



"THE CARE OF HUMAN LIFE AND HAPPINESS, AND NOT THEIR DESTRUCTION, IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE OBJECT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT."

-THOMAS JEFFERSON

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## Kids Across Tennessee Are STAYING ON TRACK!



Staff Sgt. Terry Winnette with half of his Stay On Track students at Central Middle School

### Rutherford County School Celebrates SOT Success

By Captain David Roberts  
Counterdrug Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Winnette graduated 244 seventh graders from the STAY ON TRACK program at Central Middle School. I had the opportunity to take photos at the graduation and meet some of the kids and faculty. The teachers were very appreciative, especially Paige Swanson, the school counselor. Ms. Swanson had requested the drug trailer last summer for her school due to the large number of at-risk students and gang influence. During the visit, Staff Sgt. Winnette told her of the upcoming STAY ON TRACK program and Paige signed up Central Middle School on the spot. The result has been a positive one as seen in the following letter of appreciation from Ms. Swanson.

The STAY ON TRACK program started at the beginning of the school year and ended in December. The other half of the seventh grade will begin the program in January. Next year, Staff Sgt. Winnette plans to teach the entire 7th and 8th grades.



Photos by Capt. David Roberts

Central seventh graders walk the stage to receive their Stay On Track certificates.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to inform you of the success Stay on Track has had at my school.

A student that I was concerned about making bad choices really tapped into the lessons. He also was impressed with Sgt. Winnette. The male students here at Central have very little input from male role models in their everyday life, so this made a positive impact on him.

About 4 weeks into the program he brought me one of his friends that was thinking about making a bad choice, drug related.

I was really amazed, here I was worried about him and he was able to extend what he had learned and pass it on to a friend.

I have since had many opportunities to pull these two in and get them to help me with various things, without this initial opportunity I feel like these two would have looked for attention in other ways.

I am very thankful for this program and Sgt. Winnette.

Sincerely,  
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# DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION



Lt. Col. Deel talks to Coalitions in Gatlinburg in order to develop more effective support for their organizations.

## Task Force Meets CADCA CEO Maj. Gen.(Ret.) Dean



Lt. Col. Deel, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Arthur Dean (CADCA CEO), and Pam White (CADCAT Director)

By Captain David Roberts  
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Lieutenant Colonel Deel recently had the opportunity to meet with the CEO of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), Major General (Ret) Arthur Dean. Also present was Pam White, Director of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions Across Tennessee (CADCAT). Pam recently submitted Tennessee's Counterdrug Task Force for the National CADCA award. The CADCA award is given to the most outstanding National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program in the nation. The award will be presented at the CADCA Conference in Washington D.C. on 14 February 2008.



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## SPF-SIG Update

By Captain Linda Williams

Congratulations to the following Counties for completing the five step planning process required by Strategic Prevention Framework - State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG). They include Bradley, Coffee, Davidson, Hamilton, Humphreys, Jackson, Johnson, Rutherford, Washington, and Weakley Counties. This grant will mean additional funding for anti-drug initiatives. Warrant Officer Bob Murphy represents the Counterdrug Task Force and serves as a member on the board of directors for SPF-SIG. Also, upcoming coalition events include the Say Yes 2 Kids conference scheduled for 3-4 March 2008 at the Marriott in Franklin, Tennessee. Counterdrug personnel will provide classes on Methamphetamine and Prescription Drug Awareness.

