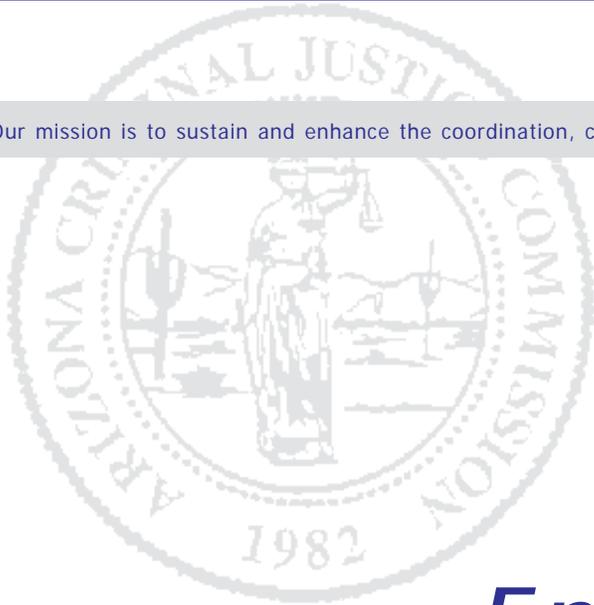


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Introduction

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 strategy 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 strategy was submitted for a four year period in 2004 but will continue to be reviewed and updated annually as needed. This strategy will also cover a four year period beginning in 2004.

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.

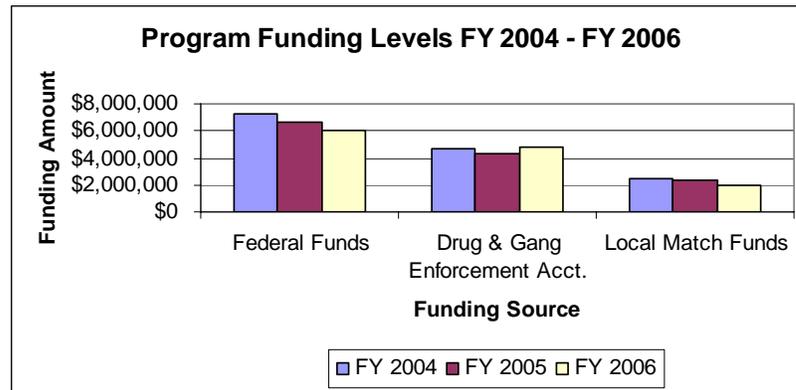
This report provides summary information on projects receiving funds from the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account and on projects funded by the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund during FY 2006 (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006), related to drug activity or drug related street gang activity. Many other valuable 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 2006 (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006), the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission distributed a total of \$12,843,748 in award funds from the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account to sixty-five (65) programs in the State. The Account includes \$2,025,617 of local cash match funds deposited by grant recipients.

SOURCE OF MONIES	2004	2005	2006
Federal Formula Grant Funds	\$7,224,235	\$6,693,034	\$6,076,839
Drug Fines	4,673,309	4,368,660	4,741,292
Local Match Funds	2,408,078	2,321,007	2,025,617
Total	\$14,305,622	\$13,382,701	\$12,843,748



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.

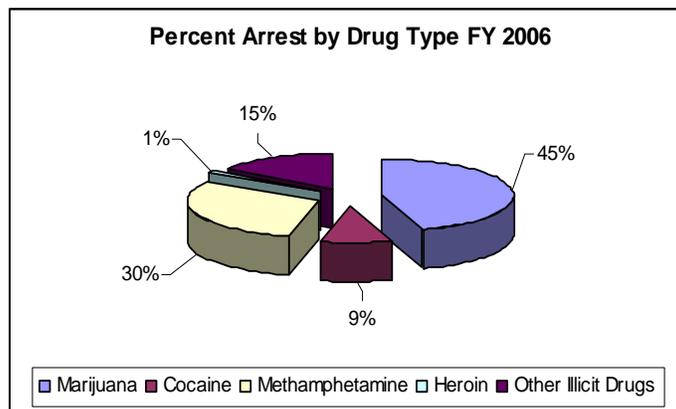
In FY 2006, drug apprehension programs consisting of sixteen (16) multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency drug task forces, established in all fifteen (15) counties in the State of Arizona, received support funding from the Account. There were fifteen (15) drug prosecution programs in the State receiving 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 2006, ten (10) 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 Police Department received Account funds. One (1) grant awarded to the Administrative Office of the Courts passed Account funds through to twenty-one (21) court related enhancement programs in all fifteen (15) counties in Arizona. There were no requests for drug abuse education/prevention funding in FY 2006.

In FY 2006 direct personnel costs made up 96.72 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 authorities participating in the programs. Account expenditures provided salaries, overtime, and employee-related expenses for 218 criminal justice professionals in the State of Arizona. This is a reduction from FY 2005 when 235 professionals were employed by the grant.

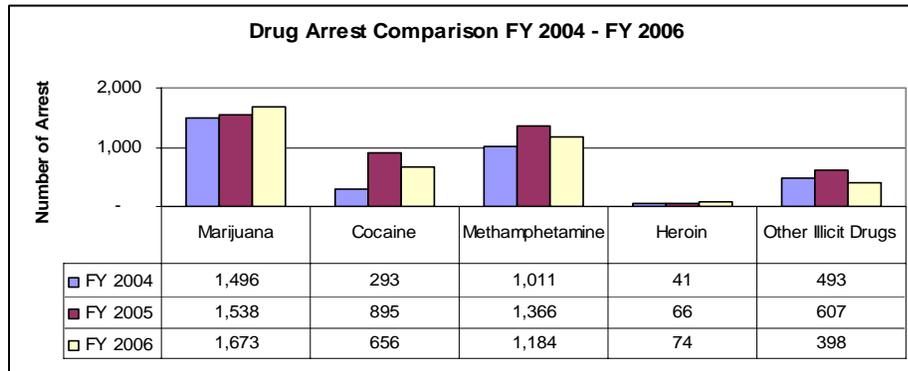
	<u>FY 2006</u>
Court Information Processor	10
Drug Agents/Narcotics Investigators	59
Detention Officers	1
Forensic Criminalists/Print Examiners	10
Judges/Commissioners	4
Probation Officers	10
Prosecutors	44
Public Defenders	5
Substance Abuse Counselor	1
Support Staff	84
TOTAL	218

Arrest activity

In FY 2006, apprehension program activities resulted in the arrest of 3,985 drug offense violators, a slight decrease over FY 2005 (4,472). Forty-five percent of the arrests were for marijuana, followed by 30 percent for methamphetamine. This reduction in arrest could be due to the decrease (15) in narcotics investigators. It is becoming difficult to recruit and keep law enforcement officers in rural Arizona. These positions often go unfilled for long periods of time.



Over the past three years, arrests show a slight increase for marijuana and heroin; methamphetamine arrests decreased from FY 2005.



Drug availability

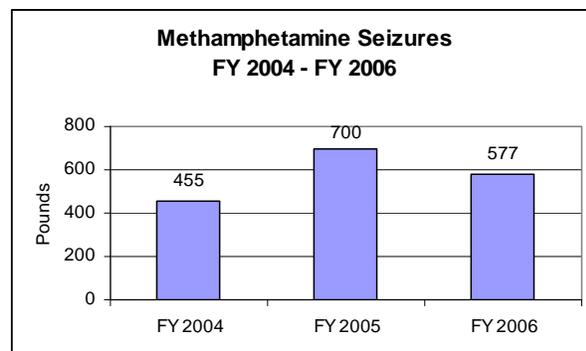
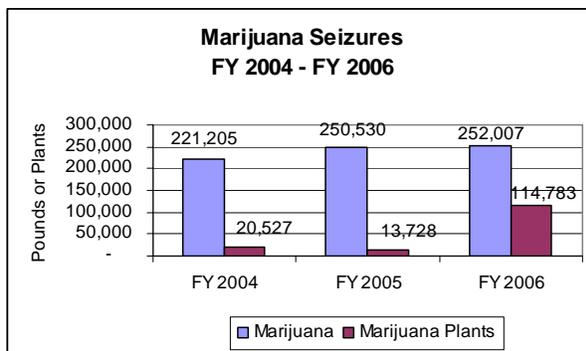
Cocaine is readily available throughout Arizona with the largest quantities available in metropolitan areas. Crack is readily available in Arizona's inner cities and in some smaller communities. Crack retails for an average price of \$10-\$20/rock. Powder cocaine prices average \$25-\$30/gram.

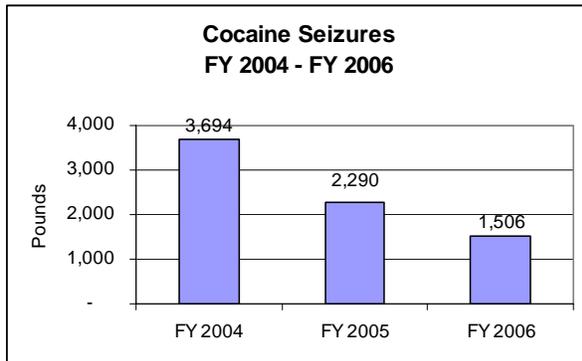
Mexican black tar heroin is the predominant type of heroin found in Arizona. Heroin retails for an average price of \$80-\$150/gram.

Marijuana remains readily available and is considered the most widely used illegal drug throughout the state. Mexican produced Marijuana retails for \$65-\$150/ounce. Domestically grown plants average about \$500/pound.

Mexican-produced methamphetamine is the predominant form found in Arizona. Mexican Ice methamphetamine retails for \$40-\$60/gram.

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.





Getting drugs of the streets....
 In FY 2006 Arizona Drug Task Forces seized:

- 252,007 pounds of marijuana valued at \$126 million.
- 114,783 marijuana plants valued at \$86 million.
- 577 pounds of methamphetamine valued at \$ 7.5 million.
- 1,506 pounds of cocaine valued at \$5.1 million.

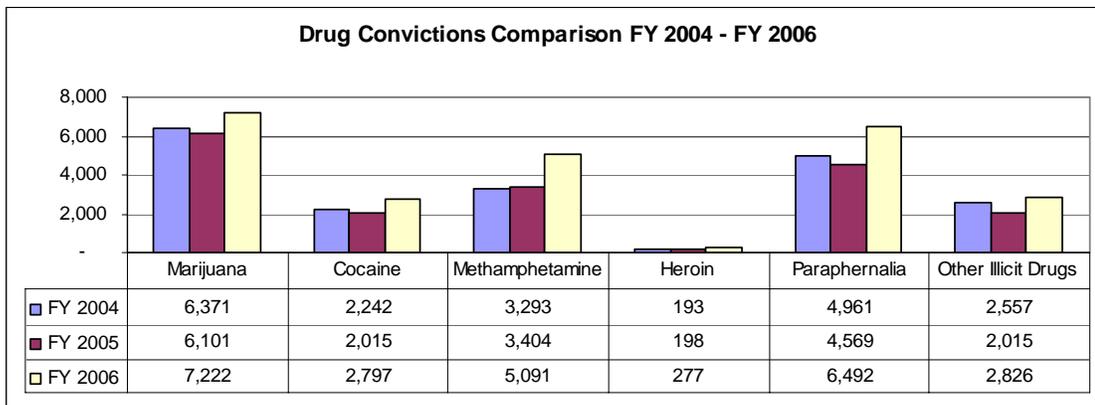
Marijuana seizures increased in FY 2006. Over 252,007 pounds of marijuana, 114,783 plants were removed from northeastern Arizona’s growing areas; 577 pounds of methamphetamine were seized, a slight decrease from FY 2005. Over 1,506 pounds of cocaine were removed from the Arizona streets by the multi-jurisdictional, multi agency task forces funded from the Account.

