



"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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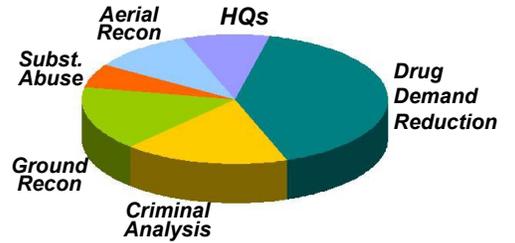
## Fiscal Year 2008 Mid-Year Review

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Within this issue of the Informer, you will see the results of our Drug Demand and Supply Reduction efforts across the state. We take pride in the work our Guardsmen have done in their communities from rural locations to metropolitan areas.

The bulk of our manpower is focused on our anti-drug efforts with a minimal support staff. This maximizes our effectiveness in reducing both drug supply and demand. The chart to the right demonstrates this. I hope you find this Mid-Year Review both educational and encouraging.

Distribution of Personnel



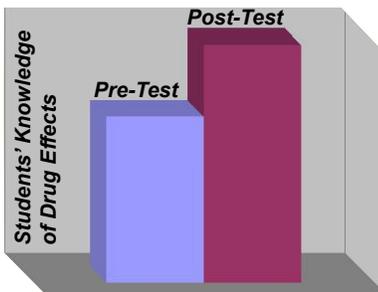
### DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

**Mission:** Reduce the Demand for Drugs in Tennessee by providing drug education and awareness programs to community organizations and schools across the state.

#### 1. Education - STAY ON TRACK

STAY ON TRACK is a program used by the National Guard to reinforce the drug-free commitment of Tennessee's youth through cognitive development, social skills development, and emotional development.

SOT uses a pre and post program survey to measure the students knowledge acquisition, attitude and intention regarding drug use. Students showed an 18% increase in their knowledge of drug effects as of January 2nd and 69% of the students intended to advocate to their friends to resist drug use.\*



18% increase in student knowledge of drug use and its effects.\*

**Our DDR Team has implemented STAY ON TRACK in 80 Schools, reaching over 8,000 students since October 1st.**

\* National Center for Prevention Research Solutions \*\*Counterdrug Management Information System

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## 2. Awareness

Briefings: Our Drug Demand Reduction Team provides speakers for assemblies of any size or age group. The briefings are designed to educate the public on the far reaching effects that illegal drugs have on their families and communities.



Drug Awareness Trailer: Our trailer provides a unique and effective way to educate the public on drug abuse. The trailer can be transported anywhere in the state and displays items used to manufacture methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**Our Drug Awareness programs have reached over 50,000 Tennesseans since October 1st.**

## 3. Alternative Activities

Alternative Activities include before and after school programs such as the "Mobile Team Challenge". MTC is an adventure based, team-building course focusing on the "Six Pillars of Character". MTC is designed to develop decision making, problem solving, and other critical life skills, focusing on good choices for a drug free life.

**Over 1,700 Tennessee Students have participated in Alternative Activities.**



## 4. Community Coalitions



Through our partnership with Community Anti-Drug Coalitions Across Tennessee, DDR has brought community coalitions together to implement proven strategies for combating drugs in their neighborhoods. Community Coalitions in Tennessee have grown to 54 and still counting.

**Our DDR program was selected by Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America as the best in the nation for our work with Tennessee coalitions.**

# DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION (Cont. from Page 2)

## 5. Gateway to Success



The Gateway to Success program educates youth on the dangers of gateway drugs (alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and inhalants). GTS focuses on the immediate harm on the body in order to discourage use among targeted age groups. Presentation and length can be tailored to meet local needs.



**Over 117,000 Tennessee Participants in DDR programs so far in FY 08**

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**Mission: Maintain readiness of Army and Air National Guard units through drug testing and assist Tennessee Guardsmen and their families through Prevention, Treatment and Outreach.**

### 1. Drug Testing

The drug testing goal for the Tenn. Army National Guard is 70%. Currently, 50% of the soldiers have been tested. We have also trained 269 Unit Prevention Leaders statewide who administer drug testing within their units. The Substance Abuse Office has supported four soldier readiness processing events with another three projected for the third and fourth quarter.

The goal for the Tennessee Air National Guard is 50%, with 25% of their end strength being tested so far. We are conducting our very first Air National Guard, Drug Testing Program Administrative Manager's Course in Memphis for the 164th Airlift Wing. This is a big step forward for our program.

In FY07, Tennessee was third in the nation for drug testing and we are confident we will be in the top five again this fiscal year if not higher. Our goal for next Fiscal Year is 100% testing.

**269 Unit Prevention Leaders have tested over 6,000 Guardsmen so far in FY 08.**

### 2. Prevention, Treatment and Outreach

Last Year, Tennessee was among twelve states chosen to debut the Prevention, Treatment and Outreach program. PTO is designed to help our soldiers and airmen with substance abuse, family problems, post traumatic stress disorder, and other issues.

The PTO Coordinator promotes the programs services for soldiers and airmen within their communities. The coordinator also ensures Tennessee Guardsmen are provided a minimum of 4 hours of prevention education each year; works toward reducing risk factors; and liaisons with military family members, civilian agencies and military organizations to integrate the efforts of all prevention and recovery resources.

Prevention, Treatment and Outreach is a great program for our soldiers and airmen and the Tennessee Counterdrug Task Force is excited to be a part of it.

# DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION

*Names of personnel and locations are withheld for operational security*

**Mission:** Reduce the Supply of Drugs in Tennessee by providing criminal analysis and operational support to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

## 1. Criminal Analyst Support

Our Criminal Analysts provide Law Enforcement with analytical and technical case support. Our Criminal Analyst support the following agencies:

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
- Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force
- Governor's T.F. on Marijuana Eradication
- Appalachia HIDTA
- West Tenn. Violent Crime and Drug T.F.
- Tennessee Highway Patrol



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| <b>3,926 lbs. of Marijuana</b> | <b>\$7.6 Million in cash</b>   |
| <b>30 lbs. of Meth</b>         | <b>163 Meth Labs</b>           |
| <b>874 lbs. of Cocaine</b>     | <b>\$1,099,949 in Property</b> |
| <b>300 lbs. of Crack</b>       | <b>410 Arrests</b>             |
| <b>38 lbs. of Heroin</b>       | <b>105 Weapons</b>             |

## 2. Air / Ground Operations

We provide support to law enforcement to document illegal drug activity from in the air or on the ground. This type of support is provided to agents in both day and night time conditions.

- 557 Aircraft Hours Flown**
- 96 Missions Conducted**
- 445 Law Enforcement Officers Trained**

