



"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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## National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs

### National Night Out in Loudon County

By Tech. Sgt. Dee Jennings

Members of the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, along with the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Loudon County, hosted the Second Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs in Loudon County on August fifth. Approximately 400 residents of Loudon County participated in the activities held at both the Loudon and Lenoir City pools. Personnel from the Loudon and Lenoir City Police Departments and Fire Departments, the American Red Cross and other local agencies and churches also participated.



Tech. Sgt. Dora Jennings poses with Loudon County youth who know it's "Not Hip to Dip" and "Be Smart - Don't Start"



Army National Guard Sgt. Kelly Copeland (left) and Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Dee Jennings pose with the fire dog.

Guest speakers included Lenoir City Chief of Police Don White and Loudon City Chief of Police James Webb. State Representative Jimmy Matlock was also in attendance for the event. Activities included, Guitar Hero, games, door prizes, and swimming. Everyone who attended this event received free food and drinks along with t-shirts created by local Middle School students displaying an anti-tobacco message. The purpose of this event was to bring the community together to show their support for our local law enforcement and send a clear message that Loudon County residents have no tolerance for criminals and drug dealers in their community.

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# DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

## Drug Trailer Educates Kids During "Night Out"



Staff Sgt. Terry Winnette explains the harmful effects of drugs using the awareness trailer displays.

By Sgt. Benny Johnson  
Drug Demand Reduction

Members of the Counterdrug Task Force participated in "National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs" at a local park in Old Hickory, Tennessee. The turnout was tremendous, and representatives of the local law enforcement, fire department, and various community organizations were present. Many of these organizations took the opportunity to display their equipment for the general public, and our Counterdrug Task Force was no exception. Staff Sgt. Terry Winnette, Staff Sgt. Kyle Grisham, and I set up the Drug Awareness Trailer and prepared for the large crowd.



Sgt. Benny Johnson answers questions as kids tour the drug awareness trailer.

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The Drug Awareness Trailer.

Hundreds of people filed through the Drug Awareness Trailer and listened intently as our Drug Demand Reduction staff gave presentations on the different types of drugs and the dangerous effects they have on our bodies and communities. The presentations generated scores of questions from those in attendance. Many people were shocked to learn how easy it is to produce methamphetamine and what signs to look for in their neighborhoods. Discovering how little the average person knows about some of these drugs underscores the need for programs such as Drug Demand Reduction.

# DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

## Youth C.A.M.P. Gets Grundy County Students Back on Track



Staff Sgt. Frank Yates-Matoy (Dress Uniform) and Staff Sgt. Kyle Grisham (camouflage uniform) pose with the members of "Punisher Platoon".

**By Staff Sgt. Frank Yates-Matoy  
Drug Demand Reduction**

The Children's Attitude Motivational Program or C.A.M.P. helps get teenagers back on track when they get into trouble. The group from Grundy County went through some exceptional changes during their stay.

The first week of C.A.M.P. was held in Smyrna, and the kids learned how to work together as a team. They continued to work as a close group all the way through graduation. The platoon of teenagers adopted the name "Punishers" from the comic book character because they felt it embodied their determination, and it was a cool name.

As an incentive, I created a Punishers flag for their platoon. It was sewn from 13 pieces of material, representing the 13 members of the platoon. As time went on, Staff Sgt. Grisham and I saw unbelievable changes in their self-esteem occurring on a daily basis. They went from shy and defensive teenagers to a well oiled machine in six weeks time. The platoon even took charge of their own graduation. After the slide show and awards ceremony, there wasn't a dry eye to be found, including Staff Sgt. Grisham and myself. I believe the program was as rewarding for Staff Sgt. Grisham and myself, as it was for the kids who went through it.

**Fentress County Drug Coalition  
And Tenn. National Guard Partner  
To Bring Drug Awareness To Fair  
Courtesy of the Jamestown-  
Fentress Courier**

The Fentress County Drug Coalition would like to thank the TN National Guard and all who participated in bringing drug awareness to this years fair. This was one of many steps that the community is embarking on to change the face of the drug problem in Fentress Co. and empower our youth to live drug free lives. If you have any questions about these or upcoming efforts or want to get involved, feel free to call 879-2056.

## National Night Out A Big Hit in Rutherford County

**By Staff Sgt. Rhea Amaro  
Drug Demand Reduction**

On August 5th, soldiers from the Counterdrug Task Force participated in The National Night Out Against Crime for Rutherford County. Specialist Jim Noe and I spoke with over one hundred children and 50 adults at the Spring Valley apartment complex.