The 16 multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task forces seized 20 methamphetamine laboratories in FY 2006, a 50 percent decrease from the 40 seized in FY 2005. Each pound of methamphetamine produced leaves behind 5-7 pounds of toxic waste. Disposal of highly toxic chemicals such as acids and other toxic substances cost Arizona \$4.1 million from 2000-2005 according to the *Arizona’s Meth Crisis 2006*, published by the Arizona Attorney General.

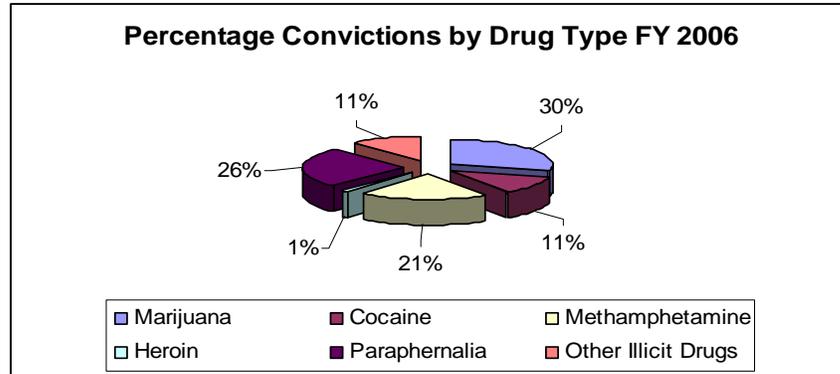
Drug traffickers' non-drug assets with a gross estimated value of \$10,036,244 were seized during this 12-month period.

Conviction activity

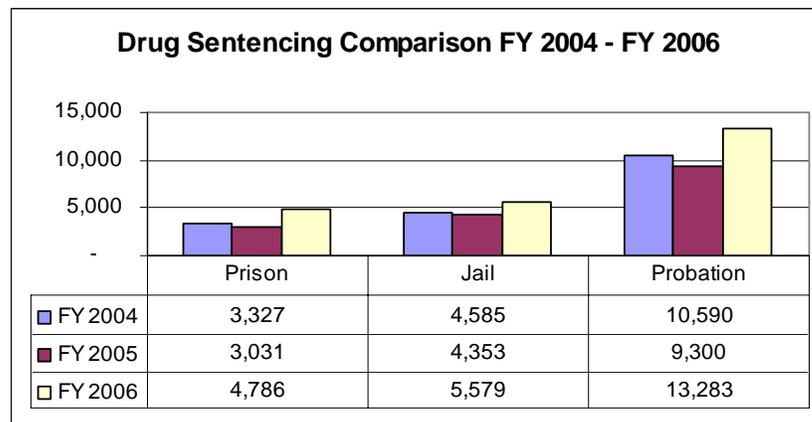
Activity reports have been compiled from the 15 drug prosecution programs in 13 of Arizona’s 15 counties including the Tucson City Prosecutors Office and the Attorney General’s Forfeiture Program. In FY 2006 convictions show an increase for all drug types.



During FY 2006, 24,725 drug violators were convicted by the state, over 64 percent were felony convictions. Thirty percent of the convictions were for marijuana, 26 percent for paraphernalia and 21 percent for methamphetamine related charges.



Prison sentences were handed down to 4,786 of these convicted drug violators; 5,579 received jail sentences; of those, 4,207 also received probation in addition to jail time, and 13,283 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. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that the Record Quality Index (RQI) shows that 68.5 percent of all criminal history records are complete with final disposition rendered and posted at the end of 2003. This is up from 56.6 percent reported at the end of 1999.

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, 2005, \$84,611,798 has been expended on apprehension programs; \$73,827,904 for prosecution programs; \$42,102,825 for adjudication programs; \$16,287,827 on drug forensic analysis and drug offender detention programs; \$1,432,222 drug prevention and education; and \$8,545,779 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 18 years, apprehension program activities resulted in the arrest of 60,192 drug offense violators. Program activities were responsible for the removal of over 69,762 pounds of cocaine; over 2,652,221 pounds of marijuana; over 414 pounds of heroin; and over 4,270 pounds of amphetamine/methamphetamine. Drug traffickers' non-drug assets with a gross estimated value of \$204,012,648 were seized.

The results achieved in the 18 years of the enhanced drug enforcement program show that for every \$1,406 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 \$3,389 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 2006 for each program is presented by county on the following pages.

	<u>FY 2006</u>		<u>FY 2006</u>
<i>Apache County</i>		<i>Graham County</i>	
Apprehension	\$295,000	Apprehension	\$32,000
Adjudication	27,699	Adjudication	23,024
Prosecution	99,485	Criminal Justice Records	47,801
Total	\$422,184	Total	\$102,825
<i>Cochise County</i>		<i>Greenlee County</i>	
Apprehension	\$179,723	Apprehension	\$37,000
Adjudication	59,124	Adjudication	9,658
Criminal Justice Records	109,927	Total	\$46,658
Prosecution	185,000		
Total	\$533,774	<i>La Paz County</i>	
<i>Coconino County</i>		Apprehension	\$142,000
Apprehension	\$293,634	Adjudication	21,988
Adjudication	61,863	Prosecution	85,000
Detention	38,000	Total	\$248,988
Prosecution	166,000	<i>Maricopa County</i>	
Total	\$559,497	Apprehension	\$412,000
<i>Gila County</i>		Adjudication	1,673,588
Apprehension	\$371,000	Criminal Justice Records	53,612
Adjudication	37,442	Prosecution	1,615,000
Prosecution	76,000	Total	\$3,754,200
Total	\$484,442	<i>Mohave County</i>	
		Apprehension	\$388,000
		Adjudication	65,017
		Prosecution	235,000
		Total	\$688,017

Drug and Gang Enforcement Account

	<u>FY 2006</u>		<u>FY 2006</u>
<i>Navajo County</i>		<i>Yavapai County</i>	
Apprehension	\$201,877	Apprehension	\$474,000
Adjudication	54,411	Adjudication	105,912
Prosecution	133,947	Prosecution	46,000
Total	\$390,235	Total	\$625,912
<i>Pima County</i>		<i>Yuma County</i>	
Apprehension	\$894,000	Apprehension	\$210,860
Adjudication	350,698	Adjudication	83,642
Criminal Justice Records	105,250	Prosecution	350,504
Forensic Analysis	54,000	Total	\$645,006
Prosecution	916,661		
Total	\$2,320,609		
<i>Pinal County</i>		<i>State</i>	
Apprehension	\$209,000	Adjudication	\$22,002
Adjudication	97,943	Criminal Justice Records	26,500
Prosecution	218,000	Forensic Analysis	516,000
Total	\$1,049,886	Prosecution	1,024,000
		Total	\$1,588,502
<i>Santa Cruz County</i>			
Apprehension	\$199,808		
Adjudication	20,537		
Criminal Justice Records	10,700		
Prosecution	58,000		
Total	\$289,045		

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 2006</u>
<i>Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Narcotics Team (ACCENT)</i>	<i>\$295,000</i>
<i>Cochise County Border Alliance Group (BAG)</i>	<i>179,723</i>
<i>Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)</i>	<i>894,000</i>
<i>Gila County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force</i>	<i>371,000</i>
<i>Greenlee County Narcotics Task Force</i>	<i>37,000</i>
<i>La Paz County Narcotics Task Force</i>	<i>142,000</i>
<i>Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team (MCNNET)</i>	<i>412,000</i>
<i>Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)</i>	<i>388,000</i>
<i>Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)</i>	<i>201,877</i>
<i>Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (METRO)</i>	<i>293,634</i>
<i>Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)</i>	<i>474,000</i>
<i>Pinal County Drug and Gang Enforcement Multi-agency Task Force</i>	<i>209,000</i>
<i>Santa Cruz County METRO Task Force</i>	<i>199,808</i>
<i>Southeastern Arizona Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Task Force</i>	<i>32,000</i>
<i>Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF)</i>	<i>210,860</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$4,339,902</i>

Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Narcotics Team (ACCENT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$295,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	45,658
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	112,367

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.

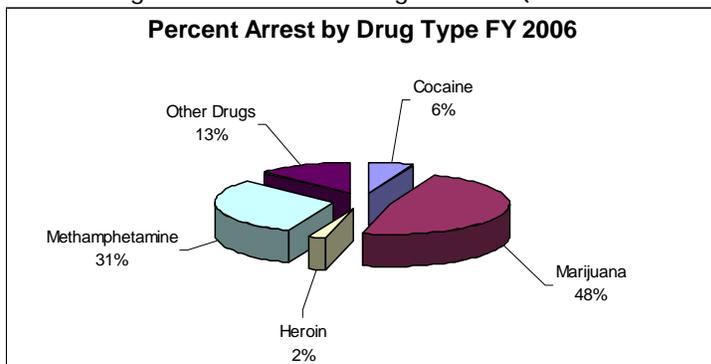
Task Force Participants: St. John's Police Department, Springerville Police Department, Eagar Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Apache County Attorney's Office, Apache County Sheriff's Office.

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 2,239 drug arrests since its inception in April 1988. The task force has seized over 443 pounds of cocaine, 16,027 pounds of marijuana, 7,004 cannabis plants under cultivation, over 72 pounds of methamphetamine and 37,351 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. The task force has seized drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$3,112,664. 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 the final destination being other states.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	39	52	74
Sales/Trafficking	72	69	34
Total	111	121	108
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	3	1,361	152,414
Heroin (grams)	1	0	3
Methamphetamine (grams)	163	7,055	195
Cannabis (pounds)	1,649	8,066	322
Cannabis (plants)	1	10	3
Other drugs (dosage units)	70	8,215	915
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$215,346	\$74,591	\$25,855

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in Making a Difference in Arizona on page 57.

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Cochise County Border Alliance Group (BAG)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$179,723
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	27,816
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	68,457

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.

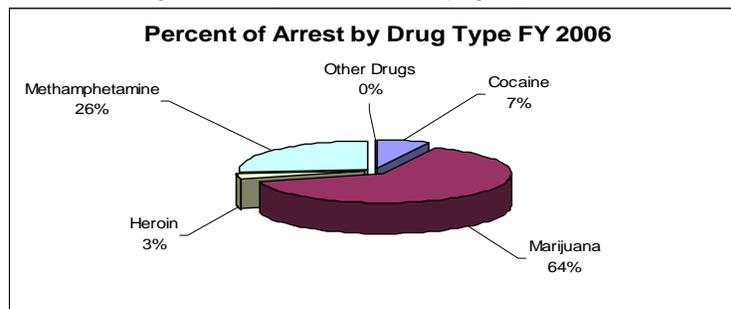
Task Force Participants: Tombstone Marshal's Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Public Safety, Willcox Police Department, Cochise County Attorney's Office, Cochise County Sheriff's Office.

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 over 13,008 pounds of cocaine, 479,106 pounds of marijuana, 4,870 cannabis plants under cultivation, over 182 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 \$15,508,837 and made 3,117 arrests, 67 percent (2,016) 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	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	87	71	135
Sales/Trafficking	72	46	74
Total	159	117	179
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	166,973	122,599	99,205
Heroin (grams)	1	28	7,349
Methamphetamine (grams)	33,886	39,865	625
Cannabis (pounds)	45,321	35,265	23,367
Cannabis (plants)	34	68	0
Other drugs (dosage units)	72,493	12	12
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$81,123	\$59,904	\$69,855

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$894,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	138,368
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	340,529

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.

