COUNTER DRUG

Elements

Law Enforcement Support

In Fiscal Year 2009, the National Guard's Counterdrug Program ***supported*** law enforcement in the:

- Seizure of more than 14.4 million marijuana plants.
- Seizure of more than 2.7 million ecstasy pills and other "designer drugs"
- Arrest of 75,624 individuals

Community Outreach

- Manages four Counterdrug Schools across the nation to train law enforcement agents, community officials and military members in drug supply interdiction and demand reduction techniques
- Focuses on educating people about the dangers of drugs; specifically teaching children and teens, sixth, seventh and eighth grade, about making positive life choices
- Reaches out to more than 3.5 million youths and adults through after-school programs, summer camps, in-school and mentorship programs run by the National Guard Counterdrug Program.

National Guard (NG) Drug Demand Reduction

- Used as a deterrent program designed to reduce drug use among servicemembers.
- All NG members are subject to random, unannounced urinalysis testing
- NG maintains a zero tolerance policy on drug use

NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

Making a difference through deterrence and interdiction

CD Spectrum of Operations

Mission: The Counterdrug Program contributes military support for local, state and federal Law Enforcement Agencies, Community Based Organizations and Combatant Commanders. The Counterdrug Program's goal is to provide the nation with a drug-free, mission-ready force to defend the interests of its citizens at home and abroad with unique military skill sets. Approximately 2,500 ARNG Soldiers and ANG Airmen are the KEY to providing this vital support. The National Guard Counterdrug Program personnel are woven into the fabric of our communities all across America; operating in 54 states and territories and they work at all levels of government to anticipate, deter, and defeat illicit drug threats in order to enhance national security and protect our society.

Overview: The National Guard Bureau Counterdrug Program is part of the national drug control strategy. Initially authorized by the President and Congress in 1989, the Department of Defense provides funds on a yearly basis to state governors who submit plans specifying the usage of each state's National Guard to support drug interdiction and Counterdrug activities.

The National Guard brings three unique qualities to the Counterdrug fight - trained Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen with unique military skills and equipment, legal status as a state militia, and ties to the more than 3,200 local communities where National Guardsmen and women live and serve.

Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen in the National Guard Counterdrug Program are some of the most highly-trained men and women in the National Guard. These dedicated Soldiers and Airmen will persist in their dedicated efforts to support their communities in the fight against drugs.

Learn More: http://ngbcounterdrug.ng.mil

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