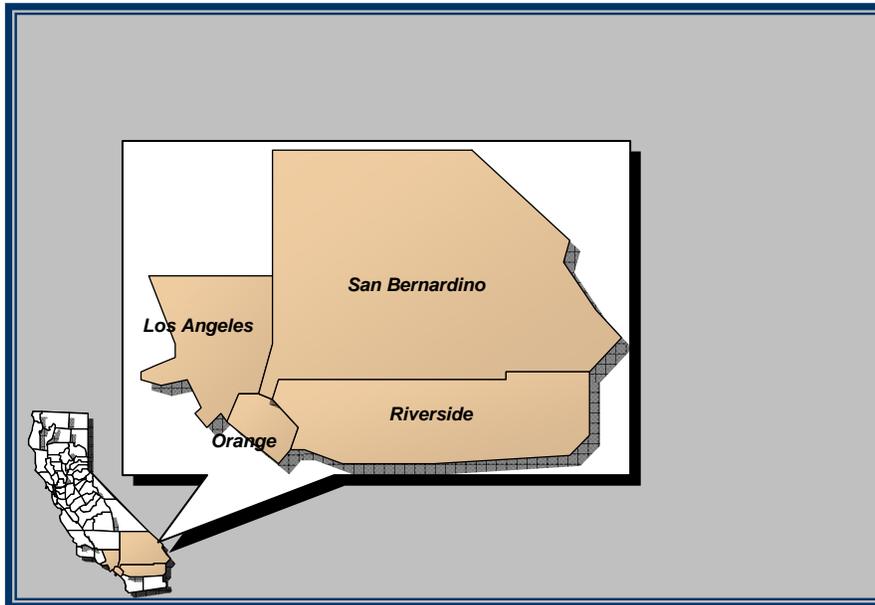
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LA-HIDTA



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**COUNTIES PARTICIPATING
in the
LOS ANGELES
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GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (located in the State of California) designated geographic expanse covers the four counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino. The LA-HIDTA is comprised of some 32,341 square miles with a general population of (+/-) 16 million.

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

**** A LISTING ****

Federal: Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms; Drug Enforcement Administration; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Internal Revenue Service; United States Attorney's Office; and the United States Marshal's Service.

State: California National Guard; State of California, Alcoholic Beverage Control; State of California, Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement; State of California, Department of Justice, Criminal Intelligence Bureau; and the State of California, Highway Patrol.

Local: Alhambra Police Department; Anaheim Police Department; Arcadia Police Department; Azusa Police Department; Baldwin Park Police Department; Beaumont Police Department; Bell Police Department; Bell Gardens Police Department; Beverly Hills Police Department; Burbank Police Department; Corona Police Department; Costa Mesa Police Department; Culver City Police Department; Downey Police Department; El Monte Police Department; El Segundo Police Department; Fullerton Police Department; Gardena Police Department; Glendora Police Department; Hawthorne Police Department; Hemet Police Department; Hermosa Beach Police Department; Inglewood Police Department; Laguna Beach Police Department; LaVerne Police Department; Long Beach Police Department; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Los Angeles Police Department; Monrovia Police Department; Montebello Police Department; Newport Beach Police Department; Orange County Sheriff's Department; Ontario Police Department; Palm Springs Police Department; Pasadena Police Department; Pomona Police Department; Port of Los Angeles Police Department; Redlands Police Department; Redondo Beach Police Department; Riverside County Sheriff's Department; Riverside Police Department; San Bernardino Police Department; Santa Ana Police Department; San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department; San Gabriel Police Department; Tustin Police Department; Vernon Police Department; West Covina Police Department; and the Whittier Police Department.

Other: Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office; and the Western States Information Network.

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1999

Outstanding HIDTA of the Year

Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

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Director's Award

*Chief Stephen Port, Hawthorne Police Department
Executive Board – Intelligence Sub-Committee*

Team Award – Outstanding Investigative Effort

Southern California Drug Task Force, Group 48

2001

Director's Award

*Michele Leonhart, SAC/DEA – Los Angeles
Executive Board - Chairperson C/Y 2000*

Outstanding Task Force Commander

*Lieutenant Steve Bishop, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group – Co-Director*

2002

Team Award – Outstanding Investigative Effort

Southern California Drug Task Force, Group 48

2003

Team Award – Outstanding Investigative Effort

Southern California Drug Task Force, Group 50

2004

Outstanding Intelligence Analyst
Jane Chung, Contract Analyst
Los Angeles Joint Drug Intelligence Group

Team Award – Outstanding Investigative Effort
Southern California Drug Task Force, Group 44

Team Award – Outstanding Cooperative Effort
Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force

2005

ONDCP did not give out any 2005 awards