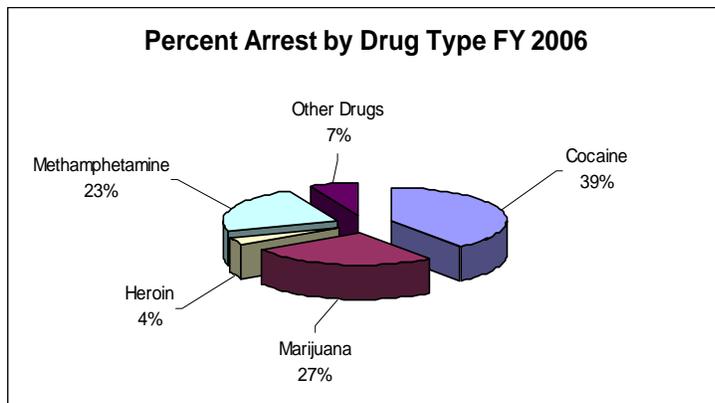
Task Force Participants: Pima County Sheriff's Office, South Tucson Police Department, Marana Police Department, Oro Valley Police Department, University of Arizona Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Pima County Attorney's Office, Tucson Police Department.

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 over 14,924 pounds of cocaine, 2,120,978 pounds of marijuana, 10,618 cannabis plants under cultivation, 27 pounds of heroin, over 343 pounds of methamphetamine, and 1,449,963 dosage units of other drugs. The unit reports the seizure of drug violator assets with an estimated gross value of \$59,328,879. This project has been responsible for 8,545 drug arrests.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	23	865	498
Sales/Trafficking	336	652	570
Total	359	1,517	1,068
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	1,349,658	63,260	51,260
Heroin (grams)	1,415	187	2,445
Methamphetamine (grams)	2,417	3,868	120,284
Cannabis (pounds)	92,533	101,498	119,350
Cannabis (plants)	255	107	1,238
Other drugs (dosage units)	1,534	139,523	1,099,050
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$9,773,185	\$7,325,423	\$4,358,327

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in Ripped from the headlines on page 60.

New law targets meth manufacturers who endanger kids

Gila County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$371,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	57,421
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	141,316

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.

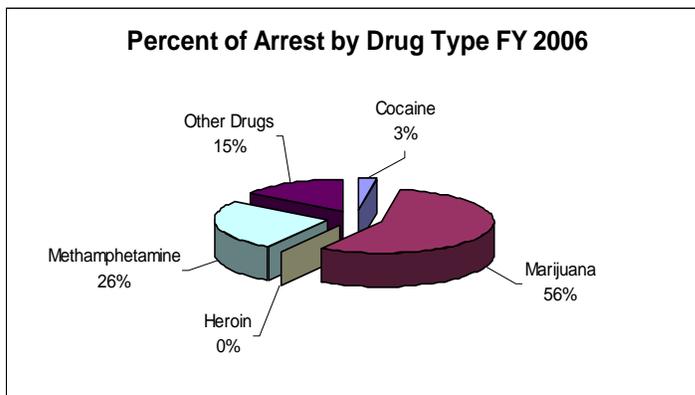
Task Force Participants: Gila County Attorney's Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Gila County Sheriff's Office.

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 3,019 drug law violators. The 66 percent (2,003) arrest rate for in use/possession reflects the task force's firm user accountability approach to deterring drug abuse. The unit has seized over 12 pounds of cocaine, 12,534 pounds of marijuana, 133,945 cannabis plants under cultivation, 148 grams of heroin, and over 303 pounds of methamphetamine, with smaller amounts of other dangerous drugs. Drug violator assets seized have an estimated gross value of \$3,709,096.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	83	118	131
Sales/Trafficking	39	37	46
Total	122	155	177
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	44	19	17
Heroin (grams)	0	0	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	15,450	300	529
Cannabis (pounds)	2,268	859	2,575
Cannabis (plants)	19,138	11,835	98,862
Other drugs (dosage units)	1,507	88	872
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$126,869	\$185,189	\$501,819

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in Ripped from the headlines on page 60.

Hikers Warned: Find a Pot field, bullets may fly

Greenlee County Narcotics Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$37,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	5,727
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	14,093

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.

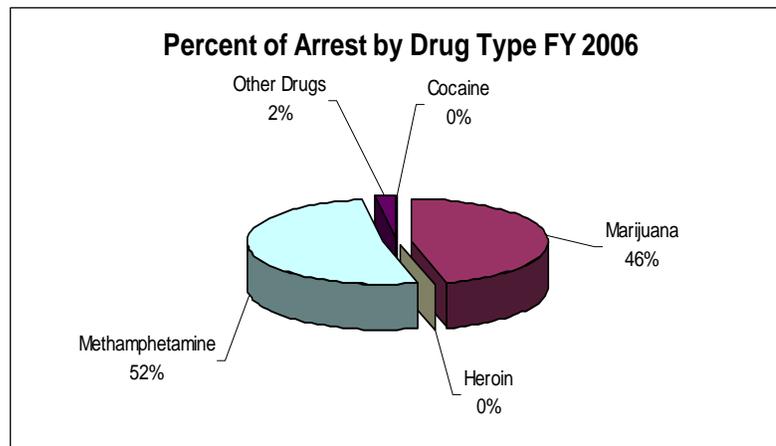
Task Force Participants: Department of Public Safety, Greenlee County Attorney’s Office, Greenlee County Sheriff’s Office.

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 539 arrests, of which 82 percent (443) 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 38 ounces of cocaine, and more than 503 pounds of marijuana. Drug violators, assets seized have an estimated gross value of \$52,176.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	41	26	66
Sales/Trafficking	13	3	17
Total	54	29	83
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	0	0	0
Heroin (grams)	0	0	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	29	32	55
Cannabis (pounds)	1	1	4
Cannabis (plants)	7	0	9
Other drugs (dosage units)	0	0	41
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$1,248	\$0	\$0

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



La Paz County Narcotics Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$142,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	21,978
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	54,088

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.

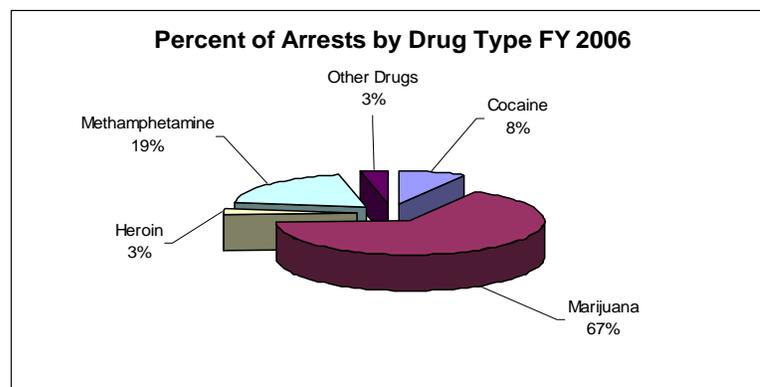
Task Force Participants: Parker Police Department, Quartzsite Marshal's Office, La Paz County Attorney's Office, La Paz County Sheriff's Office.

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 1,408 drug arrests, 65 percent (918) of which were for sales/trafficking offenses. The unit has seized 628 pounds of cocaine, 10,976 pounds of marijuana, 1,554 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 326 pounds of methamphetamine, 166,085 dosage units of other dangerous drugs, and 2.17 pounds of heroin. Drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$6,788,197 were also seized for forfeiture.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	11	33	19
Sales/Trafficking	35	40	43
Total	46	73	62
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	68	2,778	63
Heroin (grams)	5	1	66
Methamphetamine (grams)	1,157	14,976	1,360
Cannabis (pounds)	874	1,737	2,588
Cannabis (plants)	8	0	58
Other drugs (dosage units)	287	0	1,299
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$203,121	\$903,831	\$839,801

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team (MCNNET)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$412,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	63,767
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	156,933

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.

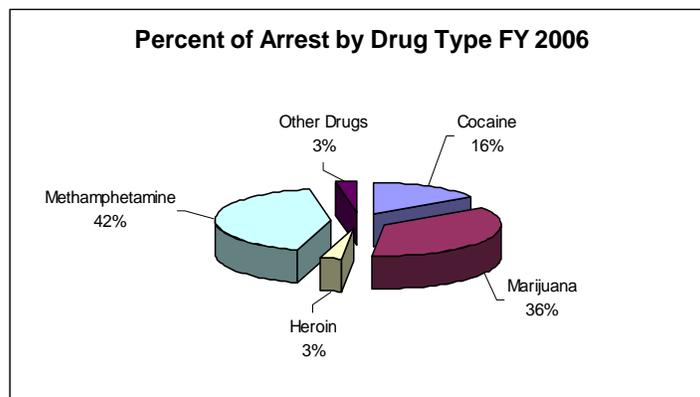
Task Force Participants: The El Mirage Police Department, Goodyear Police Department, Arizona National Guard, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.

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 1,653 drug related arrests, of which 46 percent (763) were for sales/trafficking offenses. They have seized more than 20 pounds of cocaine, 25,970 pounds of marijuana, almost 6 pounds of heroin, over 19 pounds of methamphetamine and 40,334 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. Drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$2,287,200 were also seized for forfeiture.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	51	31	59
Sales/Trafficking	84	60	104
Total	135	91	163
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	432	181	154
Heroin (grams)	28	19	21
Methamphetamine (grams)	3,073	2,751	3,183
Cannabis (pounds)	4,713	1,261	13,271
Cannabis (plants)	60	1,178	14,305
Other drugs (dosage units)	631	698	28
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$353,006	\$270,642	\$991,054

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$388,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	60,052
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	147,791

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.

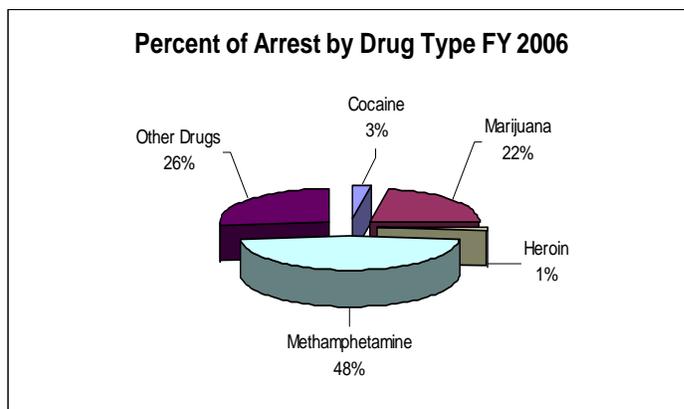
Task Force Participants: Lake Havasu City Police Department, Bullhead City Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Mohave County Attorney's Office, Mohave County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kingman Police Department.

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 8,185 arrests since its inception in April 1988. Of these, 39 percent (3,226) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The task force has seized 3,809 pounds of cocaine, 26,465 pounds of marijuana, 26,302 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 13 pounds of heroin, 385 pounds of methamphetamine, and more than 985,207 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. The unit has also seized an estimated \$11,661,307 in drug law violators' assets.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	408	309	298
Sales/Trafficking	142	116	117
Total	550	425	415
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	5,100	373,406	12,069
Heroin (grams)	70	62	1,012
Methamphetamine (grams)	6,509	24,550	16,637
Cannabis (pounds)	3,687	2,005	193
Cannabis (plants)	44	41	71
Other drugs (dosage units)	63,379	178,328	179
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$515,939	\$413,559	\$63,242

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in *Making a Difference in Arizona* on page 58.

