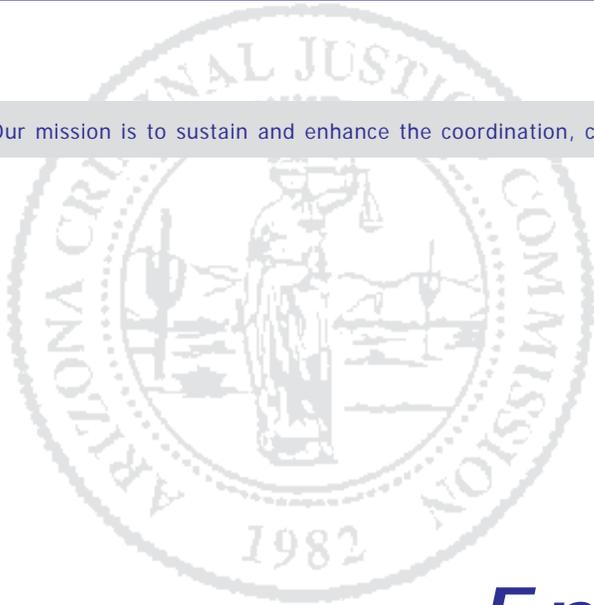


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The ACJC was created in 1982 to serve as a resource and service organization for Arizona's 480 criminal justice agencies on a myriad of issues ranging from drugs, gangs, victim compensation and assistance to criminal record improvement initiatives. The ACJC works on behalf of the criminal justice agencies in Arizona to facilitate information and data exchange among state-wide agencies by establishing and maintaining criminal justice information archives, monitoring new, and continuing legislation relating to criminal justice issues and gathering information and researching existing criminal justice programs.

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Introduction

Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) §41-2405 (A) 12 requires the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives an annual report on law enforcement activities funded by the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account (Account) or the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF) as it relates to illicit drugs and drug-related gang activity. This annual report requirement was established in 1990.

The Drug and Gang Enforcement Account established in 1987 by Arizona Revised Statute § 41-2402 is used to enhance efforts to deter, investigate, prosecute, adjudicate and punish drug offenders. Funds in the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account are from the following sources:

- (1) Federal monies made available to states by grants under the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program;
- (2) Mandatory fines collected for felony drug offense convictions as authorized by A.R.S. 13 Chapter 34;
- (3) Appropriations to the account by the Legislature; and
- (4) Local cash match funds furnished by grantees.

In 1987, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission developed and implemented a statewide enhanced drug enforcement strategy, as required to qualify for federal formula grant assistance monies for drug control. The strategy was designed to be compatible with the statutory requirements that created the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account. The current strategy developed in 2004 is the framework within which the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission allots and distributes all monies in the account. Each year the strategy is reviewed, refined, updated and published by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. A formal application system and extensive open meeting process are utilized by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for awarding grant funds from the Account.

The Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF) was established by Arizona Revised Statute § 41-2401. This statute details those entities that shall receive monies from the CJEF by percentage amounts and the purposes for utilization of the monies.

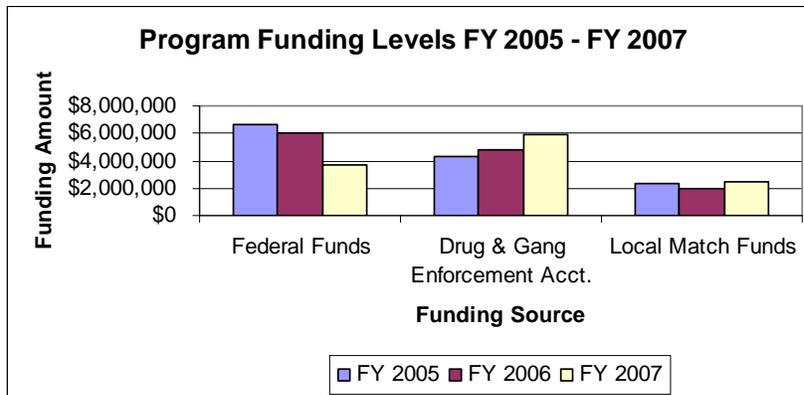
This report provides summary information on projects receiving funds from the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account and on projects funded by the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund during FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007), related to drug activity or drug related street gang activity. Many other valuable and productive drug and gang enforcement and prevention activities are conducted throughout the state funded entirely by state, local and county authorities, without enhancement monies, and are therefore not included in this report.

Drug and Gang Enforcement Account

Funding

In FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007), the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission distributed a total of \$11,960,946 in award funds from the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account to fifty-four (54) programs in the state. The account includes \$2,409,687 of local cash match funds deposited by grant recipients.

SOURCE OF MONIES	2005	2006	2007
Federal Formula Grant Funds	\$6,693,034	\$6,076,839	\$3,684,915
Drug Fines	4,368,660	4,741,292	5,866,335
Local Match Funds	2,321,007	2,025,617	2,406,687
Total	\$13,382,701	\$12,843,748	\$11,960,946



The Commission authorizes account funding to programs in the state in six program areas in accordance with the statewide enhanced drug enforcement strategy and the account guidelines. The six areas are: drug apprehension and prosecution; criminal history records improvement; drug offender adjudication; drug offender detention; drug analysis (forensic services); and drug abuse education/prevention.

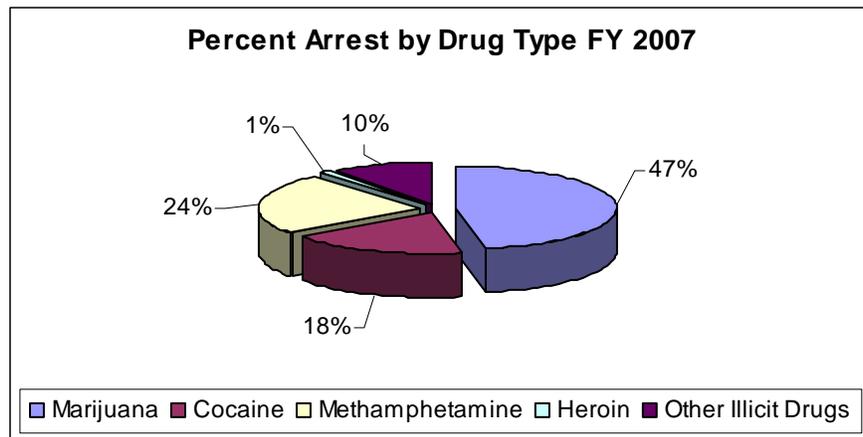
In FY 2007, drug apprehension programs consisting of sixteen (16) multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency drug task forces, established in all fifteen (15) counties in the state of Arizona, received support funding from the account. There were fifteen (15) drug prosecution programs in the State receiving support funding from the account. Included in these fifteen (15) programs were full-time dedicated drug prosecutors in thirteen (13) of the fifteen (15) counties in Arizona. During FY 2007, two (2) criminal history records improvement programs received account funds. Drug offender detention programs in Coconino County and enhanced drug forensic analysis programs at the Department of Public Safety and the Tucson and Phoenix Police Departments received account funds. One (1) grant awarded to the Administrative Office of the Courts passed account funds through to nineteen (19) court-related enhancement programs in all fifteen (15) counties in Arizona. There were no requests for drug abuse education/prevention funding in FY 2007.

In FY 2007 direct personnel costs made up 90.91 percent of the expenditures from the account. Other costs associated with the programs such as equipment, operations, space, etc., were supplied by the state, county, and local agencies participating in the programs. Account expenditures provided salaries, overtime, and employee-related expenses for 199 criminal justice professionals in the state of Arizona. This is a reduction from FY 2006 when 218 professionals were employed by the grant.

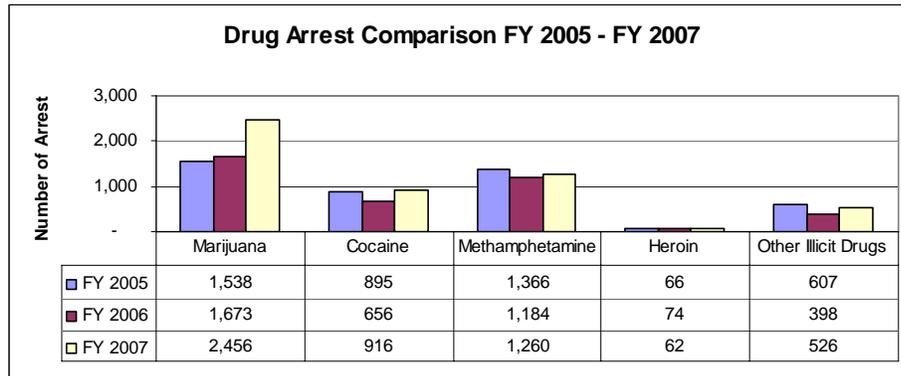
	<u>FY 2007</u>
Drug Agents/Narcotics Investigators	62
Detention Officers	1
Forensic Criminalists/Print Examiners	11
Judges/Commissioners	4
Pre-sentence Writers	11
Probation Officers	10
Prosecutors	37
Public Defenders	5
Support Staff	58
TOTAL	199

Arrest activity

In FY 2007, apprehension program activities resulted in the arrest of 5,220 drug offense violators, an increase over FY 2006 (3,985). Forty-seven percent of the arrests were for marijuana, followed by 24 percent for methamphetamine. Cocaine arrests increased from 9 percent in FY 2006 to 18 percent in FY 2007.



Over the past three years, arrests show a significant increase for marijuana. Cocaine show an increase over FY 2006, methamphetamine arrests has remained steady showing only a slight increase from FY 2006.



Drug availability

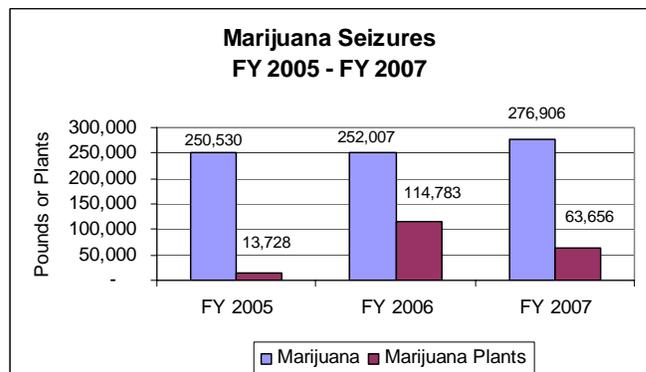
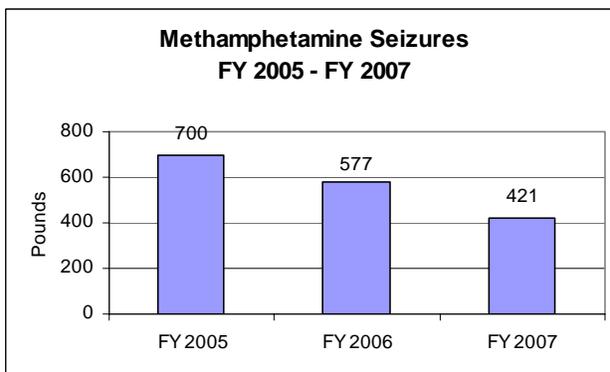
Cocaine is readily available throughout Arizona with the largest quantities available in metropolitan areas. Crack is readily available in Arizona's inner cities and in some smaller communities. Crack retails for \$10-\$20/rock (250 milligram to .70 gram.) Powder cocaine retails from \$80-\$130/1/8 ounce.

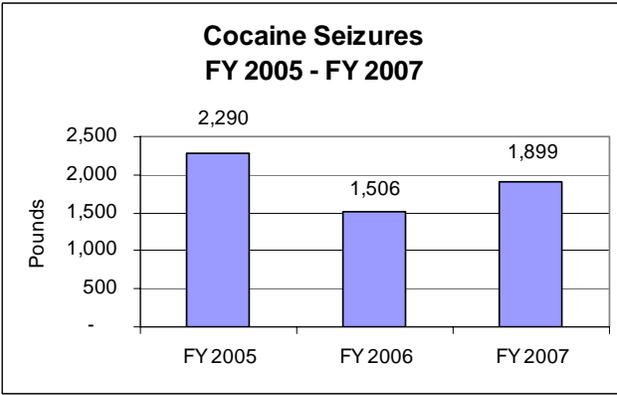
Mexican black tar heroin is the predominant type of heroin found in Arizona. Heroin retails for price of \$80-\$120/gram in the Tucson market, and \$40-\$50/gram in Phoenix.

Marijuana remains readily available and is considered the most widely used illegal drug throughout the state. Mexican produced Marijuana retails for \$10-\$25/1/4 ounce in Phoenix, and \$20/1/4 ounce in Tucson.

Mexican-produced methamphetamine is the predominant form found in Arizona. Mexican Ice methamphetamine retails for \$40-\$60/gram in Phoenix, and \$60-\$80/1/16 ounce in Tucson. The wholesale price for methamphetamine has recently increased from \$8,000 to \$10,500 per pound.

Diversion of other drugs such as oxycodone products (i.e. OxyContin® and Percocet®), hydrocodone products (i.e. Vicodin®) and phentermine continues to be a problem in the state. MDMA or ecstasy retails for \$20-\$30/tablet.





Getting drugs of the streets...
 In FY 2007 Arizona Drug Task Forces seized:

- 276,906 pounds of marijuana.
- 83,656 marijuana plants.
- 421 pounds of methamphetamine.
- 1,899 pounds of cocaine.
- 15,300 grams of heroin

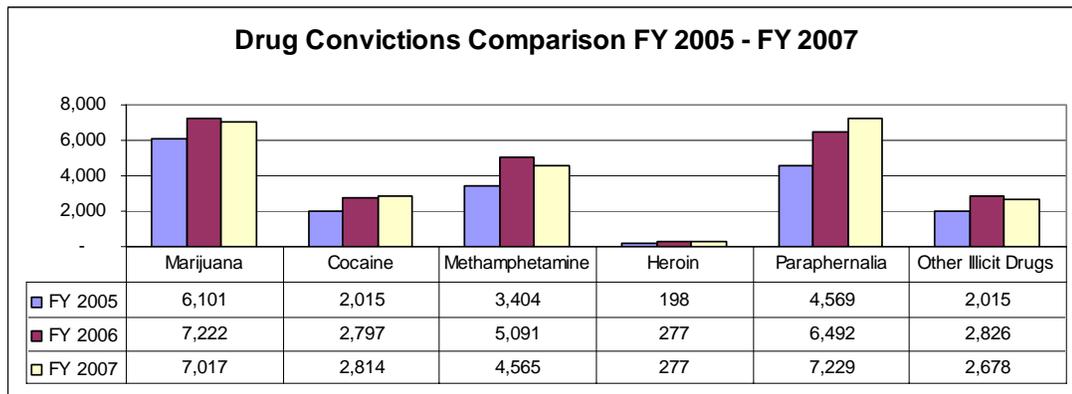
Marijuana and methamphetamine seizures increased in FY 2007. More than 276,906 pounds of marijuana and 63,656 plants were removed from northeastern Arizona’s growing areas; 421 pounds of methamphetamine were seized, a decrease from FY 2006. More than 1,899 pounds of cocaine, a 26% increase from FY 2006, was removed from the Arizona streets by the multi-jurisdictional, multi agency task forces funded from the account.

The 16 multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task forces discovered 16 methamphetamine laboratories in FY 2007, a 20 percent decrease from the 20 seized in FY 2006. Each pound of methamphetamine produced leaves behind five to seven pounds of toxic waste. Disposal of highly toxic chemicals such as acids and other hazardous substances cost Arizona \$4.1 million from 2000-2005 according to the *Arizona’s Meth Crisis 2006*, published by the Arizona Attorney General. Methamphetamine laboratories in Arizona have been on the decline since 2005. The methamphetamine laboratories moved to Mexico, where the precursor chemicals have been more readily available.

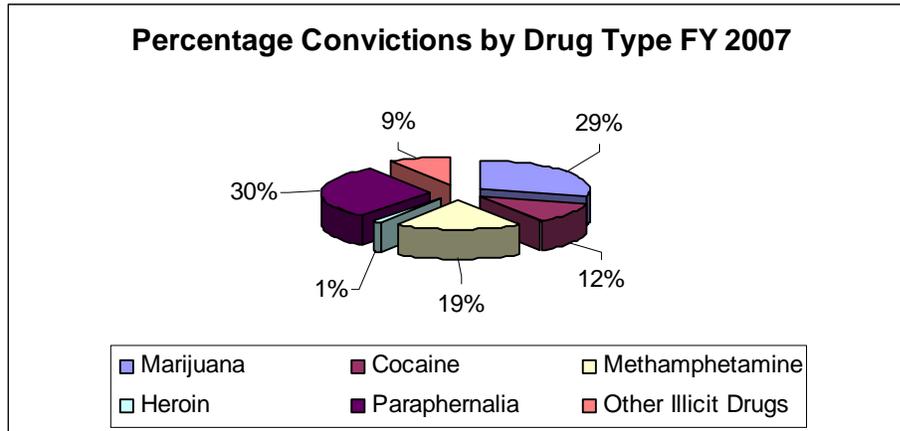
Drug traffickers' non-drug assets with a gross estimated value of \$16,005,596 were seized during this 12-month period.