The Fatal Vision Goggles were a big part of our presentation there, and popular among everyone in attendance. The goggles give the visual perception of imbalance to demonstrate how difficult simple motor functions can be while impaired by drugs or alcohol. The apartment manager was delighted to see us there, and really felt the "Drunk Goggles" were a great idea.

After everyone participated in the Fatal Vision Goggles, Specialist Noe and I went to Barfield Crescent Park, where one of our Counterdrug pilots, Chief Warrant Officer Ronnie Thompson, had an OH-58 helicopter on display. The helicopter there was enjoyed by several hundred citizens of that community and gave us the opportunity to talk about the harmful effects of drugs.

### FY 2008 STATS

*Tennesseans Reached  
From Oct 07 to Aug 08*

Elementary School.....	23,744
Middle School.....	99,217
High School.....	29,101
College/University.....	3,686
Adults.....	24,841
Total.....	180,589

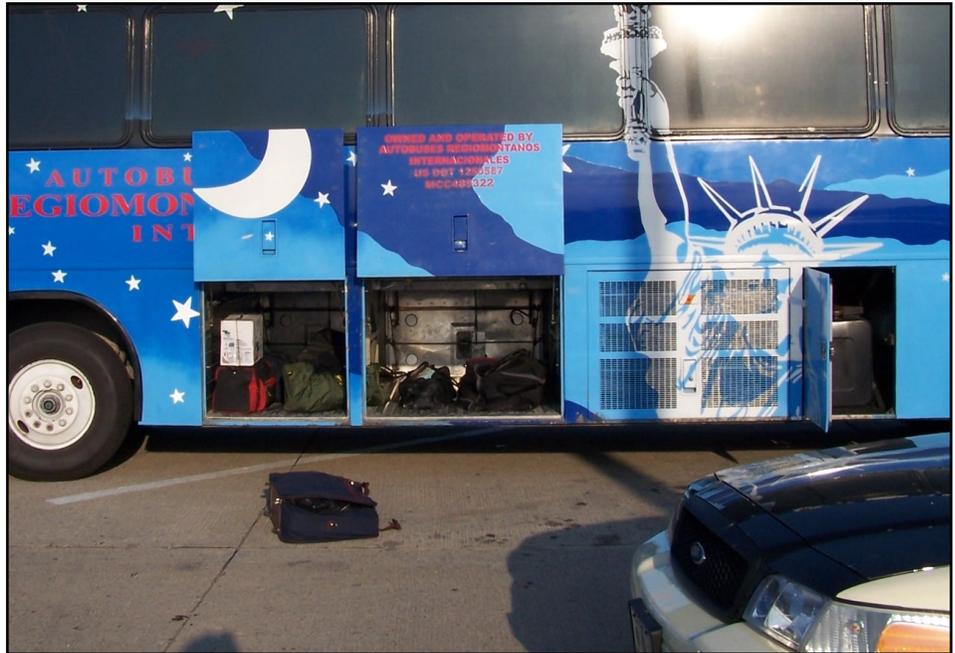
# DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION

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

## Bus Seizure Linked To Other Cases

*By Capt. David Roberts  
Counterdrug Public Affairs*

A recent drug investigation including the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration, intercepted a commercial bus that had departed Mexico destined for Ohio. Law enforcement agents apprehended a drug trafficker attempting to smuggle two kilos of cocaine. The drugs were concealed inside a commercial bus baggage compartment. The Tennessee Highway Patrol K-9 alerted to the narcotics on a simple routine sweep of the bus. It didn't take officers long to match the bag with its owner who was charged and arrested. One of our National Guard Counterdrug Criminal Analyst was able to analyze and link this trafficker to several other on going cases. This allows agents to tie more evidence to the drug organizations illegal activities.



*The baggage compartment where the drugs were stored.*



*Two kilos of cocaine seized by the DEA and Tenn. Highway Patrol.*

### FY 2008 SEIZURES

*From Oct 2007 to Aug 2008*

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

Cocaine (lbs.).....	913.3
Crack Cocaine (lbs.) .....	306.3
Meth (lbs.).....	486.4
Meth Labs.....	328
Heroin (lbs.).....	115.3
Khat (lbs.).....	5,465.9
Arrests.....	889
Vehicles.....	81
Weapons.....	176
Proc. Marijuana (lbs.).....	8,418.7
Marijuana (Plants).....	474,193
Currency.....	\$11,699,621