MULTI JURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION HELPS WITH METH LAB SEIZURE

Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$201,877
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	31,246
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	76,896

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.

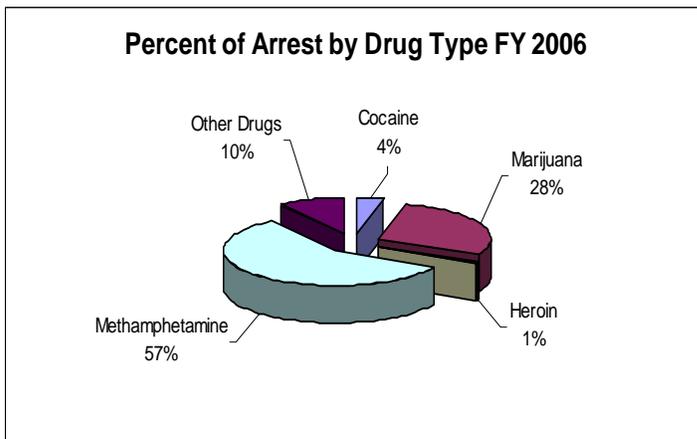
Task Force Participants: Holbrook Police Department, Show Low Police Department, Winslow Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department, Navajo County Sheriff’s Office.

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 278 pounds of cocaine, 10,378 pounds of marijuana, 2,261 marijuana plants under cultivation, over 54 pounds of methamphetamine and nominal amounts of other illicit drugs. The unit has made 2,540 arrests of which 56 percent (1,420) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The task force also seized traffickers' assets with an estimated value of \$4,683,181.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	54	54	99
Sales/Trafficking	91	96	125
Total	145	150	224
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	18,927	1,938	756
Heroin (grams)	1	1	1
Methamphetamine (grams)	426	1,090	590
Cannabis (pounds)	724	71	199
Cannabis (plants)	21	13	19
Other drugs (dosage units)	2,292	595	450
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$24,965	\$43,334	\$95,359

Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in Ripped from the headlines on page 60 and 61.

Police Crackdown, 6 Arrested and Pile of guns and drugs Seized by police

Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (METRO)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$293,634
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	45,447
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	111,847

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.

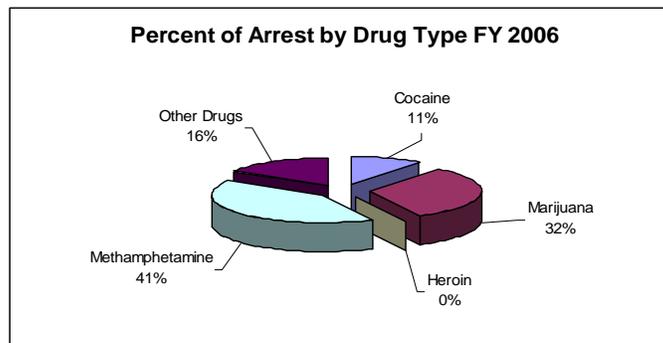
Task Force Participants: Northern Arizona University Police, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Williams Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Page Police Department, Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Coconino County Attorney's Office, Flagstaff Police Department.

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 3,083 arrests since its inception in April 1988, of which 48 percent (1,483) were for drug sales/trafficking offenses. The task force has seized over 1,031 pounds of cocaine, 22,113 pounds of marijuana, 4,099 cannabis plants under cultivation, more than 94 pounds of methamphetamine, and 75,916 dosage units of dangerous drugs. The unit has also seized drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$5,653,582.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	100	88	69
Sales/Trafficking	70	61	53
Total	170	149	122
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	4	4,250	433
Heroin (grams)	3	24	1
Methamphetamine (grams)	611	512	3,040
Cannabis (pounds)	95	20	84
Cannabis (plants)	108	246	95
Other drugs (dosage units)	2,204	13,485	8,545
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$46,446	\$125,897	\$105,159

*Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$474,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	73,363
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	180,549

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.

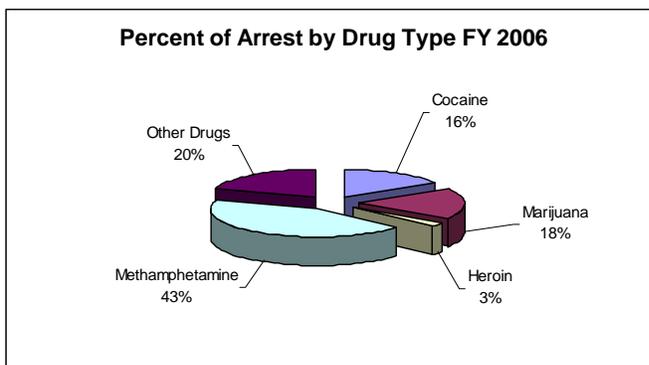
Task Force Participants: Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, Prescott Valley Police Department, Chino Valley Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Clarkdale Police Department, Camp Verde Marshal's Office, Cottonwood Police Department, Jerome Police Department, Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Police 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 heroin 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 3,284 arrests, of which 46 percent (1,511) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The unit has seized 1,594 pounds of cocaine, 16,959 pounds of marijuana, 28,749 cannabis plants under cultivation, 4 pounds of heroin, more than 273 pounds of methamphetamine, and 707,292 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. Non-drug assets with an estimated value of \$7,050,002 were also seized.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	85	70	85
Sales/Trafficking	68	78	108
Total	153	148	193
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	501	185	298
Heroin (grams)	28	1	62
Methamphetamine (grams)	1,132	3,507	1,368
Cannabis (pounds)	60	61	19
Cannabis (plants)	811	23	66
Other drugs (dosage units)	6,591	659	52
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$453,378	\$349,547	\$314,085

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in Ripped from the headlines on page 61.

MATForce takes Mission to the public

Pinal County Drug and Gang Enforcement Multi-agency Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$209,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	32,348
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	79,609

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.

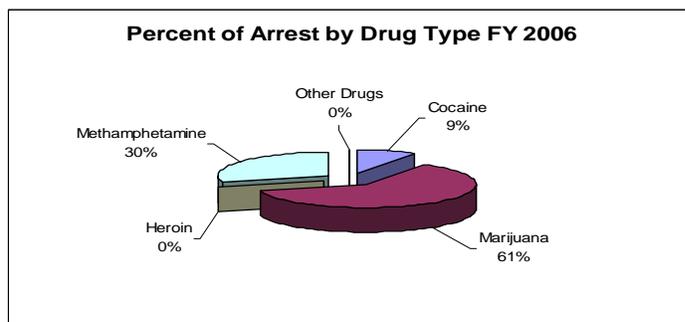
Task Force Participants: Casa Grande Police Department, Eloy Police Department, Kearny Police Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Coolidge Police Department, Pinal County Attorney's Office, Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narcotics Task Force, Pinal County Sheriff's Department.

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 4,869 drug arrests since its inception in 1988. Of these, 44 percent (2,121) were for drug sales/trafficking offenses. This formally organized task force, with a board of directors representing participant agencies, has seized 4,044 pounds of cocaine, 126,971 pounds of marijuana, 4,562 cannabis plants under cultivation, 114 pounds of methamphetamine, more than 66 pounds of heroin and large amounts of other illicit drugs. In addition, traffickers' assets valued at \$15,452,916 were also seized for forfeiture.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	167	206	219
Sales/Trafficking	113	121	123
Total	280	327	342
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	450	38,105	35,819
Heroin (grams)	4	22	0
Methamphetamine (grams)	3,139	13,662	8,496
Cannabis (pounds)	10,300	29,892	15,879
Cannabis (plants)	27	65	49
Other drugs (dosage units)	4,532	323	3,884
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$340,056	\$803,290	\$989,728

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in Ripped from the headlines on page 61

Pinal county officials
Halt large pot shipment

Santa Cruz County METRO Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$199,808
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	30,925
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	76,108

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.

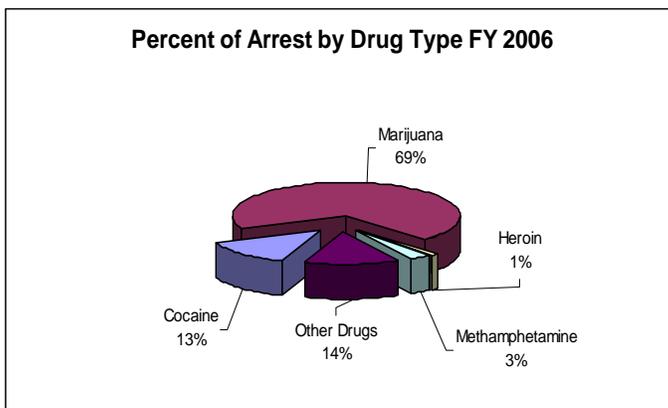
Task Force Participants: Nogales Police Department, Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narcotics Task Force, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office, United States Border Patrol, United States Forest Service, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's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

Objectives: To reduce the illegal importation and transportation of illicit drugs and narcotics by identifying, arresting, and seizing illicit drugs and traffickers 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 4,387 drug arrests. The task force has seized 9,667 pounds of cocaine, more than 57 pounds of heroin, and 392,873 pounds of marijuana, along with drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$11,642,741.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	159	204	259
Sales/Trafficking	246	305	160
Total	405	509	419
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	76,822	134,557	88,081
Heroin (grams)	23,272	6	1,770
Methamphetamine (grams)	60,686	106,563	82,066
Cannabis (pounds)	24,561	48,273	88,081
Cannabis (plants)	8	16	5
Other drugs (dosage units)	1,237	2,888	774
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$933,917	\$1,946,199	\$1,353,911

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



For more information on this task force read related story in Ripped from the headlines on page 61.

Four missing but 34 rescued from flooded Nogales drainage tunnel

Southeastern Arizona Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Task Force

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$32,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	4,953
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	12,189

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.

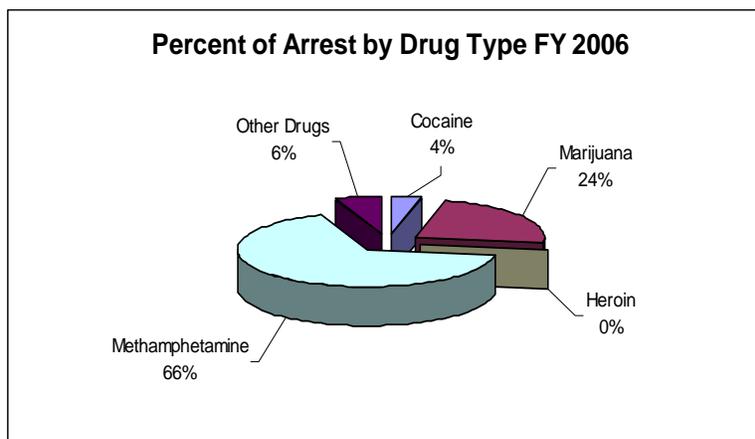
Task Force Participants: Safford Police Department, Thatcher Police Department, Pima Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Graham County Attorney's Office, Graham County Sheriff's Office.

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 1,155 arrests since its inception in April 1988; of these, 56 percent were for sales/trafficking offenses. The task force has seized more than 2 pounds of cocaine, 1,393 pounds of marijuana, 497 cannabis plants under cultivation, and smaller amounts of other dangerous drugs. The task force has seized an estimated \$542,366 in drug law violators' assets.

ARRESTS	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	40	34	16
Sales/Trafficking	58	50	35
Total	98	84	57
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	0	4	15
Heroin (grams)	0	1	5
Methamphetamine (grams)	261	937	236
Cannabis (pounds)	229	260	14
Cannabis (plants)	0	99	0
Other drugs (dosage units)	55	2	2
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES*	\$13,095	\$55,073	\$2,834

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$210,860
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	32,636
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	80,318

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.