Conviction activity

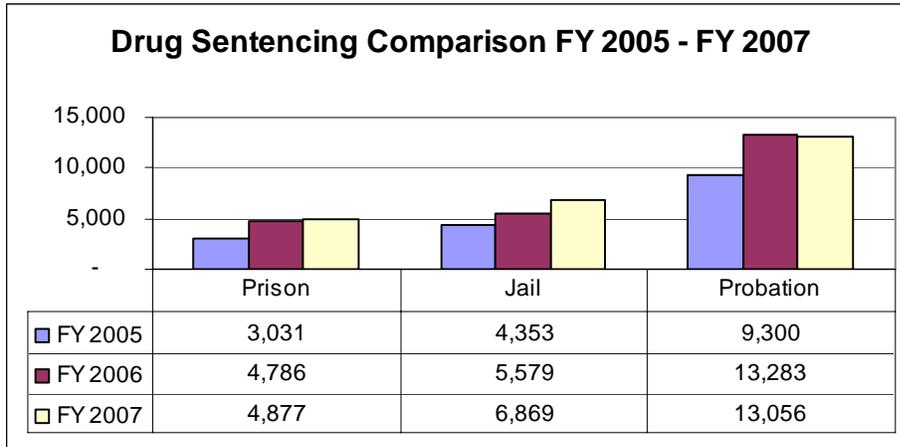
Activity reports have been compiled from the 15 drug prosecution programs in 13 of Arizona’s 15 counties including the Tucson City Prosecutor’s Office and the Attorney General’s Forfeiture Program. In FY 2007 convictions show an increase for cocaine, paraphernalia and other illicit drug types.



During FY 2007, 24,605 drug violators were convicted in the state. More than 62 percent were felony convictions. Twenty-nine percent of the convictions were for marijuana, 30 percent for paraphernalia and 19 percent for methamphetamine-related charges.



Prison sentences were handed down to 4,877 of these convicted drug violators; 6,869 received jail sentences. Of those, 4,523 also received probation in addition to jail time, and 13,056 were placed on probation.



Criminal records improvement

The criminal justice records improvement programs receiving support funds from the account have enabled state, county and local law enforcement agencies to improve criminal justice records automation systems by the acquisition of hardware, software and consultant expertise. As mandated by A.R.S, § 41-1750 Arizona criminal justice agencies are required to submit arrest and case disposition information for all felony offenses to the central state repository, also called the Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACCH). The criminal arrest and disposition information creates a criminal history record within the ACCH linking the offender to the specific offense. This information is shared with local, state, and federal agencies as well as private institutions for running background checks, investigating criminal cases, and issuing firearms permits.

To assess the quality of Arizona’s criminal records contained in the ACCH, the Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) of the ACJC utilized the Records Quality Index (RQI), developed by Structured Decisions Corporation (SDC). The index is calculated by accounting for timeliness, completeness, and level of accessibility of the criminal history records; the higher the RQI, the higher the quality.

Arizona's RQI was lower than the National RQI (NRQI) in 1997, and by 2003 the state RQI was much higher than the NRQI. The complete report *Criminal History Records in Arizona 1997 to 2005 Trend Analysis* is available at: http://www.azcjc.gov/pubs/home/RQI_FactSheet_0707.pdf

Account history

Expenditures from the account began in March 1988 and a sustained continuous program has been maintained since that time. From April 1, 1988 through June 30, 2007, \$88,961,015 has been expended on apprehension programs; \$78,416,504 for prosecution programs; \$44,341,430 for adjudication programs; \$16,884,697 on drug forensic analysis and drug offender detention programs; \$1,432,222 drug prevention and education; and \$8,921,087 for criminal history records improvement programs, which had its first expenditure in FY 1995.

The statewide enhanced drug enforcement program has been very successful. During the 19 years, apprehension program activities resulted in the arrest of 65,412 drug offense violators. Program activities were responsible for the removal of more than 71,660 pounds of cocaine; more than 2,929,127 pounds of marijuana; more than 448 pounds of heroin; and more than 4,881 pounds of amphetamine/methamphetamine. Drug traffickers' non-drug assets with a gross estimated value of \$220,018,244 were seized.

The results achieved in the 19 years of the enhanced drug enforcement program show that for every \$1,360 expended by the apprehension program, one drug violator arrest was made, and drug traffickers were deprived of the profit from the drugs seized and also deprived of an estimated value of \$3,364 in non-drug assets seized.

Notice

Actual forfeiture of seized trafficker assets is a legal process and the gross estimated value of such seizures is very seldom received by law enforcement and prosecuting agencies. After forfeiture is achieved, lien holders (financial institutions and other legitimate claimants) are paid from the actual forfeiture proceeds. Storage, property maintenance and management costs, processing and disposition fees are paid from forfeiture proceeds. The gross estimated value of seizures is used only as an indicator of the negative impact seizures have on drug traffickers' resources.

The statewide distribution of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account funds for FY 2007 for each program is presented by county on the following pages.

	<u>FY 2007</u>		<u>FY 2007</u>
<i>Apache County</i>		<i>Greenlee County</i>	
Apprehension	\$241,796	Apprehension	\$30,340
Adjudication	23,426	Adjudication	7,882
Prosecution	75,800	Total	\$38,222
Total	\$341,022		
<i>Cochise County</i>		<i>La Paz County</i>	
Apprehension	\$164,908	Apprehension	\$129,220
Adjudication	47,444	Adjudication	17,962
Prosecution	139,000	Prosecution	68,000
Total	\$458,236	Total	\$215,182
<i>Coconino County</i>		<i>Maricopa County</i>	
Apprehension	\$261,829	Apprehension	\$661,933
Adjudication	51,707	Adjudication	1,368,232
Detention	28,500	Criminal Justice Records	40,987
Prosecution	116,200	Forensic Analysis	29,570
Total	\$458,236	Prosecution	1,535,000
		Total	\$3,635,722
<i>Gila County</i>		<i>Mohave County</i>	
Apprehension	\$322,820	Apprehension	\$369,600
Adjudication	30,000	Adjudication	70,444
Prosecution	57,000	Prosecution	200,000
Total	\$409,820	Total	\$640,044
<i>Graham County</i>		<i>Navajo County</i>	
Apprehension	\$24,487	Apprehension	\$254,800
Adjudication	18,835	Adjudication	43,609
Total	\$43,322	Prosecution	106,400
		Total	\$404,809

	<u>FY 2007</u>		<u>FY 2007</u>
<i>Pima County</i>		<i>Yavapai County</i>	
Apprehension	\$894,000	Apprehension	\$412,380
Adjudication	295,679	Adjudication	88,302
Forensic Analysis	48,600	Prosecution	68,000
Prosecution	868,400	Total	\$568,682
Total	\$2,106,679		
<i>Pinal County</i>		<i>Yuma County</i>	
Apprehension	\$209,000	Apprehension	\$126,809
Adjudication	81,498	Adjudication	58,622
Prosecution	174,400	Prosecution	317,700
Total	\$464,898	Total	\$503,131
<i>Santa Cruz County</i>		<i>State</i>	
Apprehension	\$245,295	Adjudication	\$17,737
Adjudication	17,226	Criminal Justice Records	146,667
Prosecution	43,500	Forensic Analysis	409,200
Total	\$306,021	Prosecution	819,200
		Total	\$1,473,804

The next section in this report contains a report on each program funded by the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account.

Apprehension (multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency) Task Force Activities

	<u>FY 2007</u>
<i>Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Narcotics Team (ACCENT)</i>	\$241,796
<i>Cochise County Border Alliance Group (BAG)</i>	164,908
<i>Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Unit</i>	287,013
<i>Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)</i>	894,000
<i>Gila County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force</i>	322,820
<i>Greenlee County Narcotics Task Force</i>	30,340
<i>La Paz County Narcotics Task Force</i>	129,220
<i>Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team (MCNNET)</i>	374,920
<i>Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)</i>	369,600
<i>Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)</i>	254,800
<i>Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (METRO)</i>	261,829
<i>Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)</i>	412,380
<i>Pinal County Drug and Gang Enforcement Multi-agency Task Force</i>	209,000
<i>Santa Cruz County METRO Task Force</i>	245,295
<i>Southeastern Arizona Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Task Force</i>	24,487
<i>Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF)</i>	126,809
TOTAL	\$4,349,217

Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Narcotics Team (ACCENT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$241,796
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	48,526
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	120,481

Project Description: This program is administered by the Apache County Sheriff’s Office. The Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Narcotics Team is a small, formally organized multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency narcotics task force operating under a board of directors. It consists of local officers working closely with a full-time drug case prosecutor to identify, arrest and prosecute drug traffickers, and to seize drugs and forfeitable assets.

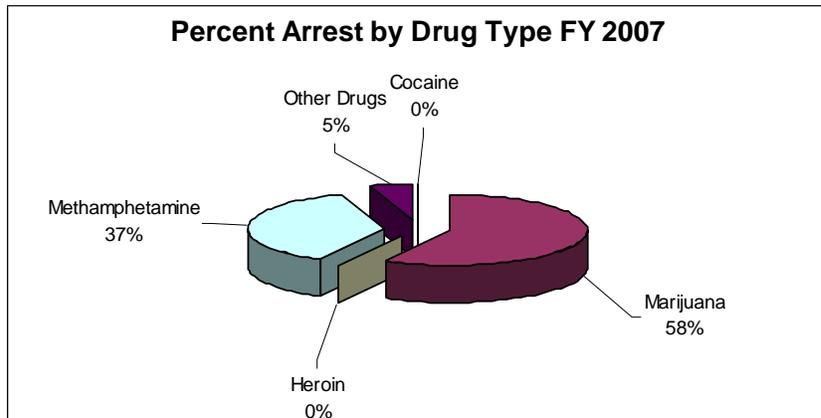
Task Force Participants: St. John’s Police Department, Springerville Police Department, Eagar Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Apache County Attorney’s Office, Apache County Sheriff’s Office.

Objective: To eradicate drugs through investigation and prosecution and to continue to spearhead and assist in any major crime investigation in Apache County.

Project Activity: This multi-agency task force has made 2,402 drug arrests since its inception in April 1988. The task force has seized more than 443 pounds of cocaine, 16,748 pounds of marijuana, 7,114 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 73 pounds of methamphetamine and 37,515 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. The task force has seized drug law violators’ assets with an estimated value of \$3,444,857. This enforcement program provides limited coverage for an area suspected of having high levels of transportation of illicit drugs coming from the United States-Mexico border, through Southern Arizona, with distribution throughout the nation.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	52	74	88
Sales/Trafficking	69	34	75
Total	121	108	163
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	1,361	152,414	0
Heroin (grams)	0	3	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	7,055	195	358
Cannabis (pounds)	8,066	322	921
Cannabis (plants)	10	3	110
Other drugs (dosage units)	8,215	915	164
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$74,591	\$25,855	\$332,193

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Cochise County Border Alliance Group (BAG)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$146,908
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	33,095
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	81,169

Project Description: This program is administered by the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office. The Border Alliance Group (BAG) is a drug enforcement task force involving federal, state and local agencies. They are formally organized to identify, arrest and prosecute drug traffickers. The task force is organized to seize drugs and cash assets and pursue investigative leads to upper level trafficking organizations operating in the federally designated Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area that includes all of Cochise County.

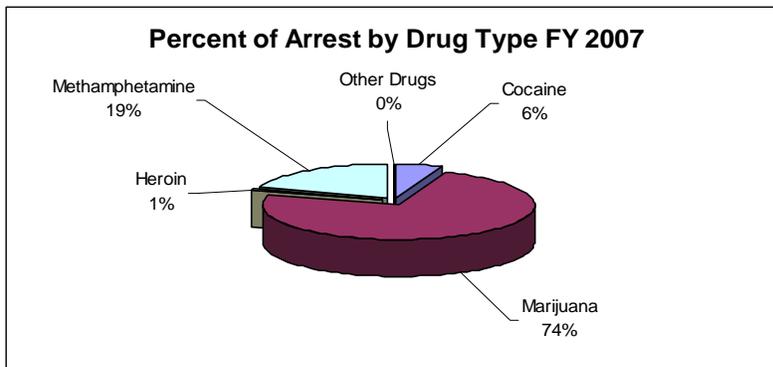
Task Force Participants: Tombstone Marshal’s Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Public Safety, Willcox Police Department, Cochise County Attorney’s Office, Arizona Attorney General’s Office, Cochise County Sheriff’s Office.

Objective: To deter and disrupt the importation, distribution and production of unlawful narcotics and illegal substances; to effectively dismantle the drug smuggling and street gang networks and reduce the occurrence of violent crimes in Cochise County.

Project Activity: This task force, operating along the 83 miles of remote, sparsely populated United States border with the Republic of Mexico, has continued its high levels of productivity in drug seizures. It includes more than 14,158 pounds of cocaine, 502,814 pounds of marijuana, 4,882 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 185 pounds of methamphetamine, and moderate amounts of other dangerous drugs, since its inception in 1988. The task force has also seized drug law violators’ assets valued at an estimated \$15,821,351 and made 3,277 arrests, 64.3 percent (2,107) were for sales/trafficking offenses. This level of task force activity continues to support the value derived from inter-agency cooperation in the anti-drug campaign, with substantial impact on reducing the availability of illicit drugs.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	71	135	69
Sales/Trafficking	46	74	91
Total	117	179	160
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	122,599	99,205	32,609
Heroin (grams)	28	7,349	201
Methamphetamine (grams)	39,865	625	1,297
Cannabis (pounds)	35,265	23,367	23,708
Cannabis (plants)	68	0	12
Other drugs (dosage units)	12	12	185
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$59,904	\$69,855	\$312,514

Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



For more information on This task force read related article in Ripped from the Headlines on page 61.

Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Unit

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$287,013
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	57,601
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	143,011

Project Description: The Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Unit program is administered by the Phoenix Police Department. The unit is a formally organized multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency narcotics enforcement task force targeting drug traffickers using commercial transportation and air freight/parcel companies to traffic drugs and money for drug purchases.

Task Force Participants: United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and the Phoenix Police Department.

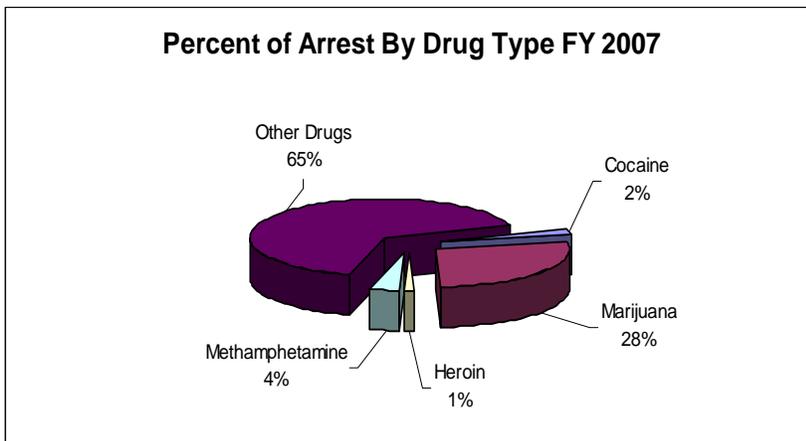
Objective: To eliminate and substantially reduce the illegal transportation of drugs and money used to purchase drugs for transport to other parts of the United States.

Project Activity: Since its inception in 1988, the Task Force has seized 619 pounds of cocaine, 79,567 pounds of marijuana, 107 cannabis plants, 16 pounds of heroin, more than 349 pounds of methamphetamine and 1,459,310 dosage units of other drugs. The unit has seized assets estimated value of more than \$37,936,434, mostly cash. Of the units 2,688 arrests (81.6 percent) were for sales/trafficking offenses.

ARRESTS	FY2005	**FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	7	0	4
Sales/Trafficking	274	0	162
Total	281	0	166
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	6,835	0	4,010
Heroin (grams)	3,835	0	10
Methamphetamine (grams)	4,101	0	48,294
Cannabis (pounds)	9,549	0	10,235
Cannabis (plants)	0	0	0
Other drugs (dosage units)	22,790	0	428,652
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$4,142,078	\$0	\$3,809,396

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)

** Project not funded FY 2006.



For more information on this task force read related story in Making a Difference in Arizona on pages 54 and 56.

Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$894,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	178,417
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	445,457

Project Description: This program is administered by the Tucson Police Department. CNA is a formally organized multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency narcotics enforcement task force in Pima County initiated in July 1988. It operates under a multi-agency policy board that ensures ongoing adherence to its mission statement. With enhanced drug grant funding, the task force works to reduce demand, target mid-level and upper-level drug dealers and decrease the narcotics problem in Pima County, including the Tucson Metropolitan Area.

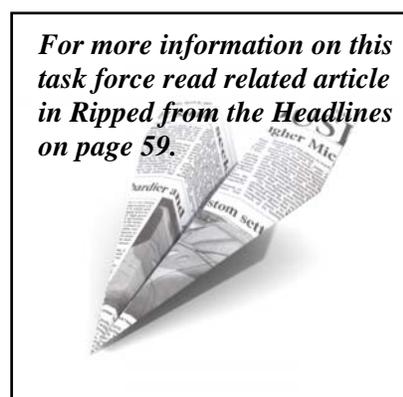
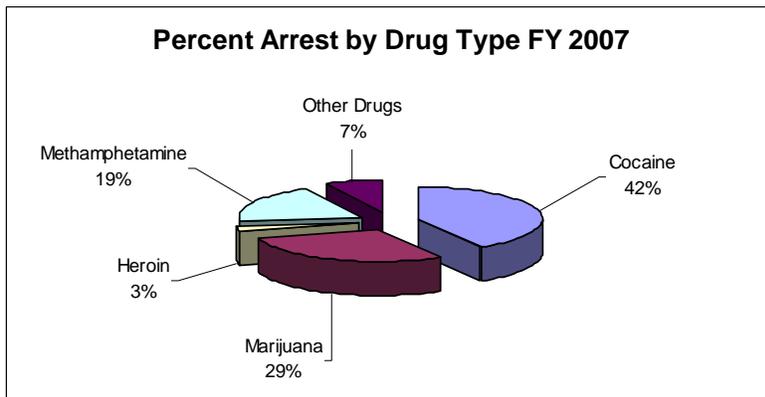
Task Force Participants: Pima County Sheriff's Office, South Tucson Police Department, Marana Police Department, Oro Valley Police Department, University of Arizona Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, U.S. Postal Inspector, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Pima County Attorney's Office, Tucson Police Department.

Objective: To eliminate and substantially reduce the illegal purchase, transportation and use of narcotics and marijuana and all related crimes of violence in the greater Tucson-Pima County metropolitan area.

