



# National Guard Counterdrug Program Protecting Our Communities

## Issue:

The opioid epidemic continues to devastate American communities. More than 100,000 Americans die each year from drug overdoses, costing the nation nearly \$1.5 trillion annually. The growing presence of illicit fentanyl has made the crisis even more deadly.

Since 1989, the National Guard Counterdrug Program (CDP) has supported state and local law enforcement in every state and territory, providing intelligence, aviation support, reconnaissance, and community outreach to stop drug trafficking and keep communities safe.



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## The Mission:

**Analyst Support** - process, categorize, and evaluate within the defined scope of supported investigations.

**Drug Demand Reduction Outreach** - strengthen protective factors, reduce risk factors, and build community capacity to prevent substance misuse before it occurs.

**Ground Reconnaissance** - conduct authorized surveillance operations to observe, document, and report suspected drug trafficking activity.

**Aerial Reconnaissance** - assist law enforcement partners by identifying movement patterns, routes, and areas of interest across large or difficult-to-access terrain.

**Counterdrug Schools** – provide specialized, regionally focused training that strengthens counterdrug capabilities across the United States.

## Seizures Supported



## FY27 Appropriations Request:

\$460M for the Counterdrug Program / \$30M for the Counterdrug Schools



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# COUNTERDRUG

## PROGRAM



2,852

Law Enforcement Agencies Supported



2,694

National Guard Service Members Employed



10,970

Total Missions Executed



69,145

Students Trained Nationwide



\$15.4B

Estimated Operational Impact

The National Guard is a true force multiplier. Each CDP analyst supports 10-15 law enforcement agents already on the ground. Additionally, there are **five CDP regional schools** which train active law enforcement officers per year on region-specific threats and proven techniques from the field.



Meridian, MS



Camp Murray, WA



Fort Indiantown Gap, PA



Johnston, IA



Camp Blanding, FL



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