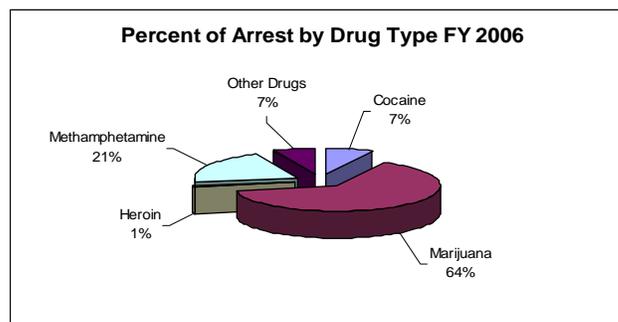
Task Force Participants: Somerton Police Department, San Luis Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Yuma County Attorney's Office, Yuma Police Department, Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

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 6,988 drug law violators since its inception in April 1988. Of these, 70 percent (4,876) were for sales/trafficking offenses. The task force has maintained significant levels of productivity. Illicit drug seizures include over 16,557 pounds of cocaine, 263,395 pounds of marijuana, over 250 pounds of heroin, more than 1,762 pounds of methamphetamine, and 586,846 dosage units of other dangerous drugs. They have also seized drug law violators' assets with an estimated value of \$13,803,243. 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	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Use/Possession	105	89	206
Sales/Trafficking	316	207	173
Total	421	296	379
DRUGS SEIZURES			
Cocaine (grams)	169,220	289,408	242,763
Heroin (grams)	30,658	5,820	14,707
Methamphetamine (grams)	71,366	93,748	261,796
Cannabis (pounds)	24,037	11,713	23,124
Cannabis (plants)	8	27	3
Other drugs (dosage units)	8,358	41,815	1,585
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES	\$840,460	\$290,566	\$1,117,686

* Estimated gross value of non-drug seizures (See NOTICE on page 8)



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

	<i>FY 2006</i>
<i>Apache County Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Prosecution Program</i>	<i>\$99,485</i>
<i>Arizona Forfeiture Support Services Project</i>	<i>1,024,000</i>
<i>Cochise County Border Alliance Group (BAG)</i>	<i>185,000</i>
<i>Coconino County Prosecution of Drug Cases and Forfeitures</i>	<i>166,000</i>
<i>Gila County Drug Prosecution and Asset Forfeiture Program</i>	<i>76,000</i>
<i>La Paz County Drug Task Force Prosecutor</i>	<i>85,000</i>
<i>Maricopa County Attorney's Office Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Program</i>	<i>1,615,000</i>
<i>Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET)</i>	<i>235,000</i>
<i>Navajo County Violent and Major Prosecution Enhancement</i>	<i>133,947</i>
<i>Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)</i>	<i>46,000</i>
<i>Pima County Drug Prosecution Project</i>	<i>558,000</i>
<i>Pinal County Drug Prosecution Unit</i>	<i>218,000</i>
<i>Santa Cruz County Drug Prosecution Program</i>	<i>58,000</i>
<i>Tucson City Attorney's Drug Enforcement Project</i>	<i>358,661</i>
<i>Yuma County Drug, Gang and Violence Prosecution</i>	<i>350,504</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$5,208,597</i>

Apache County Gang and Violent Crime Prosecution Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$99,485
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	15,398
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	37,894

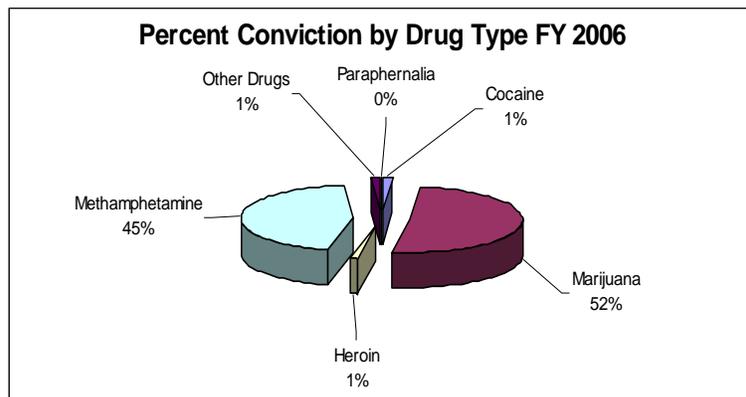
Project Description: This project is administered by the Apache County Attorney's Office. This gives them the ability to provide enhanced drug and gang prosecution, asset forfeiture processing and litigation service for the Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Narcotics Team and all other law enforcement 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 2,198 drug cases, resulting in 915 felony and 737 misdemeanor convictions since July 1991. Of those convicted: 127 were sent to prison, 200 spent time in jail and 1,040 were placed on probation. The unit obtained the forfeiture of \$296,957 in drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	141	180	143
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	64	87	99
Misdemeanor	47	63	34
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	17	14	20
Jail/Probation	14	10	1
Probation	53	100	103
VALUE OF FORFEITURE			
TOTAL	\$0	\$1,382	\$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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$1,024,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	158,488
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	390,047

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 \$43,594,585 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	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	19	16	66
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	\$7,853,080	\$7,439,444	\$9,535,874

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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$185,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	28,633
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	70,468

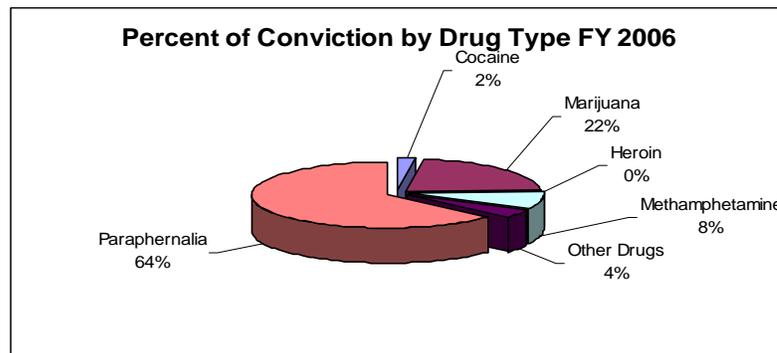
Project Description: This program is administered by the Cochise County Attorney's Office. This unit gives the Cochise County Attorney's Office the ability to effectively handle the increased number of drug prosecution and civil forfeiture cases resulting from the aggressive activities of the Border 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 8,321 drug prosecution cases, resulting in 3,034 felony and 1,858 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted: 777 were sent to prison; 1,234 spent time in jail; and 2,037 were placed on probation. The unit obtained the forfeiture of \$3,740,451 in drug law violators' assets. In FY 2006, 106 offenders were diverted to treatment in lieu of prosecution.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	860	921	901
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	195	146	202
Misdemeanor	290	318	310
Undesignated*	48	38	59
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	71	48	56
Jail/Probation	112	128	157
Probation	235	209	156
VALUE OF FORFEITURE			
TOTAL	\$285,226	\$160,901	\$308,811

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$166,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	25,693
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	63,230

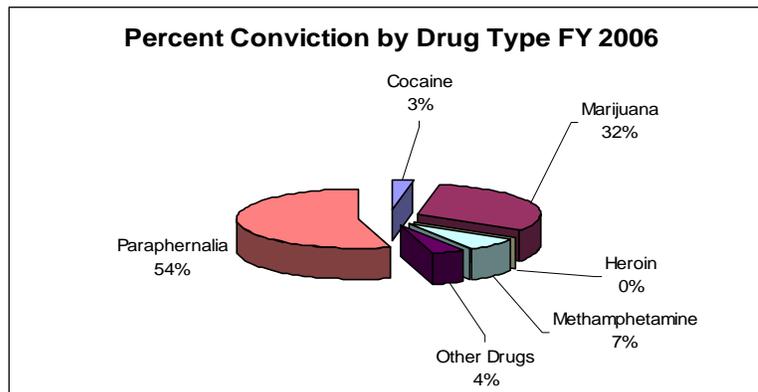
Project Description: This program is administered by the Coconino County Attorney's Office. The project provides direct assistance to the Northern Arizona Metro Narcotics Task Force in case preparation and development and prosecutes drug and gang cases from all law enforcement agencies in Coconino County. 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 7,678 drug cases, resulting in 2,851 felony and 1,951 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 768 were sent to prison, 1,332 spent time in jail, and 1,858 were placed on probation. The unit has reported the forfeiture of \$4,332,537 in drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	385	366	463
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	86	156	199
Misdemeanor	87	83	165
Undesignated*	33	76	34
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	30	58	51
Jail/Probation	38	65	135
Probation	72	150	154
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$258,058	\$154,489	\$264,572

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$76,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	11,763
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	28,949

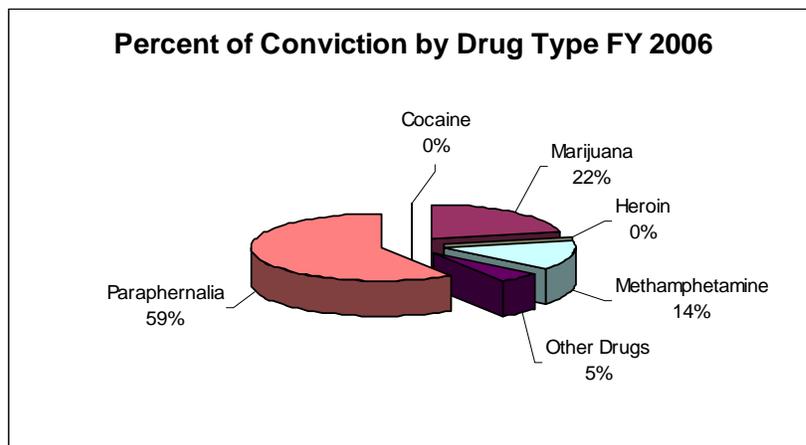
Project Description: This program is administered by the Gila County Attorney's Office. This project supports the provision of drug and gang prosecution, asset forfeiture processing and litigation for the Gila County Narcotic Task Force and other law enforcement agencies in Gila County.

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 3,031 drug cases. This resulted in 2,146 felony and 457 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 315 were sent to prison, 707 spent time in jail, and 1,528 were placed on probation. The project has achieved the successful forfeiture of \$768,577 in drug violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	180	175	192
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	121	141	116
Misdemeanor	28	19	54
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	20	33	23
Jail/Probation	48	55	36
Probation	81	72	92
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$14,176	\$61,165	\$34,199

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$85,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	13,156
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	32,377

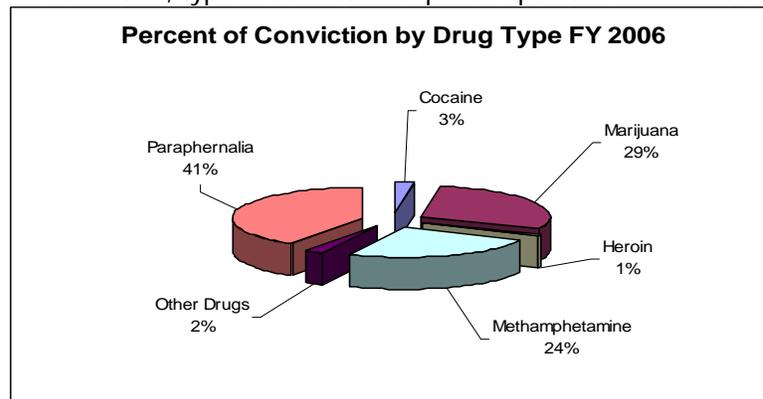
Project Description: This program is administered by the La Paz County Attorney's Office. This project provides the ability to successfully handle drug and gang prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation cases for the La Paz County Narcotics Task Force and other law enforcement agencies in La Paz County.