Project Activity: The CNA Task Force was implemented in July 1988, and continues to exceed project objectives. The unit has seized more than 15,143 pounds of cocaine, 2,283,008 pounds of marijuana, 11,890 cannabis plants under cultivation, 28 pounds of heroin, more than 427 pounds of methamphetamine, and 1,450,916 dosage units of other drugs. The unit reports the seizure of drug violator assets with an estimated gross value of \$61,759,892. This project has been responsible for 10,178 drug arrests.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	865	498	859
Sales/Trafficking	652	570	774
Total	1,517	1,068	1,633
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	63,260	51,260	92,530
Heroin (grams)	187	2,445	3,902
Methamphetamine (grams)	3,868	120,284	39,123
Cannabis (pounds)	101,498	119,350	162,030
Cannabis (plants)	107	1,238	1,272
Other drugs (dosage units)	139,523	1,099,050	954
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$7,325,423	\$4,358,327	\$2,431,013

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Gila County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$322,820
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	64,787
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	160,853

Project Description: This program is administered by the Gila County Sheriff’s Office. The Gila County Narcotics Task Force is a formally organized multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency unit was created to identify, arrest and prosecute drug traffickers, seize drugs and cash assets. From April through September each year this unit is engaged in the discovery and dismantling of illegal large marijuana growing operations in Gila County.

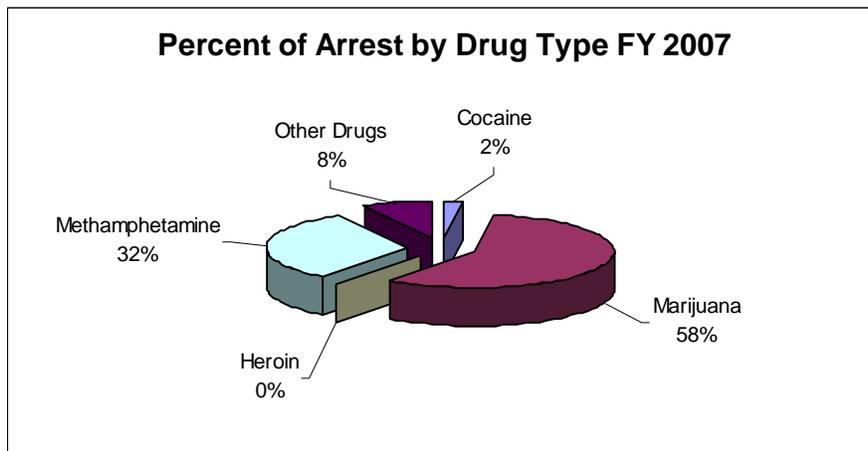
Task Force Participants: Gila County Attorney’s Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Gila County Sheriff’s Office.

Objective: To reduce drug trafficking and gang violence, promote public safety and awareness, increase cooperation and participation of state, county and local agencies through training, drug investigations and violator asset seizures.

Project Activity: The Gila County Narcotics Task Force was initiated in June 1988. Since then, they have arrested 3,190 drug law violators. The 66.8 percent (2,134) arrest rate for in use/possession reflects the task force’s firm user accountability approach to deterring drug abuse. The unit has seized more than 12 pounds of cocaine, 13,924 pounds of marijuana, 203,634 cannabis plants under cultivation, 148 grams of heroin, and more than 305 pounds of methamphetamine, with smaller amounts of other dangerous drugs. Drug violator assets seized have an estimated gross value of \$4,059,628.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	118	131	313
Sales/Trafficking	37	46	40
Total	155	177	171
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	19	17	29
Heroin (grams)	0	0	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	300	529	880
Cannabis (pounds)	859	2,575	1390
Cannabis (plants)	11,835	98,862	72,689
Other drugs (dosage units)	88	872	110
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$185,189	\$501,819	\$350,532

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Greenlee County Narcotics Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$30,340
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	6,089
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	15,118

Project Description: This program is administered by the Greenlee County Sheriff's Office. The Greenlee County Narcotics Task Force is informally organized with participating agencies agreeing to provide resources and manpower as needed to conduct narcotics investigations and enforcement activity throughout the county.

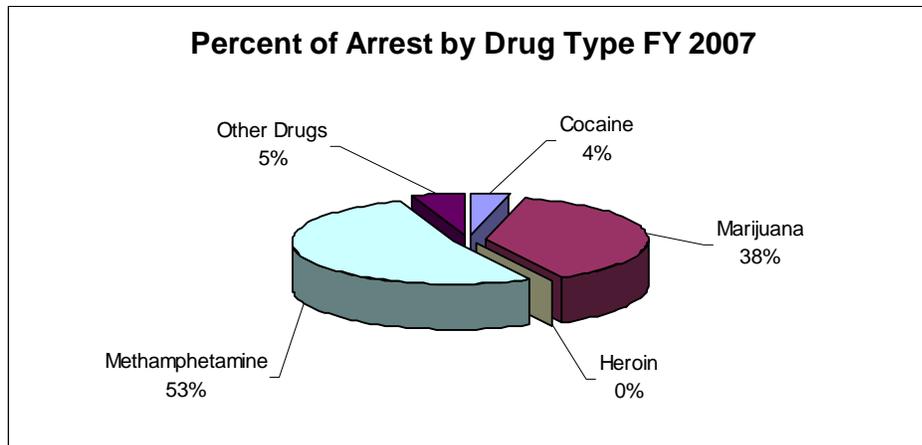
Task Force Participants: Department of Public Safety, Clifton Police Department, Greenlee County Attorney's Office, Greenlee County Sheriff's Office.

Objectives: To maintain and identify drug users and gang members, arrest and prosecute drug and gang offenders, maintain and develop informants in Greenlee County.

Project Activity: The Greenlee County Narcotics Task Force was initiated in July 1992. This small rural task force has made 615 arrests, of which 81.6 percent (502) were for use/possession offenses. This reflects the task force's user accountability approach to deterring drug abuse in the county. The unit has seized 40 ounces of cocaine, and more than 506 pounds of marijuana. Drug violators', assets seized have an estimated gross value of \$52,176.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	26	66	59
Sales/Trafficking	3	17	17
Total	29	83	76
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	0	0	57
Heroin (grams)	0	0	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	32	55	187
Cannabis (pounds)	1	4	3
Cannabis (plants)	0	9	0
Other drugs (dosage units)	0	41	30,618
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



La Paz County Narcotics Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$129,220
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	25,933
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	64,387

Project Description: This program is administered by the La Paz County Sheriff's Office. The multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency La Paz County Narcotics Task Force operates in La Paz County and along the Colorado River in Western Arizona to identify, arrest and prosecute drug traffickers and seize illicit drugs, drug law violators' assets for forfeiture. The task force coordinates many regional activities with the Southwest Border Alliance, MAGNET and Prescott Area Narcotics Task Forces.

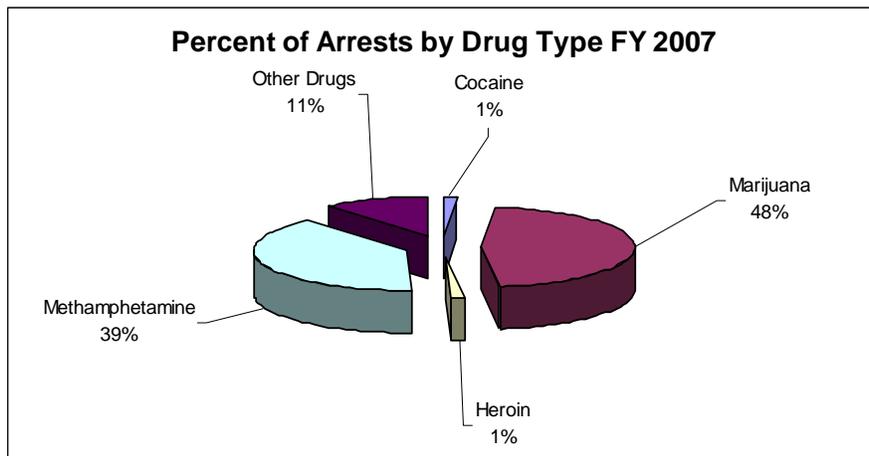
Task Force Participants: Parker Police Department, Quartzsite Marshal's Office, La Paz County Attorney's Office, La Paz County Sheriff's Office.

Objective: To coordinate resources available from all agencies for a cooperative effort to combat the drug and gang problem in La Paz and neighboring jurisdiction.

Project Activity: Since its inception in 1988, the La Paz County Narcotics Task Force has made 1,487 drug arrests, 65.6 percent (976) of which were for sales/trafficking offenses. The unit has seized 641 pounds of cocaine, 13,386 pounds of marijuana, 1,659 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 390 pounds of methamphetamine, 166,139 dosage units of other dangerous drugs, and 2.17 pounds of heroin. Drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$7,294,682 were also seized for forfeiture.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	33	19	21
Sales/Trafficking	40	43	58
Total	73	62	79
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	2,778	63	15,003
Heroin (grams)	1	66	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	14,976	1,360	28,869
Cannabis (pounds)	1,737	2,588	2,410
Cannabis (plants)	0	58	105
Other drugs (dosage units)	0	1,299	54
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$903,831	\$839,801	\$506,485

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team (MCNNET)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$374,920
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	75,243
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	186,813

Project Description: This program is administered by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. The Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team combines resources of individual agencies in western Maricopa County to combat the increasing gang and narcotic activities in these communities.

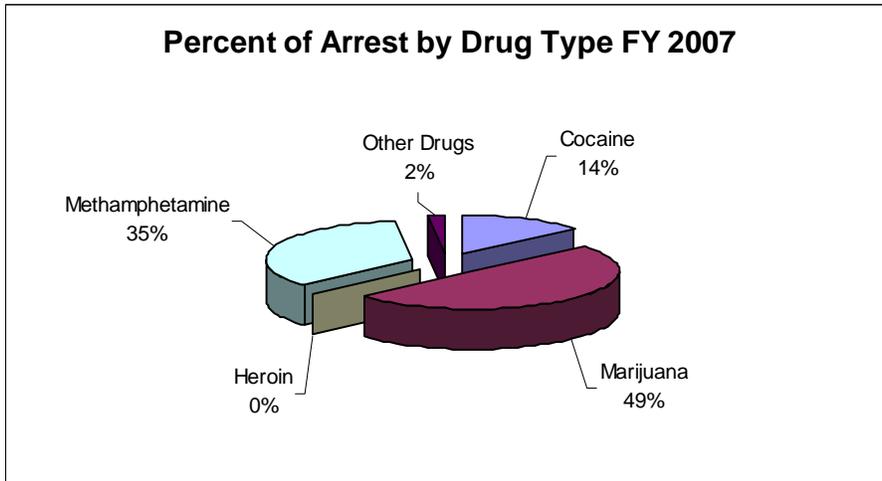
Task Force Participants: The El Mirage Police Department, Goodyear Police Department, Arizona National Guard, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

Objectives: To reduce the sale, distribution and use of illegal drugs and to reduce gang involvement in criminal activities. This is achieved by using direct enforcement details and public education.

Project Activity: The Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team was initiated in July 1993. This task force has made 1,761 drug related arrests, of which 45.6 percent (804) were for sales/trafficking offenses. They have seized more than 20 pounds of cocaine, 28,542 pounds of marijuana, almost 6 pounds of heroin, more than 20 pounds of methamphetamine and 41,596 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. Drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$2,507,578 were also seized for forfeiture.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	31	59	67
Sales/Trafficking	60	104	41
Total	91	163	108
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	181	154	53
Heroin (grams)	19	21	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	2,751	3,183	1,071
Cannabis (pounds)	1,261	13,271	2,572
Cannabis (plants)	1,178	14,305	66
Other drugs (dosage units)	698	28	1,262
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$270,642	\$991,054	\$220,378

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$369,600
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	74,175
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	184,162

Project Description: This program is administered by the Kingman Police Department. MAGNET is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency narcotics task force organized to identify, arrest and prosecute drug traffickers, seize drugs and cash assets, and follow investigative leads on narcotics smuggling and illegal drug laboratory activity in Mohave County.

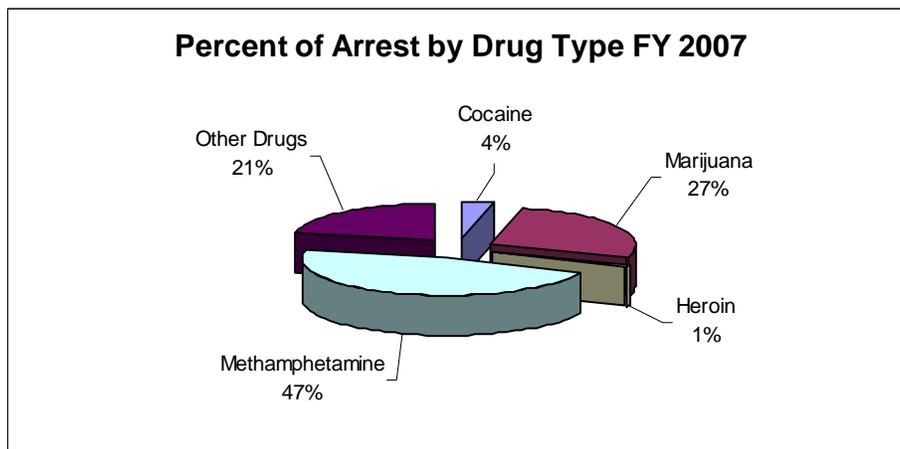
Task Force Participants: Lake Havasu City Police Department, Bullhead City Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Mohave County Attorney's Office, Mohave County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kingman Police Department.

Objective: To maintain and continue a county-wide intelligence network, continue to participate in community policy activities, maintain and expand informant and information sources for education.

Project Activity: The MAGNET task force has made 8,542 arrests since its inception in April 1988. Of these, 38.6 percent (3,300) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The task force has seized 4,245 pounds of cocaine, 26,901 pounds of marijuana, 34,318 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 13 pounds of heroin, 416 pounds of methamphetamine, and more than 1,070,971 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. The unit has also seized an estimated \$12,155,961 in drug law violators' assets.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	309	298	283
Sales/Trafficking	116	117	74
Total	425	415	357
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	373,406	12,069	197,891
Heroin (grams)	62	1,012	27
Methamphetamine (grams)	24,550	16,637	14,180
Cannabis (pounds)	2,005	193	436
Cannabis (plants)	41	71	8,016
Other drugs (dosage units)	178,328	179	85,764
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$413,559	\$63,242	\$495,209

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$254,800
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	51,136
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	126,960

Project Description: This program is administered by the Navajo County Sheriff’s Office. The Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team is a formally organized, multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task force operating throughout Navajo County with state and local officers to identify, arrest and vigorously prosecute drug traffickers and to seize drugs and drug law violators' assets.

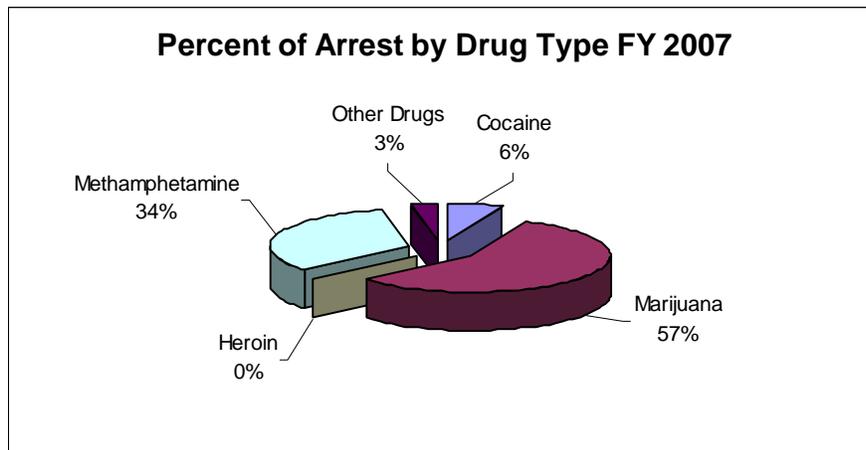
Task Force Participants: Holbrook Police Department, Show Low Police Department, Winslow Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department, Snowflake-Taylor Police Department, Navajo County Attorney’s Office, Navajo County Sheriff’s Office.

Objective: To reduce the level of gang related activity and associated criminal behavior throughout Navajo County and identify terrorist activities.

Project Activity: Since its inception in April 1988, this task force has seized more than 302 pounds of cocaine, 11,703 pounds of marijuana, 2,327 marijuana plants under cultivation, more than 78 pounds of methamphetamine and nominal amounts of other illicit drugs. The unit has made 2,763 arrests of which 55.5 percent (1,535) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The task force also seized traffickers' assets with an estimated value of \$5,152,880.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	54	99	108
Sales/Trafficking	96	125	115
Total	150	224	223
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	1,938	756	10,896
Heroin (grams)	1	1	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	1,090	590	1,495
Cannabis (pounds)	71	199	1,325
Cannabis (plants)	13	19	66
Other drugs (dosage units)	595	450	565
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$43,334	\$95,359	\$469,699

Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (METRO)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$261,829
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	52,547
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	130,462

Project Description: This program is administered by the Flagstaff Police Department. The Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (METRO) is formally organized under a board of directors in Coconino County combining federal, state and local resources to identify, investigate, arrest and prosecute drug law violators and seize their illicit drugs and assets, as well as to assist in any major felony investigation in the county when necessary.

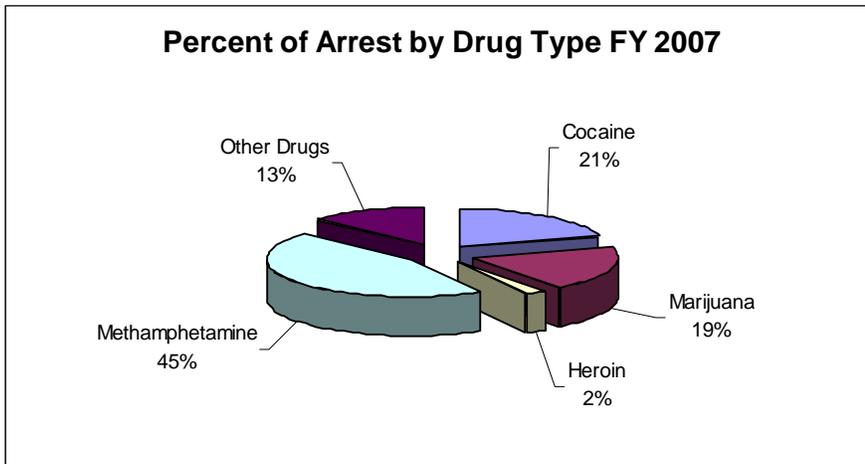
Task Force Participants: Northern Arizona University Police, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Williams Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF), Page Police Department, Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Coconino County Attorney's Office, Flagstaff Police Department.