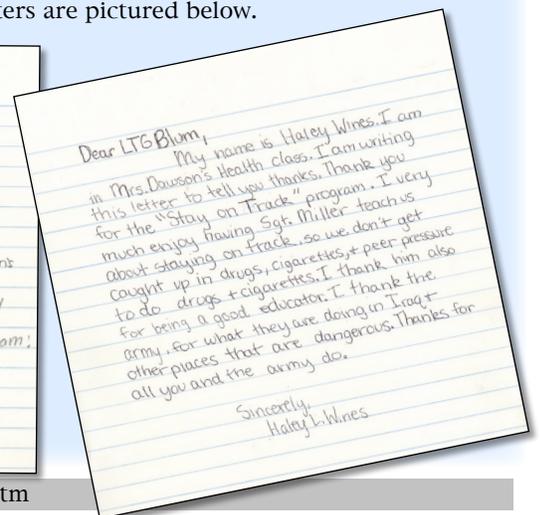
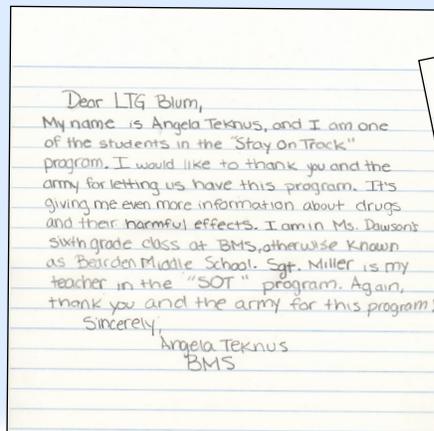
## FY 2008 STATS

Tennesseans Reached  
From Oct 07 to Jan 08

Elementary School.....	8,625
Middle School.....	13,927
High School.....	10,823
College/University.....	2,832
Adults.....	8,587
Total.....	44,794

## Knox County Students Thank NGB Chief for STAY ON TRACK

Several of 1st. Sgt. Miller's STAY ON TRACK classes at Bearden Middle School wrote thank you letters to Lt. Gen. Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau, in appreciation for the SOT program. Two of those letters are pictured below.



# Sheriff and Guardsman Team Up To Help Students STAY ON TRACK In Henderson County

## SOT A Hit With Howard Middle School, Chattanooga

By Sgt. 1st. Class Jangdharrie

Our Chattanooga team taught the STAY ON TRACK program in 10 schools this semester, covering three Congressional Districts. In District 3, the Stay On Track was taught at Howard Middle School for the seventh grade. I was their primary instructor and 59 seventh grade students completed the program. The school was very pleased and wants to do the program for their 6th and 7th grades next year.

The STAY ON TRACK program was a success for the schools and the National Guard. The students were so impressed with the lessons and instruction that they collectively asked that we return to do additional lessons.



Sheriff Brian Duke and Sgt. Tommy Vaughn hold a copy of the STAY ON TRACK workbook

By Capt. David Roberts  
Counterdrug Public Affairs

Sergeant Tommy Vaughn has been working a great deal in District Seven's Henderson and Hardin counties the last several months. By December, he graduated 76 students in Hardin County from the STAY ON TRACK program. STAY ON TRACK has proven to be a great tool for reaching students in District Seven with our anti-drug message.

"I've had parents and teachers come up to me and tell me how much they appreciate that someone is trying to teach their kids the information they will need for their future," Sgt Vaughn said.

Currently, Sgt. Vaughn is teaching in five different schools in Henderson County, reaching roughly 275 students. The teachers and parents have been very supportive of the STAY ON TRACK program in Henderson County as well.

In Henderson County, Sergeant Vaughn has teamed up with Sheriff Brian Duke to spread the STAY ON TRACK program throughout the county. Their efforts have proven to be a big success so far.

Sergeant Vaughn said Sheriff Duke loves STAY ON TRACK and even prefers it over the D.A.R.E. program, because it covers so much more information. Sheriff Duke believes in the program so much, he is donating money out of his drug fund to buy the STAY ON TRACK workbooks for the next school year.

Recently, Sgt. Vaughn and Sheriff Duke teamed up for an interview with WBBJ Channel 7 News out of Jackson for a story on the SOT program. They hope to let the community know they are working to keep kids off of drugs by helping them... STAY ON TRACK.