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 2,864 drug cases, resulting in 943 felony and 1,314 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 246 were sent to prison, 538 spent time in jail, and 674 were placed on probation. The project has achieved a successful forfeiture of \$2,607,365 in drug violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	290	231	316
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	87	93	119
Misdemeanor	166	136	108
Undesignated*	0	0	3
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	14	11	11
Jail/Probation	38	32	69
Probation	91	133	100
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$304,871	\$166,633	\$0

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



Maricopa County Attorney's Office Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$1,615,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	249,959
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	615,163

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-hour, 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. The unit is well organized and managed to expedite the investigation and successful prosecution of drug cases and the forfeiture of seized assets.

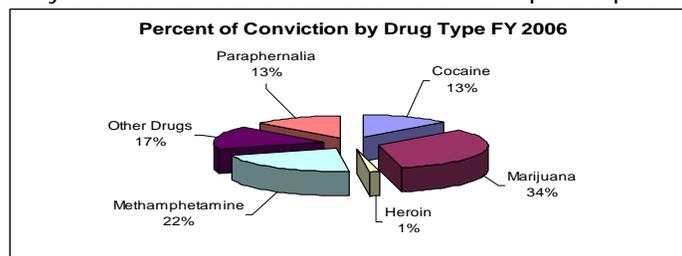
Objective: To coordinate and cooperate with all county law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, to increase the apprehension and conviction of drug related violent offenders and to divert them of illegal gain through vigorous application of Arizona forfeiture statutes.

Project Activity: The bureaus prosecute all drug cases from all law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office concluded 130,513 drug cases since July 1991, which resulted in 83,601 felony convictions and 15,379 misdemeanor convictions. Of those drug law violators convicted, 18,067 were sent to prison, 18,182 received some jail time and 53,752 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 252 first-time felony offenders in lieu of prosecution in FY 2006.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	13,365	10,658	16,976
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	8,522	6,860	11,058
Misdemeanor	2,931	2,250	3,689
Undesignated*	22	27	3
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	2,545	1,920	3,413
Jail/Probation	1,644	1,614	1,902
Probation	7,262	5,536	9,389
VALUE OF FORFEITURES**			
TOTAL	\$2,527,089	\$4,354,626	\$6,076,958

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$235,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	36,372
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	89,573

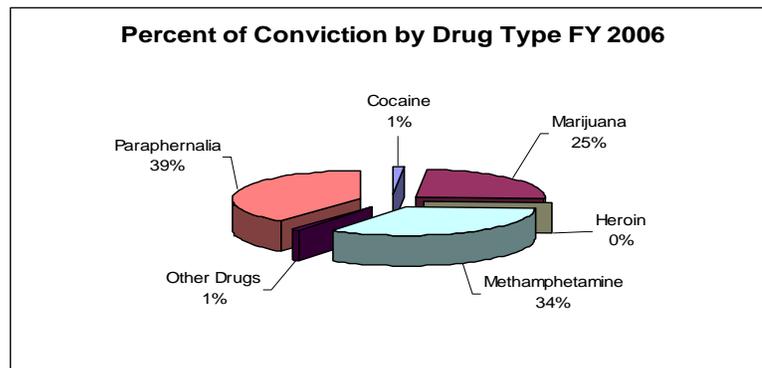
Project Description: This program is administered by the Mohave County Attorney's Office. This project enables the Mohave County Attorney's Office to effectively charge and prosecute drug law violators arrested by the MAGNET Narcotics Task Force and carry out civil litigation to obtain the forfeiture 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 and gang 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 11,579 cases, resulting in 4,269 felony and 3,914 misdemeanor convictions. Of the drug law violators convicted, 1,329 were sent to prison, 3,668 spent time in jail and 3,568 were placed on probation. The project also obtained the forfeiture of \$3,715,552 in seized assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	1,200	1,298	1,074
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	297	279	230
Misdemeanor	572	713	574
Undesignated*	37	25	14
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	89	79	118
Jail/Probation	276	421	250
Probation	518	500	441
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$223,771	\$267,771	\$119,799

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$133,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	20,585
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	50,660

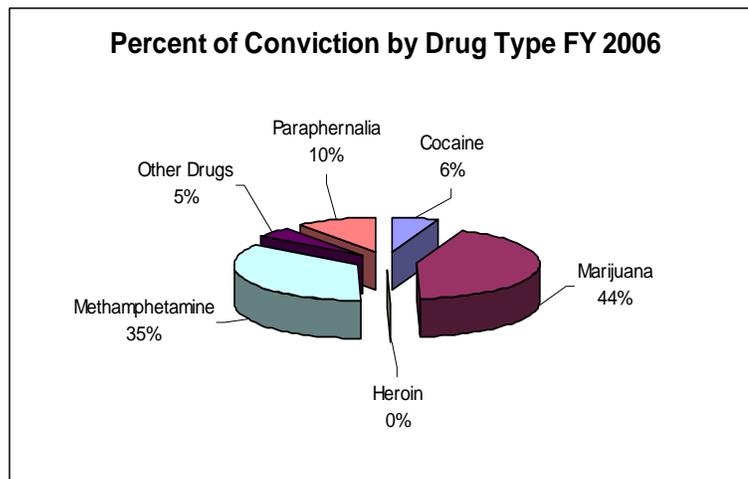
Project Description: This program is administered by the Navajo County Attorney's Office. This project provides for full-time, dedicated case prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation services to the Navajo County Drug Task Force and other law enforcement agencies in Navajo County.

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 6,691 drug cases, resulting in 4,420 felony and 1,281 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 708 were sent to prison, 2,593 spent time in jail and 1,868 were placed on probation. The unit also achieved the forfeiture of \$793,131 in drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	502	585	758
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	356	412	610
Misdemeanor	49	63	90
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	55	80	106
Jail/Probation	126	168	327
Probation	193	191	209
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$63,124	\$18,828	\$17,126

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$46,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	7,120
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	17,521

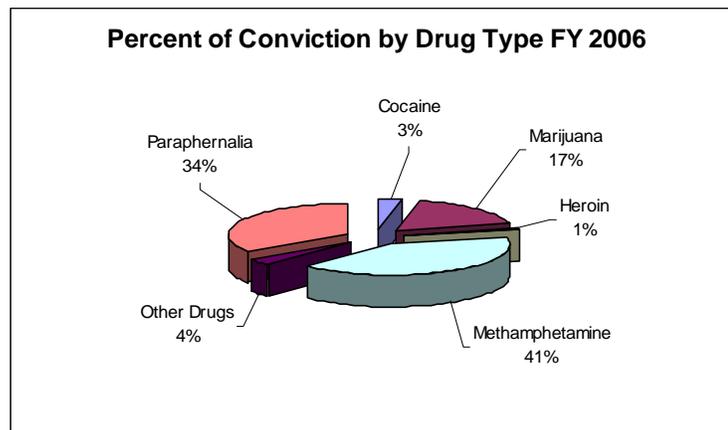
Project Description: This program is administered by the Yavapai County Attorney's Office. It allows the Yavapai County Attorney's Office to effectively handle all drug and gang prosecution cases from Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, and all other law enforcement agencies in Yavapai 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 6,031 drug cases, resulting in 4,631 felony and 868 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 896 were sent to prison, 1,650 spent time in jail and 2,325 were placed on probation. The unit also achieved the successful forfeiture of \$3,435,263 in drug law violators' assets. PANT diverted 21 drug offenders to treatment in lieu of prosecution in FY 2006.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	761	764	898
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	634	634	727
Misdemeanor	112	98	134
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	113	132	187
Jail/Probation	225	150	230
Probation	344	376	309
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$367,280	\$162,762	\$228,701

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$558,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	86,364
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	212,545

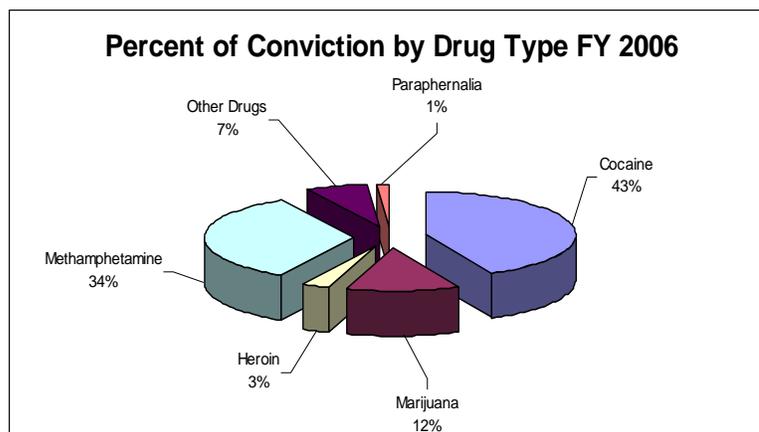
Project Description: This program is administered by the Pima County Attorney's Office. The Pima County Drug Prosecution Project provides prosecution and court litigation services for all law enforcement agencies in Pima County, one of the counties that make up Arizona's portion of the federally designated 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 18,342 cases, which resulted in 14,661 felony and 403 misdemeanor convictions. Of those convicted, 4,173 convicted drug law violators were sent to prison, 2,406 received jail time and 7,969 have been placed on probation since July 1991. The unit also obtained the forfeiture of \$50,173,651 in seized drug law violators' assets.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	960	1,409	1,764
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	825	1,253	1,602
Misdemeanor	4	6	27
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	167	219	301
Jail/Probation	100	200	223
Probation	438	656	1,093
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$4,588,749	\$5,141,954	\$2,522,000

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$218,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	33,741
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	83,037

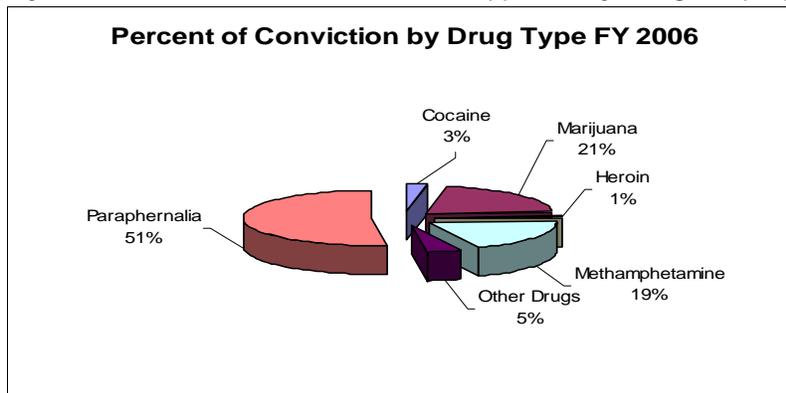
Project Description: This program is administered by the Pinal County Attorney's Office. The Pinal County Drug Prosecution Unit provides drug and gang case prosecution services generated by the activities of the Pinal County Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force. The unit handles all drug and gang case prosecutions for the task force, and for all other law enforcement agencies in Pinal County. Forfeiture cases are not processed by this unit.