Objective: To investigate arrest and prosecute gang members and narcotics traffickers in Northern Arizona. This is accomplished through the support of criminal investigations, comprehensive training and intelligence information.

Project Activity: This multi-agency task force has made 3,204 arrests since its inception in April 1988, of which 44.6 percent (1,432) were for drug sales/trafficking offenses. The task force has seized more than 1,032 pounds of cocaine, 32,121 pounds of marijuana, 5,167 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 96 pounds of methamphetamine, and 132,180 dosage units of dangerous drugs. The unit has also seized drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$5,805,159.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	88	69	72
Sales/Trafficking	61	53	47
Total	149	122	121
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	4,250	433	96
Heroin (grams)	24	1	10
Methamphetamine (grams)	512	3,040	922
Cannabis (pounds)	20	84	8
Cannabis (plants)	246	95	1,068
Other drugs (dosage units)	13,485	8,545	56,264
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$125,897	\$105,159	\$151,607

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$412,380
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	82,761
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	205,478

Project Description: This program is administered by the Sedona Police Department. The Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT) is a formally organized, multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task force operating in Yavapai County to identify, arrest and prosecute drug traffickers, seize drugs and cash assets, and conduct multi-level narcotics enforcement and investigative activities.

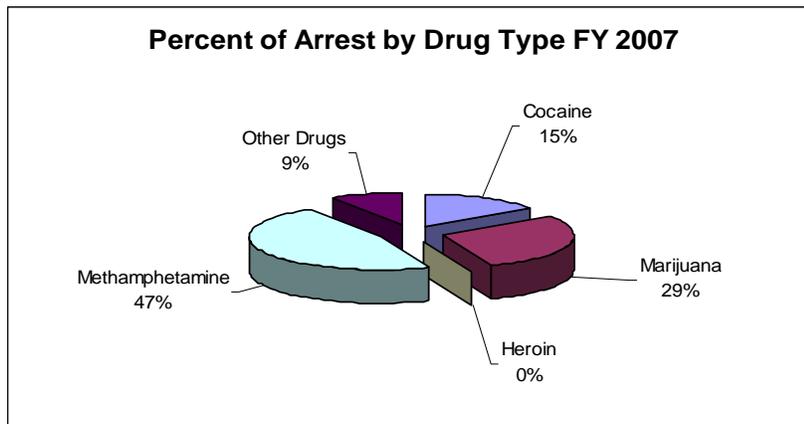
Task Force Participants: Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, Prescott Valley Police Department, Chino Valley Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Clarkdale Police Department, Camp Verde Marshal's Office, Cottonwood Police Department, Jerome Police Department, Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Police Department, Yavapai-Apache Tribal Police Department, Yavapai County Attorney, Prescott Police Department, Sedona Police Department.

Objective: To maintain and increase intelligence network that will combat the readily increasing methamphetamine and other illicit drug influx in Yavapai County. To educate youth and parents to the danger of involvement with the use of drugs and gangs, and to solve violent and gang-related crimes.

Project Activity: Since its inception in April 1988, this task force has made 3,535 arrests, of which 46.2 percent (1,636) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The unit has seized 1,595 pounds of cocaine, 17,000 pounds of marijuana, 28,775 cannabis plants under cultivation, 4 pounds of heroin, more than 279 pounds of methamphetamine, and 708,064 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. Non-drug assets with an estimated value of \$7,640,979 were also seized.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	70	85	126
Sales/Trafficking	78	108	125
Total	148	193	251
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	185	298	165
Heroin (grams)	1	62	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	3,507	1,368	2,463
Cannabis (pounds)	61	19	41
Cannabis (plants)	23	66	26
Other drugs (dosage units)	659	52	772
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$349,547	\$314,085	\$590,977

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Pinal County Drug and Gang Enforcement Multi-agency Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$209,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	41,944
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	104,140

Project Description: This program is administered by the Pinal County Sheriff's Office. The Pinal County Drug and Gang Enforcement Multi-agency Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency unit organized to identify, arrest and prosecute individual traffickers at the street, mid and upper-level. They seize drugs and cash assets, and pursue investigative leads to upper-level drug trafficking organizations operating in the federally designated Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) that includes Pinal County.

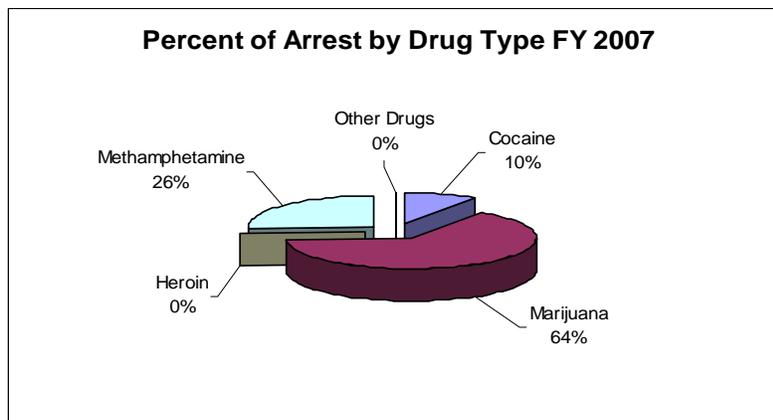
Task Force Participants: Casa Grande Police Department, Eloy Police Department, Kearny Police Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Coolidge Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Pinal County Attorney's Office, Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narcotics Task Force, Pinal County Sheriff's Department.

Objective: To dismantle drug smuggling operations, increase pressure on drug smuggling, continue to improve networking of agencies in Pinal County and continue efforts of creating a more cohesive network of agencies.

Project Activity: This task force has made 5,257 drug arrests since its inception in 1988. Of these, 43 percent (2,264) were for drug sales/trafficking offenses. This formally organized task force, with a board of directors representing participant agencies, has seized 4,071 pounds of cocaine, 150,789 pounds of marijuana, 4,652 cannabis plants under cultivation, 162 pounds of methamphetamine, more than 66 pounds of heroin and large amounts of other illicit drugs. In addition, traffickers' assets valued at \$18,051,404 were also seized for forfeiture.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	206	219	245
Sales/Trafficking	121	123	143
Total	327	342	388
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	38,105	35,819	122,822
Heroin (grams)	22	0	4
Methamphetamine (grams)	13,662	8,496	21,666
Cannabis (pounds)	29,892	15,879	23,818
Cannabis (plants)	65	49	90
Other drugs (dosage units)	323	3,884	50
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$803,290	\$989,728	\$2,598,488

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Santa Cruz County METRO Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$245,295
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	49,229
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	122,224

Project Description: This program is administered by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. The Santa Cruz County Multi-agency Enforcement Against Trafficking and Racketeering Offenses (METRO) Task Force is organized to work closely with federal agencies, particularly the Drug Enforcement Administration, to address drug trafficking problems in Nogales and Santa Cruz County. This has been designated a Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

Task Force Participants: Nogales Police Department, Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narcotics Task Force, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office, United States Border Patrol, United States Forest Service, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

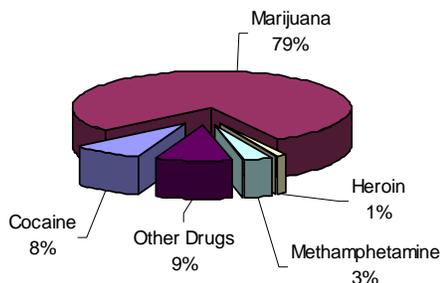
Objectives: To reduce the illegal importation and transportation of illicit drugs and narcotics by identifying, arresting, and seizing illicit drugs and trafficker's assets.

Project Activity: This strategically located unit continues its high level of productivity. Since it was combined with the Nogales CEASE task force in July 1990, the Santa Cruz County METRO Task Force has made 4,789 drug arrests. The task force has seized 9,813 pounds of cocaine, more than 73 pounds of heroin, and 431,568 pounds of marijuana, along with drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$12,663,710.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	204	259	249
Sales/Trafficking	305	160	153
Total	509	419	402
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	134,557	88,081	66,364
Heroin (grams)	6	1,770	7,439
Methamphetamine (grams)	106,563	82,066	24,879
Cannabis (pounds)	48,273	88,081	38,695
Cannabis (plants)	16	5	3
Other drugs (dosage units)	2,888	774	884
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$1,946,199	\$1,353,911	\$1,021,969

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)

Percent of Arrest by Drug Type FY 2007



For more information on this task force read related article in *Ripped from the Headlines* on page 60.



For more information on this task force read related story in *Making a Difference in Arizona* on page 55.

Southeastern Arizona Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$24,487
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	4,912
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	12,203

Project Description: This program is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office. The Southeastern Arizona Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task force, formally organized to conduct drug interdiction, marijuana field eradication, street-level narcotics enforcement and investigative activities throughout Graham County.

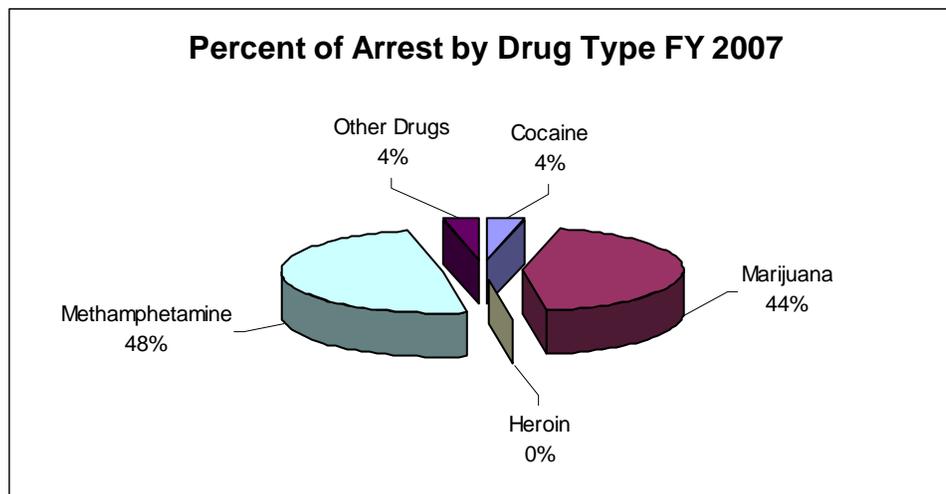
Task Force Participants: Safford Police Department, Thatcher Police Department, Pima Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Graham County Attorney's Office, Graham County Sheriff's Office.

Objectives: To identify, investigate, arrest and prosecute those involved in illegal drugs, gang activity and violent crimes in Graham County and reduce the use of illegal drugs, gang activity and violent crimes.

Project Activity: This small rural county task force has made 1,235 arrests since its inception in April 1988. The task force has seized more than 2 pounds of cocaine, 1,397 pounds of marijuana, 587 cannabis plants under cultivation, and smaller amounts of other dangerous drugs. The task force has seized an estimated \$552,361 in drug law violators' assets.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	34	16	41
Sales/Trafficking	50	35	9
Total	84	57	80
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	4	15	8
Heroin (grams)	1	5	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	937	236	134
Cannabis (pounds)	260	14	4
Cannabis (plants)	99	0	90
Other drugs (dosage units)	2	2	106
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$55,073	\$2,834	\$9,995

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$126,209
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	25,449
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	63,186

Project Description: This program is administered by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office. The Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF) is a consolidated, multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task force formerly known as the Southwest Border Alliance (SWBA). It was organized to identify, arrest and prosecute drug traffickers, seize drugs and cash assets and follow investigative leads on drug smuggling activity in the federally designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area of the Southwest Border, which includes Yuma County.

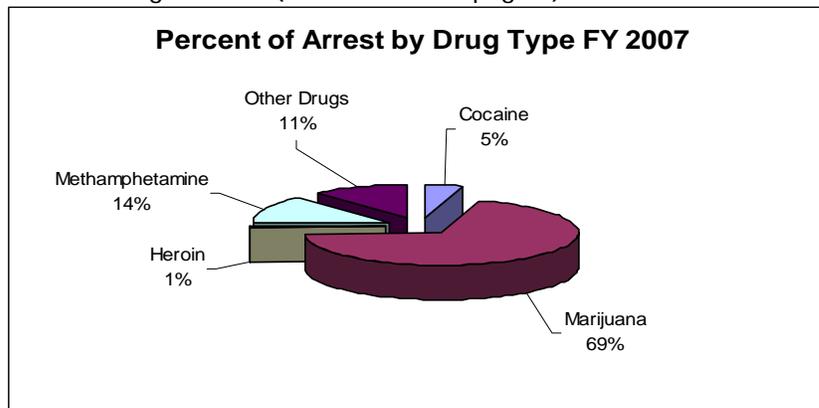
Task Force Participants: Somerton Police Department, San Luis Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Yuma County Attorney's Office, Yuma Police Department, Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Objective: To reduce the illegal importation and transportation of illicit drugs and narcotics by identifying, arresting and prosecuting violators, seizing illicit drugs and traffickers' assets, and locating and seizing illegal drug laboratories.

Project Activity: The YCNTF has arrested 7,830 drug law violators since its inception in April 1988. Of these, 65.3 percent (45,117) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The task force has maintained significant levels of productivity. Illicit drug seizures include more than 17,261 pounds of cocaine, 272,461 pounds of marijuana, more than 266 pounds of heroin, more than 1,773 pounds of methamphetamine, and 594,962 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. They have also seized drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$14,295,213. These statistics continue to show the severity of an enormous drug trafficking problem along the border between the United States and the Republic of Mexico.

ARRESTS	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Use/Possession	89	206	601
Sales/Trafficking	207	173	241
Total	296	379	842
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	289,408	242,763	319,159
Heroin (grams)	5,820	14,707	3,707
Methamphetamine (grams)	93,748	261,796	4,959
Cannabis (pounds)	11,713	23,124	9,056
Cannabis (plants)	27	3	43
Other drugs (dosage units)	41,815	1,585	8,116
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES	\$290,566	\$1,117,686	\$471,970

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 7)



Prosecution (multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency) Task Force Activities

	<u>FY 2007</u>
<i>Apache County Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Prosecution Program</i>	<i>\$75,800</i>
<i>Arizona Forfeiture Support Services Project</i>	<i>819,200</i>
<i>Cochise County Border Alliance Group (BAG)</i>	<i>139,000</i>
<i>Coconino County Prosecution of Drug Cases and Forfeitures</i>	<i>116,200</i>
<i>Gila County Drug Prosecution and Asset Forfeiture Program</i>	<i>57,000</i>
<i>La Paz County Drug Task Force Prosecutor</i>	<i>68,000</i>
<i>Maricopa County Attorney's Office Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Program</i>	<i>1,535,000</i>
<i>Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)</i>	<i>200,000</i>
<i>Navajo County Violent and Major Prosecution Enhancement</i>	<i>106,400</i>
<i>Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)</i>	<i>68,000</i>
<i>Pima County Drug Prosecution Project</i>	<i>558,000</i>
<i>Pinal County Drug Prosecution Unit</i>	<i>174,400</i>
<i>Santa Cruz County Drug Prosecution Program</i>	<i>43,500</i>
<i>Tucson City Attorney's Drug Enforcement Project</i>	<i>310,400</i>
<i>Yuma County Drug, Gang and Violence Prosecution</i>	<i>317,700</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$4,588,600</i>

Apache County Gang and Violent Crime Prosecution Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$75,800
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	15,216
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	37,769

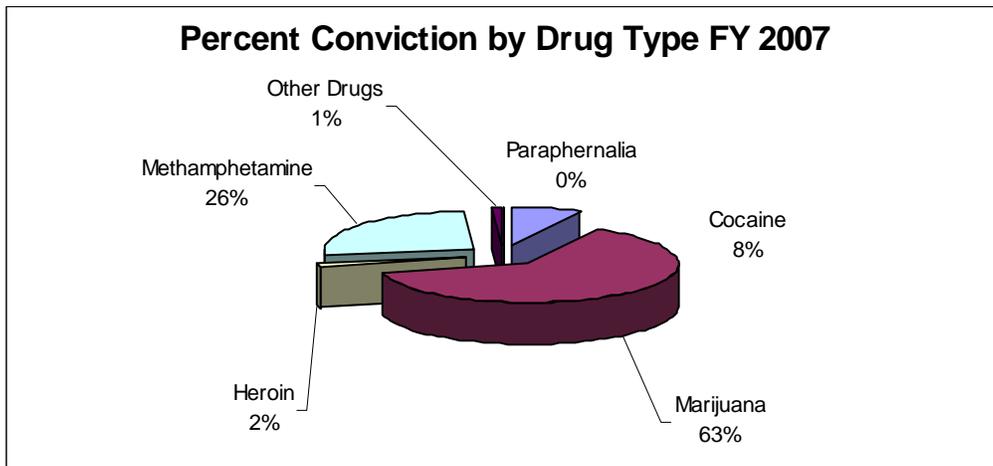
Project Description: This project is administered by the Apache County Attorney's Office. This gives them the ability to provide enhanced drug and gang prosecution, asset forfeiture processing and litigation service for the Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Narcotics Team and all other law enforcement agencies in Apache County.

Objective: To successfully develop cases and prosecute drug and gang offenders with the use of a full-time drug and gang prosecution and asset forfeiture attorney.