Sgt. 1st. Class Jangdharrie with some of his SOT students at Howard Middle School



# STAY ON TRACK A Success At Pigeon Forge Middle School

By Capt. David Roberts  
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The entire sixth grade at Pigeon Forge Middle School recently completed the STAY ON TRACK program. Sgt. Copeland taught six classes each week for 14 weeks. The students were awarded their SOT certificates at a graduation ceremony. The certificate serves as a reminder of the important lessons they learned and the commitment they made to be drug free. Pigeon Forge Middle School has a great working relationship with Sgt. Copeland and the faculty was very appreciative for all of his hard work. The school has asked Sgt. Copeland to continue the program into the next semester and the following school year.



Sgt. Copeland with one of his SOT classes at Pigeon Forge Middle School

# DRUG INTERDICTION SUPPORT

## Marijuana Round Up

By Capt. David Roberts  
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Three of our Counterdrug Recon personnel and one Criminal Analyst supported the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the 13th Judicial Drug Task Force in a case that resulted in 28 drug related indictments last month. The Recon Team conducted eight separate missions observing controlled buys, while our Criminal Analyst rendered support through case analysis. After agents executed the warrants, Counterdrug personnel also assisted in logging evidence and extracting information from cell phones. The investigation resulted in 10 arrests, 31 pounds of marijuana, 1 ounce of powder cocaine and \$4000 dollars in cash seized by law enforcement.



Bags of marijuana seized during the round up

Photo by Counterdrug Recon Team

## FY 2008 SEIZURES

From Oct 2007 to Jan 2008

\*\* Seizure information is from drug cases that were supported by the Counterdrug Task Force through Criminal Analysis, Ground or Aerial Reconnaissance.

Cocaine (lbs.).....	307.5
Crack Cocaine (lbs.) .....	305.4
Meth (lbs.).....	25.7
Meth Labs.....	101
Heroin (lbs.).....	22.0
Vehicles.....	33
Weapons.....	54
Proc. Marijuana (lbs.).....	2,558.7
Ecstasy (pills).....	0.07
Currency.....	\$6,120,894
Property (\$value).....	\$1,010,466
Arrests.....	247



## Copter Keeps an Eye on Drug Offenders

Photo and Story courtesy of  
The TIMES-GAZETTE, Shelbyville, Tenn.

**C**riminals beware: Local law enforcement has an eye in the sky at its disposal that could be watching you.

Members of the Shelbyville Police Department, the Bedford County Sheriff's Department and the 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force paid a visit to the Shelbyville Airport Wednesday to take a look at the air support offered for free by the Tennessee National Guard.

The OH-58a Kiowa light reconnaissance helicopter is fitted with the latest in high tech surveillance systems geared toward helping the fight against drugs.

This Forward Looking Infra Red (FLIR) system can spot a suspect hiding in high grass or spot other heat signatures from the air.

Shelbyville Police Chief Austin Swing said, "The availability of this type of air support is a nice thing if you need them. It's not something you're going to use every day or week, but it something we can very likely use in the future."

A lieutenant with the Army's Reconnaissance and Aerial Interdiction Detachment, part of the Tennessee National Guard Counter Drug Program, who asked not to be identified due to security concerns, explained the various systems to local police. "The best thing about us is that we're absolutely free," the lieutenant said. Swing agreed, saying that



Members of local law enforcement checked out the Bell OH-58a Kiowa light reconnaissance helicopter used by the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force

with a department's budget restraints, being able to take advantage of high-tech gear without additional cost is definitely a plus.

The FLIR system picks up heat signatures, enabling officers to spot someone hiding in high grass or brush. The spotlight is called a Nightsun, a 30 million candlepower device that can illuminate a small city block or just focus on one house or a vehicle.

If cops suspect a location has a meth lab, the copter can be used for taking photos from the air in preparation for a raid, using whatever cameras local officers may have in conjunction with the helicopter's video systems. Depending on the situation, the aircraft can be used in emergencies as well, but it can't deviate from the drug nexus unless requested by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).