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 4,861 drug cases, which resulted in 4,019 felony and 202 misdemeanor convictions since July 1991. Of those convicted, 1,188 were sent to prison, 1,481 received jail time and 1,516 were placed on probation in Pinal County. The drug prosecution unit diverted 7 offenders to treatment in FY 2006 in lieu of prosecution. This is one of the Arizona counties federally designated as part of the Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	412	460	522
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	342	381	486
Misdemeanor	18	7	1
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	87	100	141
Jail/Probation	144	171	184
Probation	122	117	162
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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$58,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	8,977
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	22,092

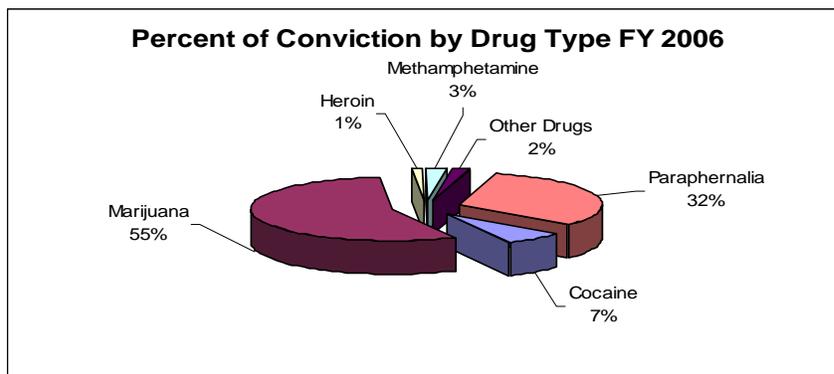
Project Description: This program is administered by the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office. The Santa Cruz County Attorney's Drug Prosecution Project provides enhanced drug and gang case prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation services to the Santa Cruz METRO Narcotics Task Force and other law 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 2,855 drug cases, which resulted in 1,181 felony and 831 misdemeanor convictions since July 1992. Of those convicted, 256 were sent to prison, 797 received jail time and 826 were placed on probation in Santa Cruz County. The Unit also achieved the successful forfeiture of drug law violators' assets valued at \$2,084,994.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	258	233	281
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	49	67	111
Misdemeanor	119	68	63
Undesignated*	28	50	54
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	8	16	29
Jail/Probation	44	66	77
Probation	60	54	78
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$199,205	\$266,321	\$276,310

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$358,661
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	55,511
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	136,616

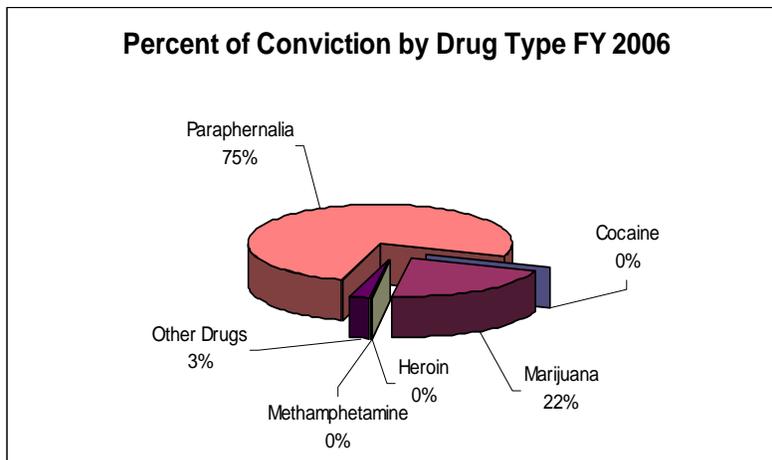
Project Description: This program is administered by the Tucson City Attorney's Office. This Drug Enforcement Project handles all non-felony drug cases referred by the Tucson Police Department's Counter Narcotics Alliance Task Force and the Pima County Attorney's Office, along with asset forfeiture cases. 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 46,202 drug cases which resulted in 30,180 misdemeanor convictions since July 1991, with 14,207 convicted drug law violators sentenced to jail and 11,242 to probation. The unit also achieved the successful forfeiture of drug law violators' assets valued at \$3,282,342. During FY2006, 337 offenders were diverted to treatment in lieu of prosecution.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	4,319	4,607	4,976
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	0	0	0
Misdemeanor	2,423	3,072	2,937
Undesignated*	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	0	175	188
Jail/Probation	1,701	1,182	1,897
Probation	701	839	557
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$56,295	\$119,368	\$115,831

*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 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$350,504
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	54,249
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	133,509

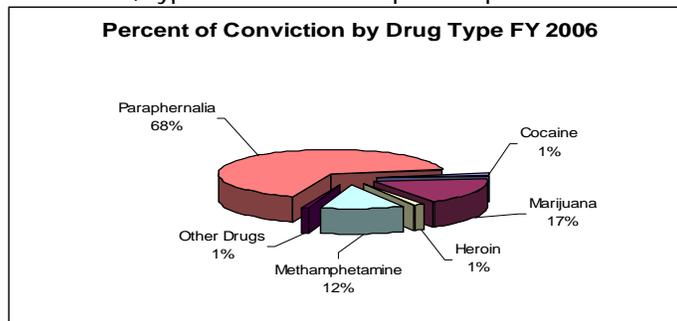
Project Description: This program is administered by the Yuma County Attorney's Office. The Yuma County Drug, Gang and Violence Prosecution provides drug case prosecution and asset forfeiture litigation services to all law enforcement agencies in Yuma County, and particularly to the multi-agency Yuma 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, operating along the United States border with the Republic of Mexico.

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: This project handles all felony and misdemeanor drug cases in Yuma County, 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. Since July 1991, the unit has concluded 10,908 cases, resulting in 6,718 felony and 1,813 misdemeanor convictions. Of these 1,842 convicted drug law violators were sent to prison, 1,470 received jail time and 4,670 were placed on probation. The unit achieved the forfeiture of \$2,160,158 in drug law violators' assets. During FY2006, 17 drug offenders were sent to treatment in lieu of prosecution.

NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Total	727	762	898
NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS			
Felony	565	480	392
Misdemeanor	11	46	125
Undesignated*	35	128	286
NUMBER OF SENTENCES			
Prison	111	146	142
Jail/Probation	75	91	91
Probation	420	367	440
VALUE OF FORFEITURES			
TOTAL	\$39,374	\$44,730	\$76,534

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



Forensic Drug Evidence Analysis Activities

	<i><u>FY 2006</u></i>
<i>Crime Lab Support For Drug and Gang Enforcement</i>	<i>\$516,000</i>
<i>Tucson Police Department Enhanced Drug Forensics</i>	<i>54,000</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$570,000</i>

Crime Lab Support For Drug and Gang Enforcement

Source and amount of monies received:

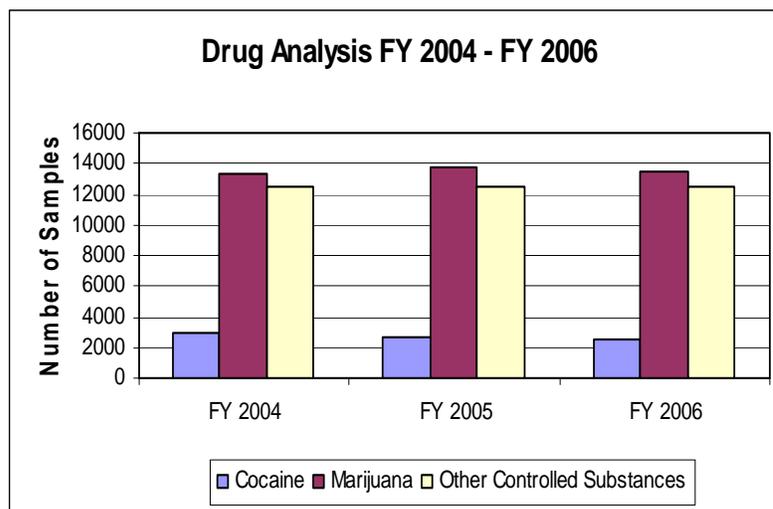
FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$516,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	79,863
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	196,547

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 2006, the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab received 13,260 evidence samples for analysis, an average of 1,105 drug samples per month. The crime laboratory conducted 28,528 analyses, an average of 2,377 analyses per month, a slight decrease over FY 05 (2,404). The results of the analyses also indicate that marijuana is the illicit drug of choice in Arizona.

	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
NUMBER OF SAMPLES SUBMITTED	11,324	12,437	13,260
NUMBER OF ANALYSES BY DRUG			
Cocaine	2,933	2,637	2,458
Cannabis (Marijuana)	13,338	13,688	13,519
Other Controlled Substances	12,446	12,526	12,551



Tucson Police Department Enhanced Drug Forensics

Source and amount of monies received:

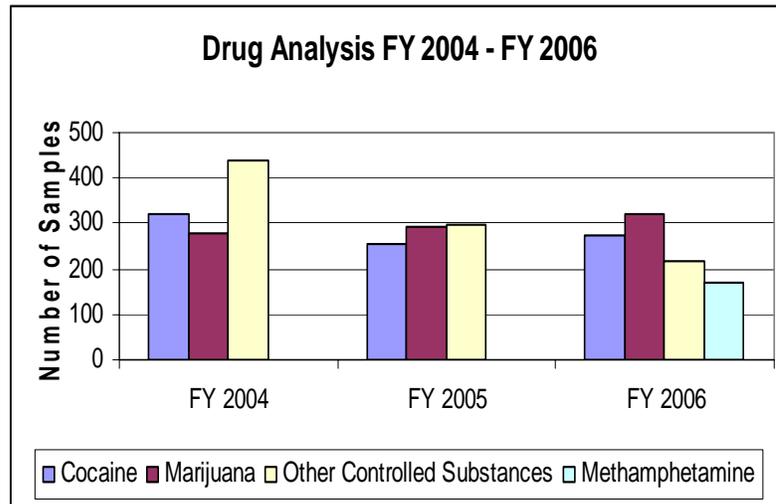
FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$54,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	8,358
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	20,569

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 narcotic officers, Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA) and other law enforcement agencies in Pima County.

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 830 samples, an average of more than 69 drug samples per month for analysis. The laboratory conducted 986 analyses, an average of 82 analyses per month. Results of the analysis indicate that marijuana continues to be the illicit drug of choice in the Tucson metropolitan area. In FY2006, of the 391 other controlled substances 43% (172) was methamphetamine.