Project Activity: The attorney assigned to this project is an integral component of the ACCENT narcotics task force, providing direct, consistent handling of its drug cases. This project concluded 2,324 drug cases, resulting in 964 felony and 806 misdemeanor convictions since July 1991. Of those convicted: 142 were sent to prison, 205 spent time in jail and 1,124 were placed on probation. The unit obtained the forfeiture of \$296,957 in drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	180	143	126
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	87	99	49
Misdemeanor	63	34	69
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	14	20	15
Jail/Probation	10	1	5
Probation	100	103	84
VALUE OF FORFEITURE			
TOTAL	\$1,382	\$0	\$0

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Arizona Forfeiture Support Services Project

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$819,200
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	164,406
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	408,186

Project Description: This program is administered by the Arizona Attorney General's Office. The Arizona Forfeiture Support Services Project provides legal resources to bring civil remedies to bear on drug traffickers and financiers. Services are available to county attorneys and law enforcement agencies statewide.

Objective: to assist the United States Attorney and county attorneys in drug violator asset seizure and forfeiture cases, provide investigative training to attorneys and law enforcement officers, provide professional management services, and provide investigative and litigation services on a 24-hour basis.

Project Activity: The Forfeiture Support Services Project has been a significant asset to county attorneys and law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona. They provide a regularly updated manual on drug violator asset recovery and forfeiture to other agencies and oversee the management and disposition of seized and forfeited property for participating departments. Training is excellent and highly acclaimed by officers and attorneys involved. This activity has reported the successful forfeiture of drug violator assets totaling \$64,308,617 since July 1991. A substantial portion of this amount is used by the seizing agencies for law enforcement enhancement and assistance.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	16	66	111
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	N/A	N/A	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	N/A
Undesignated*	N/A	N/A	N/A
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jail/Probation	N/A	N/A	N/A
Probation	N/A	N/A	N/A
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$7,439,444	\$9,535,874	\$20,714,032

N/A = Data not relevant, funded as a forfeiture support services project only.

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.

Cochise County Border Alliance Group (BAG)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$139,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	27,896
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	69,260

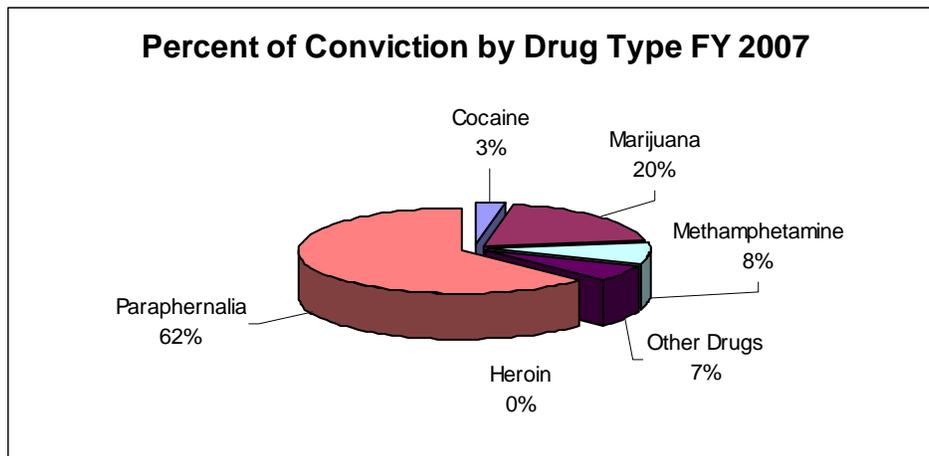
Project Description: This program is administered by the Cochise County Attorney's Office. This unit gives the Cochise County Attorney's Office the ability to effectively handle the increased number of drug prosecution and civil forfeiture cases resulting from the aggressive activities of the Border Alliance Group (BAG). Cochise County is one of the counties that make up Arizona's portion of the federally designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The unit prosecutes drug cases for all law enforcement agencies in Cochise County, including numerous cases received from the United States Border Patrol, United States Customs and other federal agencies operating along the United States border with Mexico.

Objective: To successfully prosecute drug offenders involved in the manufacture, trafficking and use of drugs in Cochise County.

Project Activity: This project continues to be a vital component of the Border Alliance Group task force and drug enforcement activity in Cochise County. Since July 1991, the unit has concluded 9,291 drug prosecution cases, resulting in 3,266 felony and 2,145 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted: 843 were sent to prison; 1,394 spent time in jail; and 2,216 were placed on probation. The unit obtained the forfeiture of \$3,745,311 in drug law violators' assets. In FY 2007, 74 offenders were diverted to treatment in lieu of prosecution.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	921	901	970
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	146	202	232
Misdemeanor	318	310	287
Undesignated*	38	59	52
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	48	56	66
Jail/Probation	128	157	160
Probation	209	156	179
VALUE OF FORFEITURE			
TOTAL	\$160,901	\$308,811	\$4,860

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Coconino County Prosecution of Drug Cases and Forfeitures

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$116,200
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	23,320
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	57,900

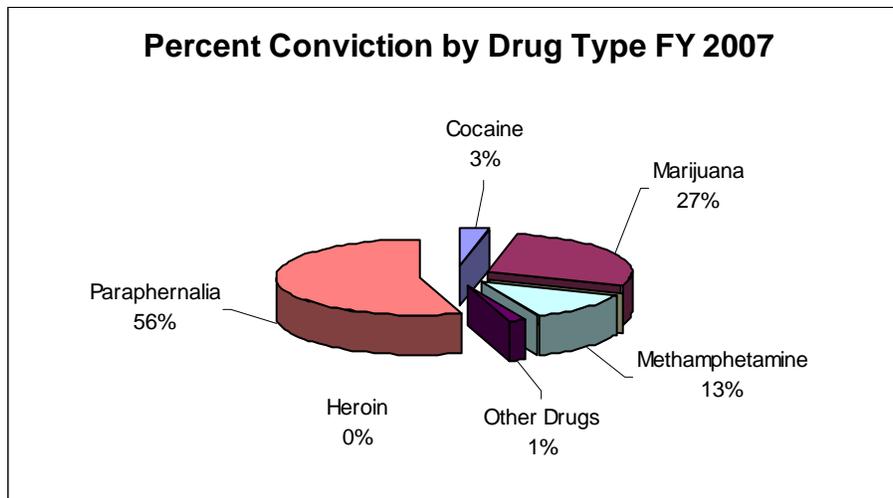
Project Description: This program is administered by the Coconino County Attorney's Office. The project provides direct assistance to the Northern Arizona Metro Narcotics Task Force in case preparation and development and prosecutes drug and gang cases from all law enforcement agencies in Coconino County. The unit also provides civil forfeiture litigation services to the task force and other agencies.

Objective: To expedite the successful adjudication of cases involving drug-related crimes, repeat offenders, violent offenders, community property crimes, and gang-related offenses in Coconino County and to pursue asset forfeitures on drug-related cases.

Project Activity: The Coconino County Attorney's drug prosecution project continues to provide effective, efficient processing of drug prosecution and asset forfeiture cases from the Northern Arizona Metro Task Force and other agencies. Since July 1991, the unit has concluded 8,257 drug cases, resulting in 3,038 felony and 2,147 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 841 were sent to prison, 1,446 spent time in jail, and 2,026 were placed on probation. The unit has reported the forfeiture of \$4,469,293 in drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	366	463	579
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	156	199	187
Misdemeanor	83	165	196
Undesignated*	76	34	21
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	58	51	73
Jail/Probation	65	135	134
Probation	150	154	168
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$154,489	\$264,572	\$137,755

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Gila County Drug Prosecution and Asset Forfeiture Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$57,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	11,439
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	28,402

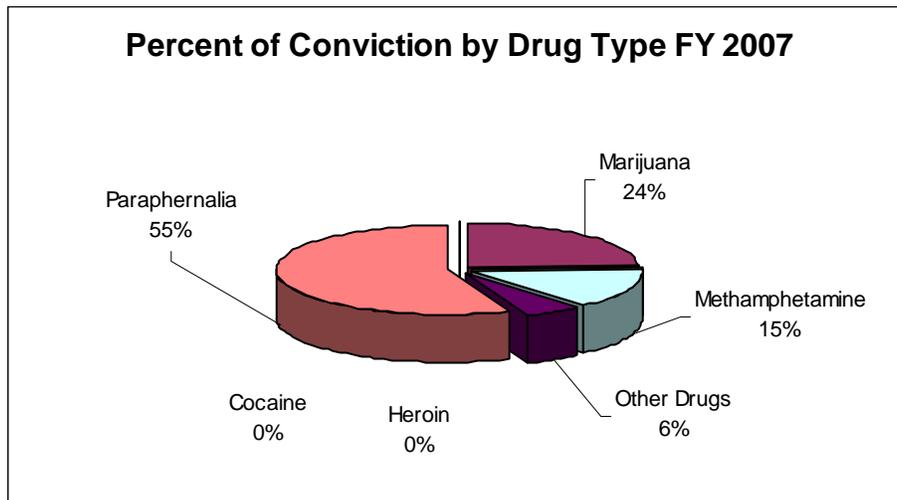
Project Description: This program is administered by the Gila County Attorney's Office. This project supports the provision of drug and gang prosecution, asset forfeiture processing and litigation for the Gila County Narcotics Task Force and other law enforcement agencies in Gila County.

Objective: To provide effective and consistent drug and gang prosecution and asset forfeiture case development and litigation.

Project Activity: The attorney assigned to this project continues to work closely with the Gila County Narcotics Task Force to assist with case development, drug and gang prosecution and forfeiture of seized assets. From July 1991, the project has concluded 3,201 drug cases. This resulted in 2,272 felony and 494 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 352 were sent to prison, 758 spent time in jail, and 1,589 were placed on probation. The project has achieved the successful forfeiture of \$77,531 in drug violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	175	192	170
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	141	116	126
Misdemeanor	19	54	37
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	33	23	37
Jail/Probation	55	36	51
Probation	72	92	61
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$61,165	\$34,199	\$18,954

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



La Paz County Drug Task Force Prosecutor

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$68,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	13,647
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	33,883

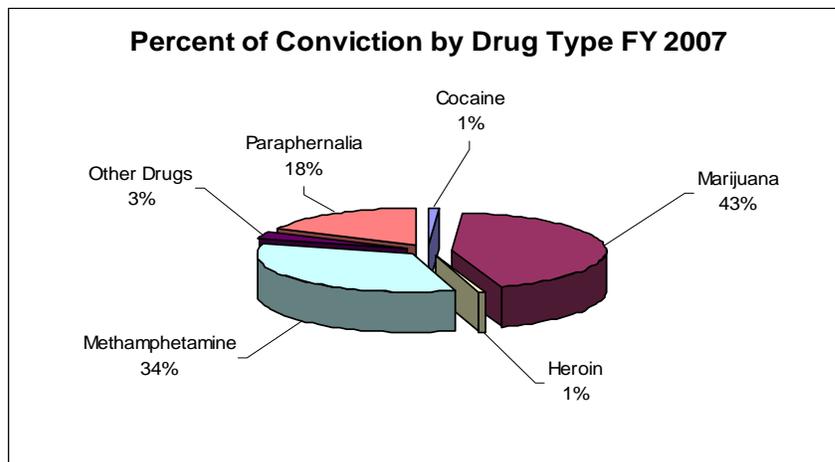
Project Description: This program is administered by the La Paz County Attorney's Office. This project provides the ability to successfully handle drug and gang prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation cases for the La Paz County Narcotics Task Force and other law enforcement agencies in La Paz County.

Objective: To provide legal assistance to prosecute drug cases in La Paz County; target persons involved in drug trafficking; lending guidance, education, training, leadership and counsel to law enforcement agencies in La Paz County; provide legal assistance to the task force; enhance communications with other law enforcement agencies; evaluate seizures of property associated with drug cases; provide prosecutorial resources to pursue drug cases related to organized crime, racketeering and money laundering.

Project Activity: The La Paz County Drug Prosecutor has become a vital component of the La Paz County Narcotics task force. Since July 1992, the project has concluded 3,040 drug cases, resulting in 1,001 felony and 1,364 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 253 were sent to prison, 557 spent time in jail, and 713 were placed on probation. The project has achieved a successful forfeiture of \$2,634,365 in drug violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	231	316	176
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	93	119	58
Misdemeanor	136	108	50
Undesignated*	0	3	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	11	11	7
Jail/Probation	32	69	19
Probation	133	100	39
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$166,633	\$0	\$27,000

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Maricopa Attorney's Drug, Gang & Violent Crime Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$1,535,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	308,060
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	764,851

Project Description: This program is administered by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office assigns investigators directly to multi-jurisdictional task forces in Maricopa County. The two trial bureaus and one diversion section maintain attorneys on call 24-hours, seven days a week to assist law enforcement agencies throughout Maricopa County in narcotics case development, investigation and processing. The diversion section screens and evaluates drug law use violators for an extensive deferred prosecution program.

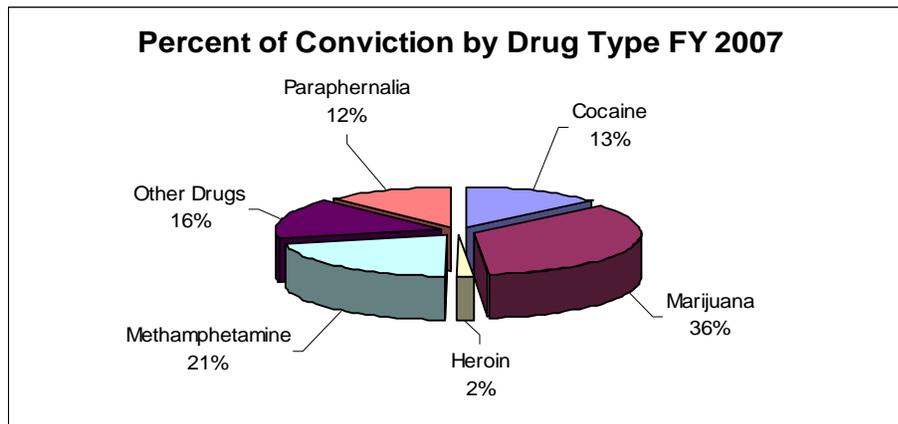
Objective: To coordinate and cooperate with all county law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, to increase the apprehension and conviction of drug-related violent offenders and to divert them of illegal gain through vigorous application of Arizona forfeiture statutes.

Project Activity: The bureaus prosecute all drug cases from all law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office concluded 147,544 drug cases since July 1991, which resulted in 94,295 felony convictions and 19,229 misdemeanor convictions. Of those drug law violators convicted, 21,562 were sent to prison, 20,120 received some jail time and 62,836 were placed on probation. This program is coordinated by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Treatment Assessment Screening Center (TASC). Drug treatment was offered to 238 first-time felony offenders in lieu of prosecution in FY 2007.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	10,658	16,976	17,029
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	6,860	11,058	10,694
Misdemeanor	2,250	3,689	3,850
Undesignated*	27	3	4
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	1,920	3,413	3,495
Jail/Probation	1,614	1,902	1,938
Probation	5,536	9,389	9,084
VALUE OF FORFEITURES**			
TOTAL	\$4,354,626	\$6,076,958	\$10,010,739

*Undesignated at time of conviction. Type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.

**Maricopa County Attorney's Office Forfeiture activities were not reported prior to FY 2004.



Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$200,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	40,138
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	99,655

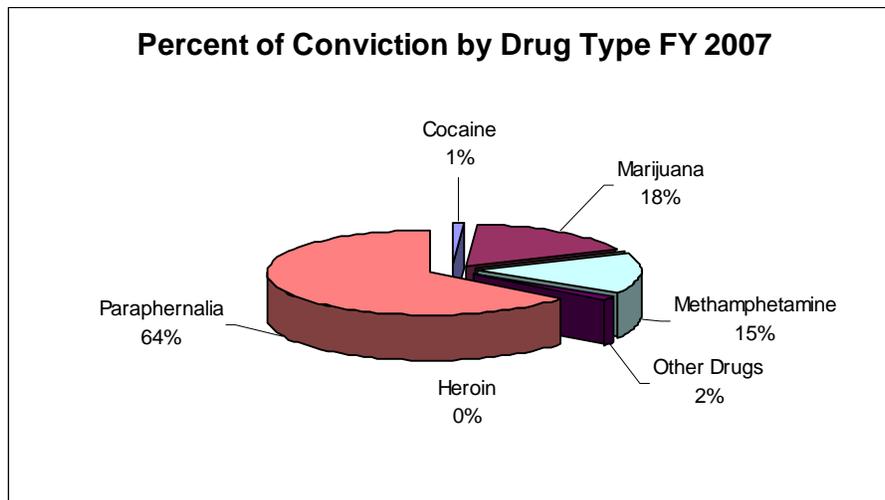
Project Description: This program is administered by the Mohave County Attorney's Office. This project enables the Mohave County Attorney's Office to effectively charge and prosecute drug law violators arrested by the MAGNET Narcotics Task Force and carry out civil litigation to obtain the forfeiture of assets seized from drug traffickers. The project handles drug and gang case prosecutions for all law enforcement agencies in Mohave County, one of the counties that make up Arizona's portion of the federally designated Southwest Border HIDTA.

Objective: To successfully prosecute drug offenders and to pursue forfeiture of seized assets.

