COUNTER DRUG

Making a difference through deterrence and interdiction

Counterdrug Mission: The National Guard Counterdrug Program conducts a full spectrum campaign that bridges the gap between the Department of Defense (DoD) and non-DoD institutions in the fight against illicit drugs and transnational threats to the Homeland. The Counterdrug Program is the military supporting all levels of government, including DoD, law enforcement and community-based counterdrug operations to anticipate, prevent, deter and defeat those threats in order to enhance national security and protect our society.

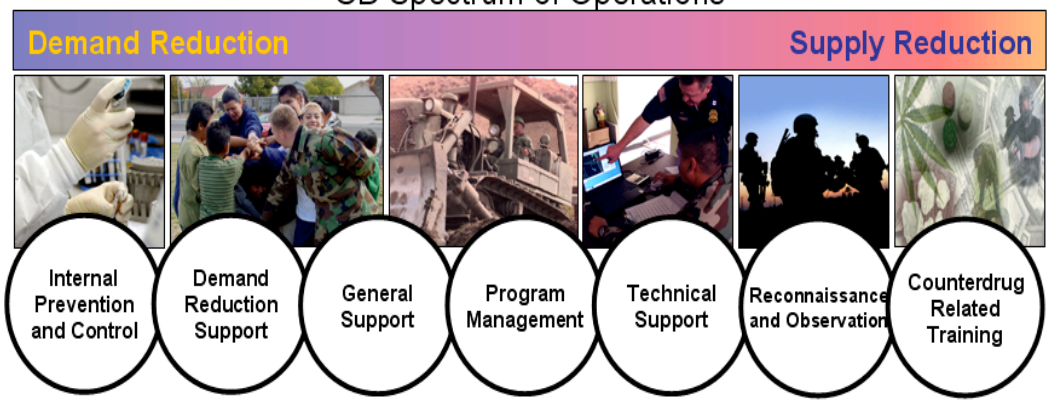
Overview: The National Guard Bureau Counterdrug Program is part of the national drug control strategy. Initially authorized by the President and Congress in 1989, the Department of Defense provides funds on a yearly basis to state governors who submit plans specifying the usage of each state's National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

"Trained Soldiers and Airmen with unique military skills and equipment make the National Guard an ideal leader in America's fight against drugs."
~LTG H Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau

CD Spectrum of Operations



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Elements

Law Enforcement Support

In fiscal year 2006, the National Guard's Counterdrug Program ***supported*** law enforcement in the:

- Seizure of nearly two million pounds of drugs with an estimated street value in the billions of dollars
- Seizure of four million marijuana plants
- Seizure of 1.7 million ecstasy pills and other "designer drugs"
- Arrest of 80,838 individuals

Drug Demand Interdiction

- Manages four Counterdrug Schools across the nation to train military, law enforcement, and community officials in drug supply interdiction and demand reduction techniques
- Focuses on educating people about the dangers of drugs; specifically teaching children and teens about making positive life choices
- Reaches out to more than 3.6 million youths and adults through after-school programs, summer camps, in-school and mentorship programs run by the National Guard

National Guard (NG) Substance Abuse Program

- All NG members are subject to random, unannounced urinalysis testing
- NG maintains a zero tolerance policy on drug use