Project Activity: The Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET) continues to effectively process drug and gang prosecution and civil forfeiture cases. Since July 1991, the project has concluded 13,172 cases, resulting in 4,706 felony and 4,706 misdemeanor convictions. Of the drug law violators convicted, 1,480 were sent to prison, 4,335 spent time in jail and 4,009 were placed on probation. The project also obtained the forfeiture of \$3,809,730 in seized assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	1,298	1,074	1,593
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	279	230	437
Misdemeanor	713	574	790
Undesignated*	25	14	43
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	79	118	151
Jail/Probation	421	250	667
Probation	500	441	441
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$267,771	\$119,799	\$94,178

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Navajo County Violent and Major Prosecution Enhancement

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$106,400
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	21,353
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	53,017

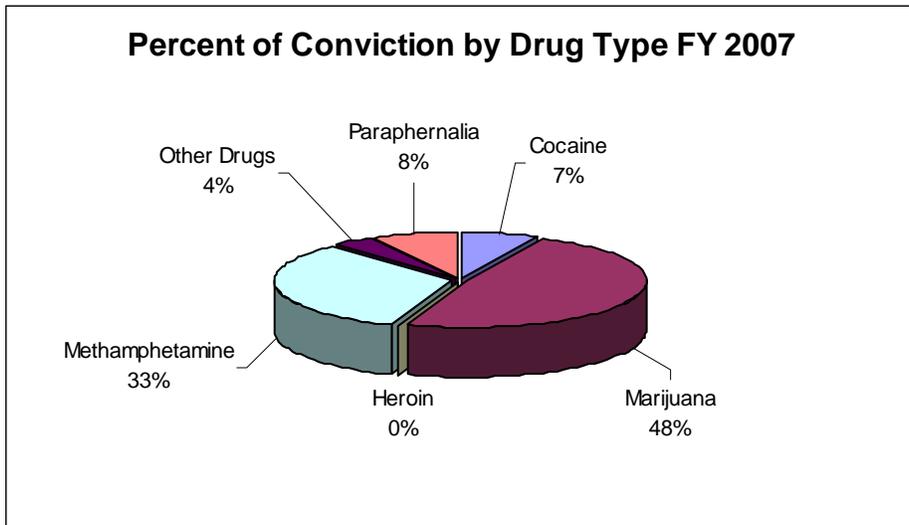
Project Description: This program is administered by the Navajo County Attorney's Office. This project provides for full-time, dedicated case prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation services to the Navajo County Drug Task Force and other law enforcement agencies in Navajo County.

Objective: To effectively and consistently prosecute drug, gang and asset forfeiture cases.

Project Activity: The attorney assigned to this project continues to produce results. Since July 1991, the project has concluded 7,288 drug cases, resulting in 4,890 felony and 1,368 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 779 were sent to prison, 2,874 spent time in jail and 2,059 were placed on probation. The unit also achieved the forfeiture of \$1,265,710 in drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	585	758	597
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	412	610	470
Misdemeanor	63	90	87
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	80	106	71
Jail/Probation	168	327	281
Probation	191	209	191
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$18,828	\$17,126	\$472,579

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$68,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	13,647
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	33,883

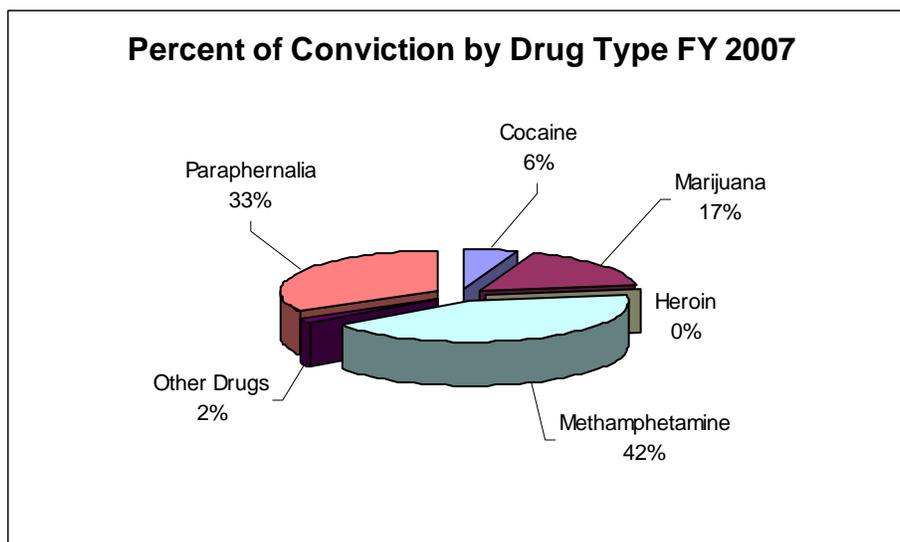
Project Description: This program is administered by the Yavapai County Attorney's Office. It allows the Yavapai County Attorney's Office to effectively handle all drug and gang prosecution cases from Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, and all other law enforcement agencies in Yavapai County.

Objective: To effectively participate in the multi-agency approach to drug enforcement in Yavapai County and continue to prosecute drug cases.

Project Activity: This project continues to provide expertise and consistency in the development and successful prosecution of drug cases in Yavapai County. Since July 1991, the project has concluded 6,643 drug cases, resulting in 3,108 felony and 969 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 1,045 were sent to prison, 1,768 spent time in jail and 2,544 were placed on probation. The unit also achieved the successful forfeiture of \$6,642,612 in drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	764	898	612
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	634	727	477
Misdemeanor	98	134	121
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	132	187	149
Jail/Probation	150	230	118
Probation	376	309	219
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$162,762	\$228,701	\$3,208,349

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Pima County Drug Prosecution Project

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$558,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	111,985
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	278,037

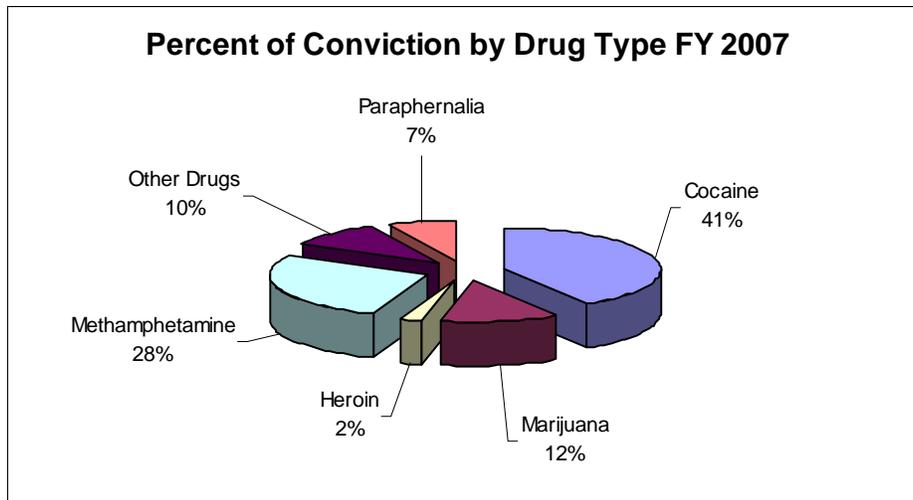
Project Description: This program is administered by the Pima County Attorney's Office. The Pima County Drug Prosecution Project provides prosecution and court litigation services for all law enforcement agencies in Pima County, one of the counties that make up Arizona's portion of the federally designated Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), including the Tucson Counter Narcotics Alliance Task Force and Pima County Sheriff's Office narcotics units, plus federal cases prosecuted in state court.

Objective: To review all felony cases, prosecute felony cases, advise and assist in targeting, investigating drug cases, provide training to law enforcement agencies, employ RICO, money laundering and forfeiture statutes to obtain convictions.

Project Activity: This project has concluded 20,198 cases, which resulted in 16,271 felony and 491 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 4,632 convicted drug law violators were sent to prison, 2,579 received jail time and 9,008 have been placed on probation since July 1991. The unit also obtained the forfeiture of \$55,111,540 in seized drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	1,409	1,764	1,856
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	1,253	1,602	1,610
Misdemeanor	6	27	88
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	219	301	459
Jail/Probation	200	223	173
Probation	656	1,093	1,049
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$5,141,954	\$2,522,000	\$4,937,889

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Pinal County Drug Prosecution Unit

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$174,400
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	35,000
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	86,899

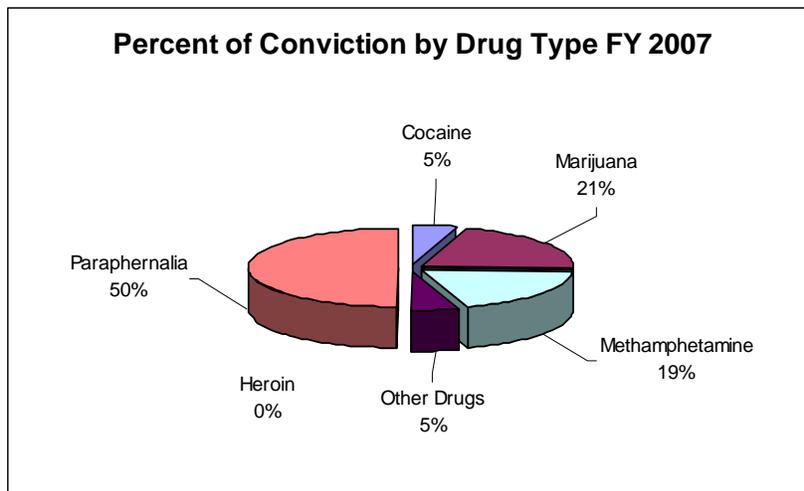
Project Description: This program is administered by the Pinal County Attorney's Office. The Pinal County Drug Prosecution Unit provides drug and gang case prosecution services generated by the activities of the Pinal County Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force. The unit handles all drug and gang case prosecutions for the task force, and for all other law enforcement agencies in Pinal County. Forfeiture cases are not processed by this unit. This is one of the Arizona counties federally designated as part of the Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

Objective: To improve the quality of life in Pinal County, reduce quantity of drugs available through prevention, enforcement and prosecution.

Project Activity: The Drug Prosecution Unit is an integral part of the Pinal County Narcotics Task Force and provides direct assistance in case development and prosecution. This unit has concluded 5,363 drug cases, which resulted in 4,478 felony and 203 misdemeanor convictions since July 1991. Of those convicted, 1,340 were sent to prison, 1,680 received jail time and 1,625 were placed on probation in Pinal County.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	460	522	502
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	381	486	459
Misdemeanor	7	1	1
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	100	141	152
Jail/Probation	171	184	199
Probation	117	162	109
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations. Pinal County Attorney's Office forfeiture activities are not supported by this grant program.



Santa Cruz County Drug Prosecution Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$43,500
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	8,730
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	21,675

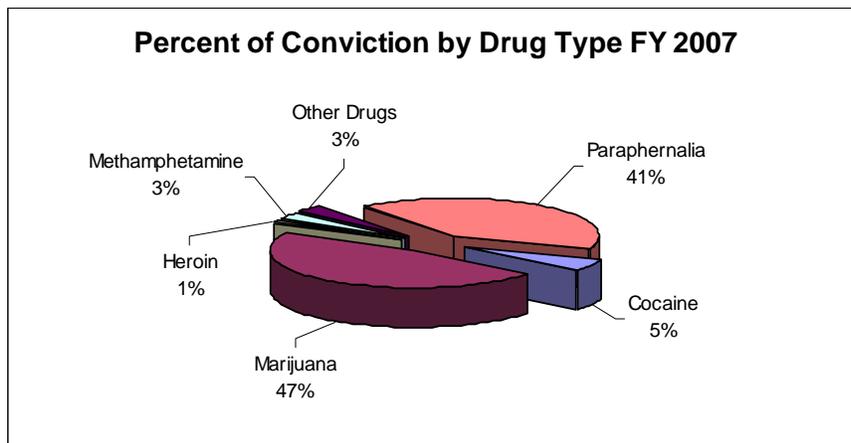
Project Description: This program is administered by the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office. The Santa Cruz County Attorney's Drug Prosecution Project provides enhanced drug and gang case prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation services to the Santa Cruz METRO Narcotics Task Force and other law enforcement agencies in Santa Cruz County, one of the counties that make up Arizona's portion of the federally designated Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

Objective: To help the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office more effectively process the increased drug and gang prosecution and asset forfeiture caseloads generated by the vigorous investigative and enforcement activities of the Santa Cruz METRO Narcotics Task Force. The project will also provide direct assistance to the task force in case evaluation, development and preparation.

Project Activity: This Drug Prosecution Unit has become an integral part of the Santa Cruz METRO Narcotics Task Force and provides direct assistance in case development and prosecution. This unit has concluded 3,119 drug cases, which resulted in 1,271 felony and 921 misdemeanor convictions since July 1992. Of those convicted, 283 were sent to prison, 860 received jail time and 870 were placed on probation in Santa Cruz County. The unit also achieved the successful forfeiture of drug law violators' assets valued at \$2,457,198.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	233	281	264
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	67	111	90
Misdemeanor	68	63	90
Undesignated*	50	54	28
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	16	29	27
Jail/Probation	66	77	63
Probation	54	78	44
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$266,321	\$276,310	\$372,194

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Tucson City Attorney's Drug Enforcement Project

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$310,400
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	62,294
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	154,664

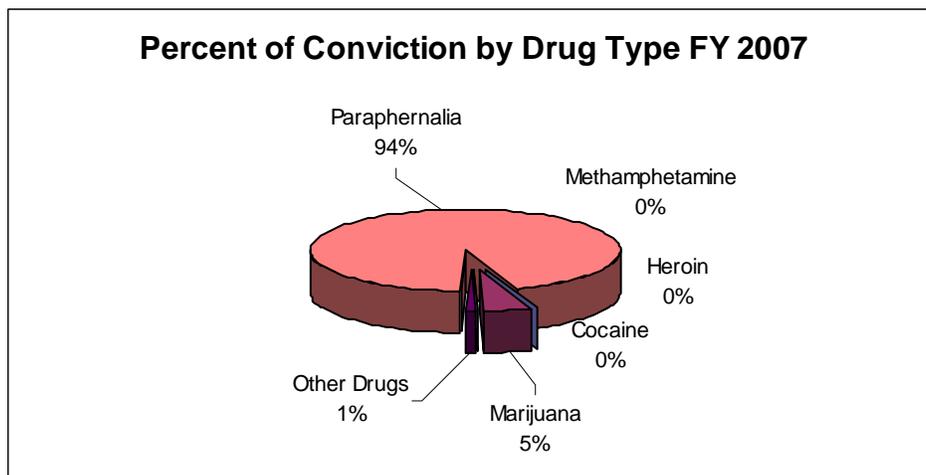
Project Description: This program is administered by the Tucson City Attorney's Office. This Drug Enforcement Project handles all non-felony drug cases referred by the Tucson Police Department's Counter Narcotics Alliance Task Force and the Pima County Attorney's Office, along with asset forfeiture cases. The unit prosecutes drug cases in Tucson City Court.

Objective: To consistently and effectively screen, prepare and prosecute misdemeanor drug cases in Tucson City Court and to process and litigate asset forfeiture cases for local law enforcement agencies.

Project Activity: The activities of this project resulted in the conclusion of 51,317 drug cases, which resulted in 32,749 misdemeanor convictions since July 1991, with 16,173 convicted drug law violators sentenced to jail and 11,678 to probation. The unit also achieved the successful forfeiture of drug law violators' assets valued at \$3,344,302. During FY2007, 1,070 offenders were diverted to treatment in lieu of prosecution.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	4,607	4,976	5,115
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	0	0	0
Misdemeanor	3,072	2,937	2,569
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	175	188	1
Jail/Probation	1,182	1,897	1,966
Probation	839	557	436
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$119,368	\$115,831	\$61,960

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligations.



Yuma County Drug, Gang and Violence Prosecution

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$317,700
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	63,759
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	158,302

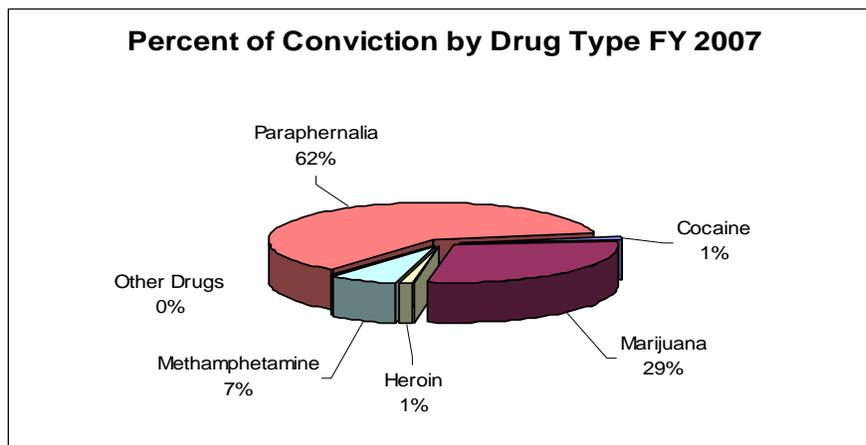
Project Description: This program is administered by the Yuma County Attorney's Office. The Yuma County Drug, Gang and Violence Prosecution provides drug case prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation services to all law enforcement agencies in Yuma County, and particularly to the multi-agency Yuma County Narcotics Task Force. The unit also prosecutes numerous drug cases referred to task force officers by the U.S. Border Patrol, Drug Enforcement Administration and United States Customs Service. Yuma County is one of the federally designated Arizona counties that make up part of the Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). This unit conducts ongoing training programs for federal, state and local narcotics officers.

Objective: To provide specialized legal assistance and effective prosecution for the enhanced enforcement effort of the Yuma County Narcotics Task Force and the drug cases submitted by all other law enforcement agencies in Yuma County.

Project Activity: Since July 1991, the unit has concluded 10,908 cases, resulting in 7,154 felony and 2,442 misdemeanor convictions. Of these 2,016 convicted drug law violators were sent to prison, 1,565 received jail time and 5,622 were placed on probation. The unit achieved the forfeiture of \$2,497,124 in drug law violators' assets. During FY2007, 10 drug offenders were sent to treatment in lieu of prosecution.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Total	762	898	1,595
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	480	392	436
Misdemeanor	46	125	629
Undesignated*	128	286	254
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	146	142	174
Jail/Probation	91	91	95
Probation	367	440	952
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$44,730	\$76,534	\$236,966

*Undesignated at time of conviction, type of conviction depends upon the fulfillment of other obligation.



Forensic Drug Evidence Analysis Activities

	<i><u>FY 2007</u></i>
<i>Crime Lab Support For Drug and Gang Enforcement</i>	<i>\$490,200</i>
<i>Phoenix Police Department Enhanced Drug Forensics</i>	<i>29,570</i>
<i>Tucson Police Department Enhanced Drug Forensics</i>	<i>48,600</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$568,370</i>

Crime Lab Support For Drug and Gang Enforcement

Source and amount of monies received:

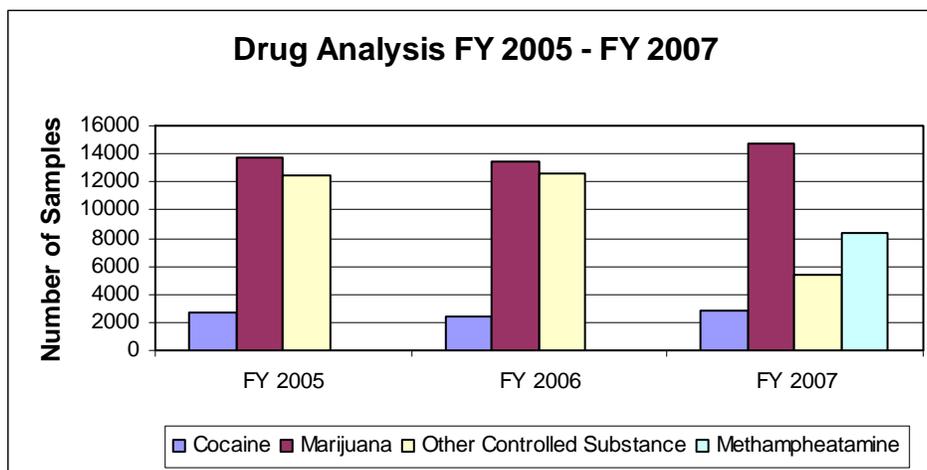
FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$490,200
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	98,378
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	244,255

Project Description: This program is administered by the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS). The DPS Crime Laboratory program provides nine specialists (criminalists and latent print examiners) to process drug-related forensic tests and examinations for law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Objective: To provide law enforcement agencies in Arizona with timely, quality scientific support required for effective court adjudication of drug-related cases.

Project Activity: In FY 2007, the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab received 11,672 evidence samples for analysis, an average of 973 drug samples per month. The crime laboratory conducted 31,332 analyses, an average of 2,611 analyses per month, a slight increase over FY 06 (2,377). The results of the analyses also indicate that marijuana is still the illicit drug of choice in Arizona.

	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
NUMBER OF SAMPLES SUBMITTED	12,437	13,260	11,672
NUMBER OF ANALYSES BY DRUG			
Cocaine	2,637	2,458	2,771
Cannabis (Marijuana)	13,688	13,519	14,792
Other Controlled Substance	12,526	12,551	5,393
Methamphetamine			8,376



Methamphetamine data prior to FY 2007 was included in Other Controlled Substance.

Phoenix Police Department Enhanced Drug Forensics

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$29,570
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	5,934
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	14,734

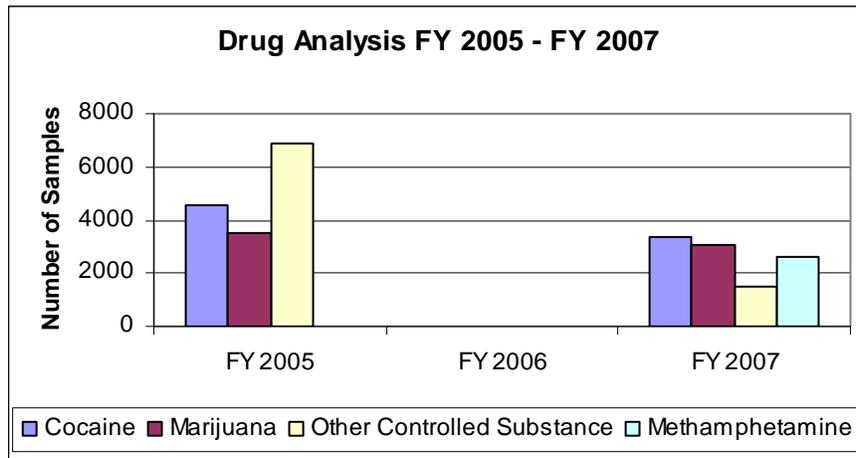
Project Description: This program is administered by the Phoenix Police Department. The crime laboratory project provides one criminalist to process drug-related forensic tests and examinations for Phoenix narcotics officers assigned to the Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Unit.

Objective: To provide the Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Unit with timely, quality scientific support required for effective court adjudication of drug related cases.

Project Activity: The Phoenix Police Department Laboratory received 3,285 samples, an average of more than 273 drug samples per month for analysis. The laboratory conducted 10,493 analyses, an average of 274 analyses per month. Results of the analysis indicate that cocaine is the substance analyzed most frequently while marijuana is a close second in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

	FY2005	*FY2006	FY2007
NUMBER OF SAMPLES SUBMITTED	4,696		3,285
NUMBER OF ANALYSES BY DRUG			
Cocaine	4,591		3,330
Cannabis (Marijuana)	3,305		3,065
Other Controlled Substance	6,882		1,492
Methamphetamine			2,606

*Project was not funded in FY2006.



Tucson Police Department Enhanced Drug Forensics

Source and amount of monies received:

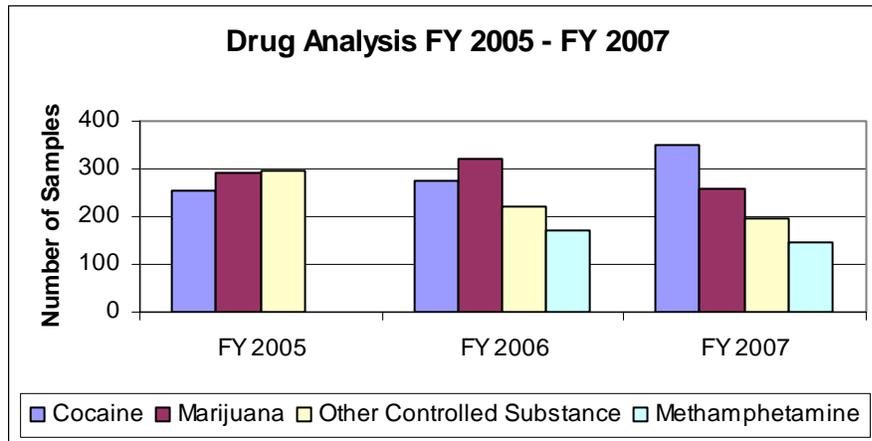
FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$48,600
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	9,754
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	24,216

Project Description: This program is administered by the Tucson Police Department. The crime laboratory project provides one criminalist to process drug-related forensic tests and examinations for Tucson narcotics officers assigned to the Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA).

Objective: To provide local law enforcement agencies in the Tucson area with timely, quality scientific support required for effective court adjudication of drug related cases.

Project Activity: The Tucson Police Department Laboratory received 802 samples, an average of more than 66 drug samples per month for analysis. The laboratory conducted 949 analyses, an average of 79 analyses per month. Results of the analysis indicate that cocaine is the most common substance analyzed, followed by marijuana in the Tucson metropolitan area.

	FY2005	FY2006	FY 2007
NUMBER OF SAMPLES SUBMITTED	983	830	802
NUMBER OF ANALYSES BY DRUG			
Cocaine	254	275	349
Cannabis (Marijuana)	293	320	260
Other Controlled Substance	295	391	194
Methamphetamine		172	146



Methamphetamine data prior to FY 2006 was included in Other Controlled Substance.

Court Adjudication Activities

	<u>FY 2007</u>
<i>Administrative Office of the Court</i>	\$17,737
<i>Apache County Probation</i>	23,426
<i>Cochise County Probation</i>	47,444
<i>Coconino County Superior Court</i>	51,707
<i>Gila County Superior Court</i>	30,000
<i>Graham County Probation</i>	18,835
<i>Greenlee County Probation</i>	7,882
<i>La Paz County Probation</i>	17,962
<i>Maricopa County Superior Court</i>	167,249
<i>Maricopa County Superior Court – Clerk of Court</i>	256,698
<i>Maricopa County Probation</i>	501,969
<i>Maricopa County Public Defender</i>	442,316
<i>Mohave County Superior Court</i>	70,444
<i>Navajo County Superior Court</i>	43,609
<i>Pima County Superior Court</i>	295,679
<i>Pinal County Superior Court/Probation</i>	81,498
<i>Santa Cruz County Probation</i>	17,226
<i>Yavapai County Probation</i>	88,302
<i>Yuma County Probation</i>	58,622
TOTAL	\$2,238,605

Arizona Supreme Court Anti-Drug Adjudication

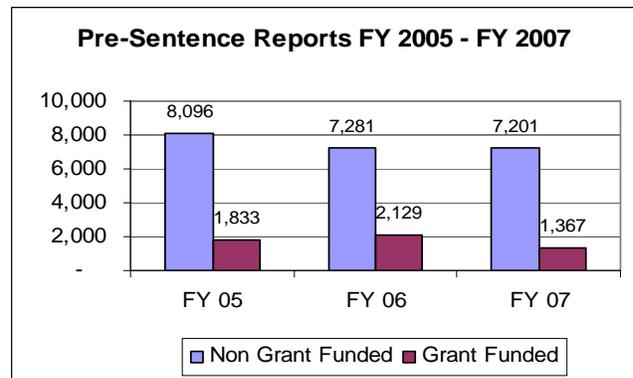
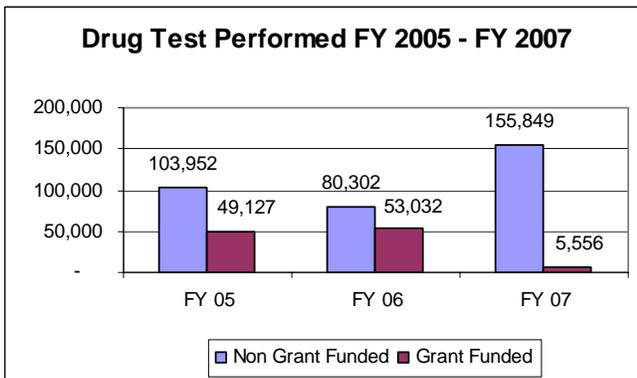
Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$2,238,605
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	449,266
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	1,115,440

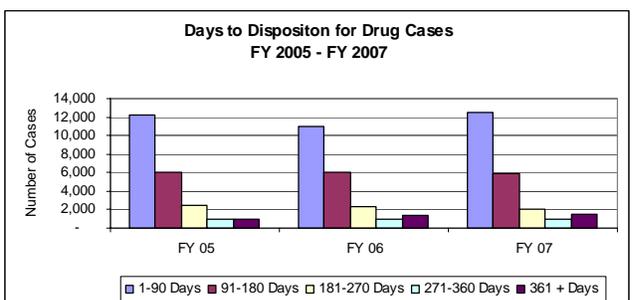
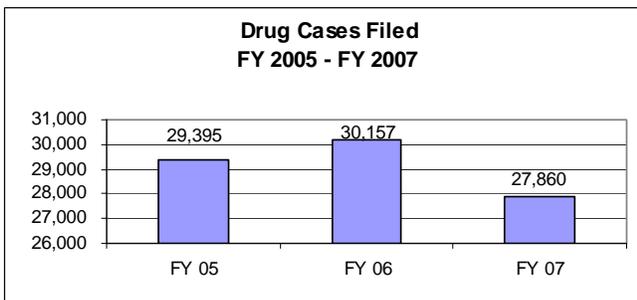
Project Description: This program is administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The anti-drug abuse adjudication program provides the court system with grant funds to enhance agencies throughout the state, including the Superior Courts in seven of Arizona's 15 counties and the adult probation offices in Apache, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma Counties and the Public Defender Office in Maricopa County. The Administrative Office of the Courts also administers a felony drug testing program with the grant funds.

Objective: To meet the current demands placed upon the court system and the offices of public defenders by the enhanced enforcement and prosecution efforts funded by the account.

Project Activity: This activity provides enhanced adjudication services for Arizona's criminal justice system. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) maintains administrative authority more than 19 court-related activities receiving drug grants to accommodate increased caseloads resulting from the enhanced drug enforcement effort in Arizona. Each project has proved to be meritorious and responsible in the administration of funds received. The projects deliver a wide range of services to expedite the judicial process. These services could not have been provided without impacting other court services were it not for the grant funding assistance. These projects are a vital element in Arizona's anti-drug, gang and violent crime effort.



Data Source: AOC Probation Services in Apache, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma Counties.



Data Source: AOC Court Case Processing Adjudication in Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima and Pinal Counties.

Detention Activities

	<u><i>FY 2007</i></u>
<i>Coconino County Drug Detention Officer Program</i>	<i>\$28,500</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$28,500</i>

Coconino County Drug Detention Officer Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$28,500
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	5,710
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	14,200

Project Description: This program is administered by the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. The program provides one full-time court officer to track drug arrests, transport inmates to and from the detention facility and courts and provide support services to other court officers.

Objective: The primary objective is to respond to the increased need for detention services resulting from increased drug enforcement and to track the progress of drug cases through the court system in Coconino County.

Project Activity: This project is an enhancement of detention and court services activities needed to support the increased inmate population resulting from the vigorous enforcement activities of the Northern Arizona Metro Narcotics Task Force. Grant funds are used to track drug cases through the system to expedite efficient processing and adjudication, consistent with program objectives.

Criminal Justice Records Improvement Activities

	<u><i>FY 2007</i></u>
<i>Arizona Department of Public Safety</i>	<i>\$146,667</i>
<i>Maricopa County Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>40,987</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$187,654</i>

Arizona Department of Public Safety

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$146,667
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	36,666

Project Description: This project supports the continued enhancements of the Arizona Disposition Reporting System (ADRS). The ADRS is a web-based interface between Arizona law enforcement agencies and the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) central state repository, also called the Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACCH). In addition, upgrades to the system that capture and include data received from the Arrest Capture Data Collection (ACDC) system developed at Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will also be completed.

Objective: The Department of Public Safety (DPS) will provide project management, including development and testing, for the Arizona Disposition Reporting System (ADRS). In addition, they will develop certification criteria for court personnel who enter information into this web-based system.

Project Activity: The initial implementation, design, operational enhancement and coordinated testing with multiple agencies have been completed. Web focus reports that track agency-specific transaction activity between the ADRS and the ACCH has been developed. Pilot agencies have been trained on the ADRS web-based interface.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2007 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$40,987
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	10,247

Project Description: The Arrest Capture Data Collection (ACDC) system is developed for law enforcement agencies within Maricopa County that interface with the Jail Pre-Booking System. This system originally written in an antiquated computer language was re-written. The system reduces the time a law enforcement officer must spend at the jail to book a suspect by enabling the officer to enter data into the system prior to arrival at the jail. Wireless capability was tested and implemented. The system also interfaces with Livescan fingerprint units and the Jail Management System (JMS). All information is then transmitted to the Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACCH).

Objective: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will re-write and consolidate the ACDC with the Jail-Pre-Booking System, and provide enhancements for wireless pre-booking while in patrol vehicles.

Project Activity: Computer processes have been re-written and consolidated with the ACDC into the existing Jail-Pre-Booking System. The consolidation, coding and testing has been completed. Computer hardware for wireless assessment has been purchased and security has been updated for participating ACDC law enforcement agencies. Continued testing is taking place using Message Query (MQ) protocol for information exchanges between the ACDC and the Police Automated Computer Entry (PACE) system.

The benefits identified by the consolidation of these systems include the creation of a simplified system environment, reducing time and error potential, reduction of training costs, system constancy. Additionally, this also leveraged the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office technical staff that supports the Jail Pre-Booking System.

Fifteen of the 18 municipal law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County that use the Maricopa County Jail facility to book arrestees enter booking data at their local facility prior to transport to the jail facility. This relieves the Maricopa County Jail staff from having to manually enter more than 125,000 bookings in the JMS annually.

Phoenix Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Program

Based in Phoenix, Arizona, the Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Program is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency unit of federal, state and local officers organized to identify, arrest, and prosecute drug traffickers using commercial transportation and air freight/parcel companies to transport drugs and money for drug purchases. The Commercial Narcotics Interdiction Program is administered by the Phoenix Police Department and includes participants from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. An international component includes U.S. Customs agents.



Three pounds of methamphetamine discovered in teddy bears.

The task force's mission is to disrupt or dismantle criminal organizations that utilize commercial businesses such as airlines, buses, parcel, freight and shipping companies to facilitate their illegal activities. To accomplish this mission, task force members arrest and prosecute individuals transporting illegal drugs through commercial transportation, seize illegal drugs being transported, and seize cash and other financial assets related to illicit drug trafficking.

The task force also gathers intelligence and submits the information to the federal El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) and the Arizona Counter Terrorism Intelligence Center (ACTIC).



Marijuana sealed in cans.

Funded in large part through federal Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants, the task force uses a variety of methods to carry out its mission and fulfill its interdiction responsibilities. The investigations are intelligence-driven, and the task force frequently relies on industry insiders to provide tips regarding suspicious activity, such as suspicious ticket purchase and travel arrangements, unusual shipping and packaging on transported items, and other suspicious activity. Task force members also watch highway transporters for suspicious activity and work with trained K-9 detectors at all levels of interdiction.



Cash suspected of being used for a drug buy in Arizona was concealed in sealed pages of a travel magazine. A total of \$65,000 was seized within the pages of these magazines in June, 2007.

Project Accomplishments

Since its inception in 1988 through FY05, the task force seized more than 600 pounds of cocaine, nearly 70,000 pounds of marijuana, more than 100 cannabis plants, 16 pounds of heroin, more than 240 pounds

of methamphetamine and more than one million dosage units of other drugs. The unit seized assets with an estimated value totaling more than \$34 million, most in cash. Of the unit's total of 2,522 arrests, 2,032 (81 percent) were for sales/trafficking offenses.

During CY2006, the efforts of the Commercial Interdiction Unit led to the arrests of 158 suspects and the filing of 275 criminal charges. The majority of these arrests were for drug trafficking and/or distribution-related charges. The unit was involved in the seizure of more than 4627 pounds of marijuana, 4.1 kilos of cocaine, 2.7 kilo's of methamphetamine, seven guns, seven vehicles, and more than \$2.7 million in cash. This productivity indicates an increase in the level of illegal activity where commercial carriers are being used in and through Maricopa County, even though security has been heightened throughout the nation.

Santa Cruz County Metro Task Force On and Under the Border

Arizona and Mexico share a 370-mile border, much of which is sparsely populated, open desert, making it difficult for agencies charged with monitoring border activity. This also proves attractive for illicit drug smuggling operations.

The Santa Cruz County Multi-agency Enforcement Against Trafficking and Racketeering Offenses (METRO) Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force strategically based in Nogales, Arizona, which is home to the state's busiest port-of-entry with Mexico. Based out of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, task force participants include Nogales Police Department, Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narcotics Task Force, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office, U.S. Border Patrol, and U.S. Forest Service. The task force is organized to work closely with federal agencies, particularly the Drug Enforcement

Administration, to address drug trafficking problems in Nogales and Santa Cruz County. This has been designated a Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

Funded in part through the federal Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants program, the task force's mission is to reduce the illegal importation and transportation of illicit drugs and narcotics by identifying, arresting, and seizing illicit drugs and traffickers assets.

Project Activity

Since it was combined with the Nogales CEASE task force in July 1990, the Santa Cruz County Metro Task Force has made 4,387 drug arrests. The task force has seized 9,667 pounds of cocaine, more than 57 pounds of heroin, and nearly 400,000 pounds of marijuana, along with drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of more than \$11 million. In FY06 alone, the task force was responsible for more than 400 arrests for trafficking and possession of narcotics.



It is common for agents to seize hundreds of pounds of marijuana and/or cocaine when raiding border tunnels.



Tunnel sites that have been sealed by the Santa Cruz County METRO Task Force.

Shutting Down the Tunnels

But the numbers only tell part of the story. Nogales also is the site of secret underground cross-border tunnels used to smuggle illegal narcotic and human cargo. The DEA reports that at least 27 such tunnels have been discovered in Nogales between 1990 and 2007. Tunnels are located leading into rental homes or businesses on both sides of the border. These tunnels are hand-dug, and dirt that is removed is usually placed into burlap bags and stored within the premises, using space in closets, bathrooms, bedrooms or even in the backyards. Drug seizures from these tunnels usually include hundreds of pounds of marijuana or cocaine.



One of the less sophisticated – but highly functional – tunnels discovered in Nogales.

Aside from the illegal activity precipitated through the use of these tunnels, the tunnels often present physical danger to the

persons using them. Many of these tunnels tie into existing drainage systems and quickly flood. Border Patrol agents and city firefighters rescued seven people from a flooded tunnel in August 2007; another person drowned.

Commercial Interdiction Unit Uses Program Income to Purchase K-9 SUV Police Cruisers Equipped With Heat Sensor Safety

In June 2007, the Phoenix Police Department put in a request to use Byrne/JAG generated program income funds for three K-9 SUV police cruisers equipped with heat sensor safety devices for the Commercial Interdiction K-9 Unit funded by Byrne/JAG. The police department made the case for the cruisers after one of its narcotics K-9s, Top, died of heat exhaustion after air conditioning failed in a converted unit. The death of the dog led Phoenix Police Department to review all of its units and planned for the replacement of vehicles not specifically equipped with heat notification equipment. This is particularly important as temperatures in Phoenix hover at 100 to 110 degrees F between June and September, and the temperature inside a vehicle in the summer sun can increase another 50 degrees F in less than one hour.

The request for use of program income funds was approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Phoenix Police Department purchased three SUVs and installed a three-phase heat sensor/alarm in each of the vehicles. This equipment constantly monitors the temperature in two different parts of the interior of the vehicle. The first safety phase is paging the K-9 handler if the interior temperature rises to a preset level. The K-9 handlers also carry a system pager that monitors both temperature settings and pages the K-9 handler if the car gets hot. The second phase is an additional fan installed in the K-9 compartment that turns on and the vent windows automatically open. The third phase is an audible alarm that starts sounding and all of the windows roll down.

There have been no heat related deaths with this system.

The funding will protect the Commercial Interdiction Unit's investment in its K-9 narcotics dogs.

These successful projects are possible because of federal funding that has been provided under the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants Program Award Nos. 2005-DJ-BX-0455 and 2006-DJ-BX-0075.



Radar, Ty and Bella showing off their new SUVs.

Ripped from the Headlines



Tucson is making progress against meth, though drug hurdles remain, summit hears

Arizona Daily Star – 12/20/2006

PIMA COUNTY – The Tucson community has made progress in reducing the availability of methamphetamine and the crime that comes with it, authorities said Tuesday, but challenges remain in battling drug abuse, including an increase in heroin use.

Tucson Police Department Capt. David Neri, head of the interagency **Counter Narcotics Alliance**, said there have been a 45 percent reduction in meth availability and a 30 percent reduction in meth-related crime.

Chief Richard Miranda said the Police Department's success in cracking down on meth abuse also came after the Tucson City County passed ordinances that regulate the sale of products containing pseudoephedrine, which is found in cold medicine and can be used to manufacture meth.

Full article available at www.azstarnet.com.

68 pounds of meth seized in traffic stop

Arizona Daily Star – 01/31/2007

PIMA COUNTY – A man was arrested Monday after an officer conducting a traffic stop on Interstate 10 near Marana found 68 pounds of methamphetamine manufactured in Mexico in a pickup truck the man was driving, an official said. Joshio A. Amarillas, 18, was arrested on suspicion of violating federal narcotic charges.

Detectives from the **Counter Narcotics Alliance** arrived and found 68 one-pound bags in a four-inch compartment lining the entire

truck bed, Morlock said. An investigation determined that the methamphetamine was headed for the Phoenix metropolitan area where it would likely have gone to a stash house before being redistributed. Some of the drugs may have ended up in Tucson, Morlock said.

"We have identified this as being part of a major methamphetamine ring based in Mexico and we, along with the DEA, are investigating," Morlock said.

Full article available at www.azstarnet.com.

Up to 3.5 tons of pot is seized from truck, business; 4 arrested

Arizona Daily Star – 02/09/2007

PIMA COUNTY – Investigators from the **Counter Narcotics Alliance** seized as much as 7,000 pounds of marijuana south of downtown Thursday morning and arrested four people on drug charges, officials said.

Members of the multi-agency Counter Narcotics Alliance raided Bering-Belt & Chain Inc., 430 W. 22nd St., at about 8:30 a.m. and seized an estimated 5,000 pounds of marijuana, said Lt. Kelly J. Lane of the Tucson Police Department.

Earlier that day, around 6 a.m., police officers pulled over a black pickup truck with Sonoran license plates because the white trailer it was pulling had no lights, Lane said. The truck's driver and passenger appeared nervous, Lane said.

Officers said they found a firearm with its safety off and a magazine loaded with 40 rounds, along with marijuana debris on the floor of the truck.

When the officers searched the trailer, they found between 1,000 and 2,000 pounds of marijuana, Lane said.

The business appeared to be a marijuana-distribution point, and the drugs probably wouldn't have stayed there long before being moved again, Lane said.

Full article available at www.azstarnet.com.

Seizures show increase in heroin smuggling

The Nogales International – 12/15/2006

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY - Seizures by the **Santa Cruz County Metro Task Force** have shown an increase in heroin smuggling. Up to the end of October, Lt. Gerardo Castillo, Metro Task Force commander, said the agency had seized approximately 40,000 pounds of marijuana, 78 pounds of methamphetamine, 190 pounds of cocaine and 20 pounds of heroin.

The pot, meth and cocaine seizures remained relatively stable compared to the same period last year when the task force seized 37,800 pounds of marijuana, 84 pounds of meth, 199 pounds of coke and two pounds of heroin.

Castillo said that the difference in the amount of heroin seized may indicate that demand is increasing, but added that he is unsure it is making a "comeback."

He said the bulk of drugs seized are meant to pass through the area and to be delivered elsewhere "For users in this county, marijuana, I would say, is the drug of choice followed by cocaine."

Full article available at www.nogalesinternational.com.

Two men arrested in connection with Nogales drug tunnel

Arizona Daily Starr – 01/11/2006

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – A 40-foot-long border drug tunnel was discovered in Nogales, Ariz., on Monday morning and two men were arrested when they were caught removing 300 pounds of marijuana from the tunnel, authorities said.

Santa Cruz County Metro Task Force, along with Border Patrol agents, made the discovery around 10 a.m. when they got information that an operational drug tunnel could be found in the 400 block of West International Street, said Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada.

The tunnel stretched about 40 feet from the border, Estrada said. There were two openings, one in Nogales, Ariz., which came 10 feet past a sidewalk into a driveway near a home, and the other in Nogales, Sonora, he said.

Full article available at: www.azstarnet.com

U.S. uncovers crossborder drug tunnel in Arizona

Reuters – 06/29/2007

NOGALES, ARIZONA – U.S. authorities have discovered a cramped but sophisticated drug smuggling tunnel linking Nogales, Arizona, with its Mexican sister city, Nogales, Sonora, officials said on Friday.

In coordinated raids on Thursday, U.S. drug and customs agents moved in on an Arizona home at one end of the tunnel while Sonora state police arrested five people at an apartment on the other side, said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in a statement.

Agents discovered the tunnel's entrance in the house's utility room beneath sheets of plywood and weighted down with dirt filled bags.

The shaft of the tunnel was reinforced with wood supports and sand bags. It had lighting but no ventilation system.

"Because of the (small) size of the passageway, it wouldn't have been very practical to smuggle people. We think they intended to use it to smuggle narcotics," said ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice.

The tunnel snakes around for 200 yards, but the distance between the homes was just 100 yards.

Police have discovered more than 40 tunnels connecting towns in Mexico and the United States since the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Full article available at: www.reuters.com

Tombstone man charged with having pre-teens sell cocaine

Associated Press – 2/20/2007

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA – A 20-year-old Tombstone man was charged with felony drug charges for providing cocaine mixed with powdered soft-drink mix to two 12-year-old boys. When questioned why he mixed it with soft-drink mix he replied that it was to improve the flavor.

One of the boy's mother found him with the drugs and reported it to the Marshal's Office, a member of the **Cochise County Border Alliance Group Task Force**.

Full article available at: www.fox11az.com

Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF)

In addition to the programs funded by the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account, the following programs relating to illicit drugs and gang related activity are funded through the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF) distributed through the Arizona Department of Public Safety:

No activities were funded in FY 2007 because of limited resources.

Statutory References

41-2405. [Arizona criminal justice commission; powers and duties; staff](#)

12. Prepare an annual report on law enforcement activities in this state funded by the drug enforcement account or the criminal justice enhancement fund and relating to illicit drugs and drug related gang activity. The report shall be submitted by October 31 of each year to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. The report shall include:

- (a) The name and a description of each law enforcement program dealing with illegal drug activity or street gang activity, or both.
- (b) The objective and goals of each program.
- (c) The source and amount of monies received by each program.
- (d) The name of the agency or entity that administers each program.
- (e) The effectiveness of each program.

41-2402. [Drug and gang enforcement account; resource center fund](#)

A. A drug and gang enforcement account is established within the criminal justice enhancement fund consisting of monies appropriated to the account by the legislature and any other monies available from other sources, public or private, to be used for the purpose of enhancing efforts to deter, investigate, prosecute, adjudicate and punish drug offenders and members of criminal street gangs as defined in section 13-105.

B. The Arizona criminal justice commission shall distribute monies from the drug and gang enforcement account in the following manner:

1. Up to fifty per cent to fund law enforcement agencies approved by the commission to enhance both:
 - (a) The investigation of drug and gang offenses and related criminal activity.
 - (b) Drug and gang education and prevention programs.
2. Up to fifty per cent to fund programs and agencies approved by the commission to enhance the state, county, city or town prosecution of drug and gang offenses and related criminal activity.
3. Up to thirty per cent to fund programs and agencies approved by the commission for the purpose of enhancing the ability of the courts to process drug and gang offenses and related criminal cases, either through the appointment of judges pro tempore or the establishment of additional divisions of the courts only for the purposes of this section, enhancing defense and probation services, including treatment, and funding the drug testing program.
4. Up to thirty per cent to fund programs by county sheriffs and the state department of corrections, as approved by the commission, to enhance drug offender treatment programs and the jail operations and facilities available to detain and incarcerate drug offenders and members of criminal street gangs as defined in section 13-105.
5. Up to thirty per cent to fund programs and agencies, as approved by the commission, to enhance the integration of criminal justice records relating to drug and gang offenders and their related criminal activity.

C. Before any monies are expended from the account, the criminal justice commission shall submit to the joint legislative budget committee a plan of proposed expenditures from the account and the anticipated fiscal and operational impact of those expenditures on all state and local agencies.

D. Any state agency that receives monies allocated from this account shall not include such monies as part of its continuation budget base for the purpose of requesting appropriations for the following fiscal year.

E. All the monies allocated from this account shall be dedicated solely to the purpose of enhancing efforts to deter, investigate, prosecute, adjudicate and punish drug and gang and related criminal offenders, except those monies allocated pursuant to subsection H of this section.

F. Notwithstanding the limitations prescribed in subsection B of this section, any federal monies or matching state monies in the drug and gang enforcement account may only be allocated by the commission pursuant to a plan approved by the federal government.

G. The auditor general shall annually perform a full and complete audit of the fund or the commission shall annually contract with an accounting firm to perform the audit and deliver a report to the governor and the legislature. The audit shall be charged to the drug and gang enforcement account.

H. A resource center fund is established consisting of monies received pursuant to section 12-284.03, paragraph 1 and all monies received from public or private gifts, grants or other sources, excluding federal monies and monies to be passed through to other entities, to be used solely for the purpose of funding the Arizona drug and gang prevention resource center. Monies in the fund are subject to legislative appropriation. Any monies unexpended or unencumbered on June 30 of each year shall not be subsequently expended or encumbered unless reappropriated. No monies in the drug and gang enforcement account except those received pursuant to this subsection shall be used to fund the Arizona drug and gang prevention resource center. Monies that are received by the center pursuant to this subsection are subject to the reporting requirements prescribed in section 41-617.01.

41-2401. Criminal justice enhancement fund

A. The criminal justice enhancement fund is established consisting of monies collected pursuant to section 12-116.01 and monies available from any other source. The state treasurer shall administer the fund.

B. On or before November 1 of each year, each department, agency or office that receives monies pursuant to this section shall provide to the Arizona criminal justice commission a report for the preceding fiscal year. The report shall be in a form prescribed by the Arizona criminal justice commission and shall be reviewed by the director of the joint legislative budget committee. The report shall set forth the sources of all monies and all expenditures. The report shall not include any identifying information about specific investigations.

C. On or before December 1 of each year, the Arizona criminal justice commission shall compile all reports into a single comprehensive report and shall submit a copy of the comprehensive report to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the director of the joint legislative budget committee.

D. On the first day of each month, the state treasurer shall distribute or deposit:

1. 6.46 per cent in the Arizona automated fingerprint identification system fund established by section 41-2414.
2. 1.61 per cent to the department of juvenile corrections for the treatment and rehabilitation of youth who have committed drug-related offenses.
3. 16.64 per cent in the peace officers' training fund established by section 41-1825.
4. 3.03 per cent in the prosecuting attorneys' advisory council training fund established by section 41-1830.03.
5. 9.35 per cent to the supreme court for the purpose of reducing juvenile crime.
6. 8.56 per cent to the department of public safety. Fifteen per cent of the monies shall be allocated for deposit in the Arizona deoxyribonucleic acid identification system fund established by section 41-2419. Eighty-five per cent of the monies shall be allocated to state and local law enforcement authorities for the following purposes:
 - (a) To enhance projects that are designed to prevent residential and commercial burglaries, to control street crime, including the activities of criminal street gangs, and to locate missing children.
 - (b) To provide support to the Arizona automated fingerprint identification system.
 - (c) Operational costs of the criminal justice information system.
7. 9.35 per cent to the department of law for allocation to county attorneys for the purpose of enhancing prosecutorial efforts.
8. 6.02 per cent to the supreme court for the purpose of enhancing the ability of the courts to process criminal and delinquency cases, orders of protection, injunctions against harassment and any proceeding relating to domestic violence matters, for auditing and investigating persons or entities licensed or certified by the supreme court and for processing judicial discipline cases. Notwithstanding section 12-143, subsection A, the salary of superior court judges pro tempore who are appointed for the purposes

provided in this paragraph shall, and the salary of other superior court judges pro tempore who are appointed pursuant to section 12-141 for the purposes provided in this paragraph may, be paid in full by the monies received pursuant to this paragraph.

9. 11.70 per cent to the state department of corrections for allocation to county sheriffs for the purpose of enhancing county jail facilities and operations, including county jails under the jurisdiction of county jail districts.

10. 1.57 per cent to the Arizona criminal justice commission.

11. 9.00 per cent to the state general fund.

12. 2.30 per cent in the crime laboratory assessment fund established by section 41-2415.

13. 7.68 per cent in the victims' rights fund established by section 41-191.08.

14. 4.60 per cent in the victim compensation and assistance fund established by section 41-2407.

15. 2.13 per cent to the supreme court for the purpose of providing drug treatment services to adult probationers through the community punishment program established in title 12, chapter 2, article 11.

E. Monies distributed pursuant to subsection D, paragraphs 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of this section constitute a continuing appropriation. Monies distributed pursuant to subsection D, paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 8, 10 and 15 of this section are subject to legislative appropriation.

F. The portion of the eighty-five per cent of the monies for direct operating expenses of the department of public safety in subsection D, paragraph 6 of this section is subject to legislative appropriation. The remainder of the monies in subsection D, paragraph 6 of this section including the portion of the eighty-five per cent for local law enforcement is continuously appropriated.

G. The allocation of monies pursuant to subsection D, paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by the Arizona criminal justice commission pursuant to section 41-2405.