	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
NUMBER OF SAMPLES SUBMITTED	849	983	830
NUMBER OF ANALYSES BY DRUG			
Cocaine	321	254	275
Cannabis (Marijuana)	276	293	320
Other Controlled Substances	441	295	391



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

Court Adjudication Activities

	<u>FY 2006</u>
<i>Administrative Office of the Court</i>	\$28,695
<i>Apache County Probation</i>	27,699
<i>Cochise County Probation</i>	59,124
<i>Coconino County Superior Court</i>	61,863
<i>Gila County Superior Court/Public Defender</i>	37,442
<i>Graham County Probation</i>	23,024
<i>Greenlee County Probation</i>	9,658
<i>La Paz County Superior Court/Probation</i>	21,988
<i>Maricopa County Superior Court</i>	177,845
<i>Maricopa County Superior Court – Clerk of Court</i>	209,923
<i>Maricopa County Probation</i>	867,646
<i>Maricopa County Public Defender</i>	418,174
<i>Mohave County Superior Court</i>	62,017
<i>Navajo County Superior Court</i>	54,411
<i>Pima County Superior Court</i>	350,698
<i>Pinal County Superior Court/Probation</i>	97,943
<i>Santa Cruz County Probation</i>	20,537
<i>Yavapai County Probation</i>	105,916
<i>Yuma County Probation</i>	83,745
TOTAL	\$2,718,349

Arizona Supreme Court Anti-Drug Adjudication

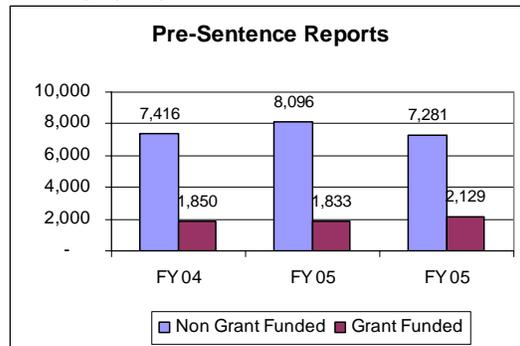
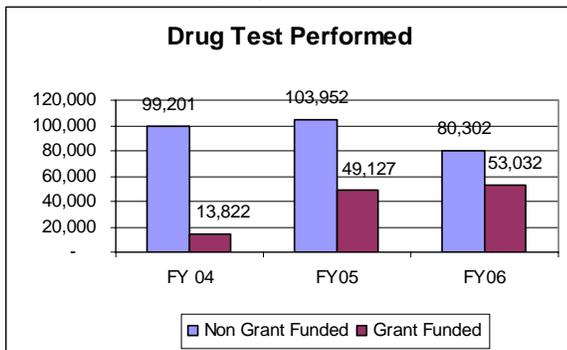
Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$2,718,349
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	420,729
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	1,035,434

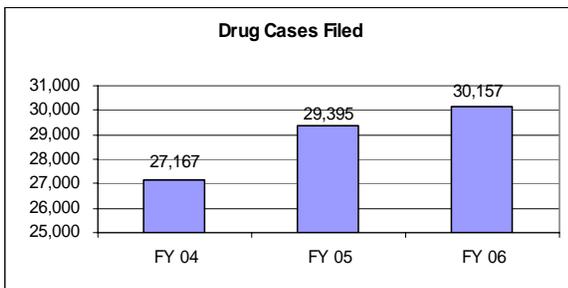
Project Description: This program is administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The anti-drug abuse adjudication program provides the court system with grant funds to enhance agencies throughout the State, including the Superior Courts in eight of Arizona's 15 counties and the adult probation offices in Apache, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma Counties and the Public Defender Offices in Gila and Maricopa counties. 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 21 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, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma Counties Only.



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

For more information on this program read related story in *Making a Difference in Arizona* on page 59.

METH ADDICTED COUPLE MEET AND MARRY WHILE COMPLETING DRUG COURT

Detention Activities

	<u><i>FY 2006</i></u>
<i>Coconino County Drug Detention Officer Program</i>	<i>\$38,000</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$38,000</i>

Coconino County Drug Detention Officer Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$38,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds of:	5,881
Includes State Enhancement Funds of:	14,475

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 2006</i></u>
<i>Arizona Department of Corrections</i>	<i>\$26,500</i>
<i>Avondale Police Department</i>	<i>35,112</i>
<i>Benson Police Department</i>	<i>51,927</i>
<i>Coconino County Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>42,530</i>
<i>Douglas Police Department</i>	<i>58,000</i>
<i>Phoenix Police Department</i>	<i>18,500</i>
<i>Pima County Attorney's Office</i>	<i>66,500</i>
<i>Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>10,700</i>
<i>Safford Police Department</i>	<i>47,801</i>
<i>Tucson Police Department</i>	<i>38,750</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$396,320</i>

Arizona Department of Corrections

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$26,500
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	6,625

Project Description: This program is administered by the Department of Corrections (DOC). The program allows for the purchase of digital imaging software for the Protective Segregation Unit. The software allows for storage of documents needed for inmates requiring isolation from the general prison population due to safety and security concerns. Upgrading the records processing to digital imaging technology improve operating efficiencies within the unit. This will lay the foundation for upgrading the records system for the Department of Corrections.

Objective: The Department of Corrections will purchase and install digital imaging software and hardware for the Protective Segregation Unit, utilize temporary personnel to scan documents and provide training on equipment use.

Project Activity: The program is complete and is being used to manage the flow of paper needed to track the prison population.

Avondale Police Department

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$35,112
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	8,778

Project Description: This program is administered by the Avondale Police Department. As the City of Avondale continues to grow at a rapid rate, arrests and criminal history submissions grow also. This program allows for the purchase, installation and interface of a Livescan fingerprint unit, ensuring a greater number of usable fingerprint records ensuring a greater number of usable fingerprint record searches reaching the state repository at the Department of Public Safety. The interface with the Avondale Police Departments Records Management System (RMS) allows for single data entry to feed to multiple databases and reducing the chances for errors.

Objective: To purchase and install a Livescan fingerprint unit and establish an interface with the Avondale Police Department RMS to provide records and fingerprint images directly to the state repository at the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Project Activity: A Livescan fingerprint unit has been received and installed. It is currently in operating and functioning properly. This program is complete.

Benson Police Department

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$51,927
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	12,982

Project Description: This program is administered by the Benson Police Department. The project allows for the purchase, installation and interface of a Livescan fingerprint unit to located at the Benson Police Department and shared with Cochise County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Department of Corrections. The closeness of the Arizona – Mexico border in this area of the state arrestees have no viable identification making it a challenge for law enforcement to accurately identify individuals and to effectively initiate an accurate criminal history record. All three law enforcement agencies utilize the Benson Police Department booking room for entering arrest information and fingerprinting arrested individuals.

Objective: To purchase, install and maintain a Livescan fingerprint unit workstation in the Benson Police Departments booking room for use primarily by Benson Police Department, Cochise County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Project Activity: The Livescan fingerprint equipment has been received and installed. Training in the operation and use of the equipment has been conducted. This project is complete.

Coconino County Sheriff's Office

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$42,530
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	10,632

Project Description: This program is administered by the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. The program allows for the purchase, installation and interface of a central reporting system for the Coconino County Criminal Justice Integration project that includes the Coconino County Detention Facility, Flagstaff, Williams and Northern Arizona University Police Departments. This upgraded reporting system provides analyses for multiple agencies using the Intergraph Public Safety database, and makes the information for this database available to a much wider audience.

Objective: To purchase and install a central reporting system for the Coconino County Criminal Justice Integration Project that will combine a variety of data platforms to provide criminal justice practitioners analyses of the effectiveness of decisions and policies in place to manage the criminal justice system.

Project Activity: The Coconino County Sheriff's Office has determined to outsource some services rather than purchase an in-house server as an immediate solution. This program has been extended until June 30, 2007 due to delays in starting the project.

Douglas Police Department

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$58,000
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	14,500

Project Description: This program is administered by the Douglas Police Department. The program allows for the purchase and installation of a Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for the Douglas Police Department. Staffing for the Police Department is based on the population of Douglas residents, but the level of activity in the area represents a much higher number due to the transient immigrant population and its location at the Arizona - Mexico border.

Objective: To purchase and install a Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System.

Project Activity: Vendor information did not meet the specifications and needs of the Douglas Police Department, delaying the progress. A new Request for Proposal (RFP) was implemented and reviewed. The database development is in progress; workstation, software and servers have been ordered and installed. This program is complete.

Phoenix Police Department

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$18,500
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	4,625

Project Description: This program is administered by the Phoenix Police Department. The program allows for the purchase and related software of a Touchpoint Transportable Livescan Unit. This portable fingerprint device would be used to take fingerprints of suspects at the scene without having to transport them to a booking facility. This portable device will store, compare and identify offenders prior to release.

Objective: To purchase a Touchprint Transportable Livescan Unit and all related software and implementation equipment for use at crime scenes.

Project Activity: The mobile fingerprint device was ordered in March 2006. Equipment was delivered in June 2006 and training held in September 2006. The equipment is currently being used at crime scenes to collect fingerprint data that is compared to the AFIS system.

Pima County Attorney's Office

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$66,500
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	16,625

Project Description: This program is administered by the Pima County Attorney's Office. The program allows for the purchase of Automated Fingerprint Information System (AFIS) for the Pima County Justice Court. The installation of the unit will allow for those persons issued a warrant to appear in court have fingerprint information on file. This unit will allow for those fingerprints to become part of the database. It is estimated that the number of processed fingerprint may be as high as 50 per day.

Objective: To purchase one electronic AFIS fingerprint and identification unit for the Pima County Justice Court.

Project Activity: The fingerprint and photograph equipment from Sagem Morpho and Dynamic Imaging were ordered and delivered in March 2006. Plans to create a booking room in or near the Justice Court are being finalized. The project has been delayed due to difficulties in approving the installation location. This program has been extended to June 30, 2007.

Safford Police Department

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$47,801
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	11,950

Project Description: This program is administered by the Safford Police Department. The program allows for the purchase of Spillman system to automate the records management and security systems. This will allow for the conversion of paper criminal history records to digital imaging for easier access and lead to complete arrest and disposition information.

Objective: To purchase Spillman system to automate records management and security system implementation, along with a fiber connection between the Graham County Sheriff's Office and Safford Police Department allowing access into the shared Spillman database and a Spillman imaging module and hardware to allow digital imaging associated with records.

Project Activity: Hardware and related equipment was purchased and the fiber connection was installed at the end of calendar year 2005. Officers and staff have completed the user certification. Spillman Imaging modules have also been installed. The system is working well and program is complete.

Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$10,700
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	2,625

Project Description: This program is administered by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. The program allows for the purchase of and implementation of PictureLink software and PositiveID technology that will lead to the identification of arrestees routinely attempting to disguise themselves to avert identification.

Objective: To purchase and implement PictureLink software and PositiveID technology to identify and store fingerprint and photographic images. This system integrates with the host system and the Livescan interface enabling the use of one image dual systems.

Project Activity: Equipment and software were purchased, received and installed in April 2006. Training was conducted for personnel in the use of the equipment. Equipment is in use and program is complete.

Tucson Police Department

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Funds:	\$38,750
Includes Local Cash Matching Funds:	9,688

Project Description: This program is administered by the Tucson Police Department. The program allows for the purchase of upgrades to the automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS). The current operating system can not support further development or additional workstations. This upgrade will allow faster and more accurate record processing. The upgrade to the evidence barcode system will provide additional readers for more expedient data entry.

Objective: To purchase upgrades to automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) and records operating system by installing a barcode system, utilize overtime to process backlogged arrest and disposition reports, and to increase the number of items barcoded.

Project Activity: The Department utilized overtime to reduce the backlog of arrest and disposition reports. These efforts eliminated a four-year backlog and completed this portion of the project more than two months ahead of schedule. The server, hardware and software installation and upgrades were completed, training conducted and system is operational. The program is complete.

MARIJUANA GROWS IN THE COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

The danger of marijuana in Arizona's backcountry is not smoking it, but



stumbling across it. If a hiker had stumbled upon the kind of marijuana farm that the Gila County Narcotics Task Force shut down in the Calf Pen Canyon area of the Coconino National Forest in August, 2005, there may have been a tragedy. The task force, funded through the Byrne/JAG program, had observed people patrolling the area with assault rifles. The task force kept it under surveillance, then moved in and made four arrests. The backcountry marijuana groves most often are placed in rough hard-to-access wilderness areas that have a water supply. This was one of the largest growing operations found in Arizona; the task force removed 102,439 marijuana plants valued at \$84 million from a six-mile area.



Marijuana growing among trees in the Coconino National Forest.

152 KILOS OF COCAINE BURIED UNDER CABLE WIRE

Interstate 40 runs across the country from North Carolina to California. Running through northern Arizona, this is one of the nation's longest drug smuggling corridors. The Apache County Narcotics Task Force, funded through the Byrne/JAG program, routinely monitors this corridor for drug smuggling activities. In October 2005, a police officer stopped a Ford utility van for not having a visible license plate. The van was marked with a legitimate cable company logo. The driver and the passenger were questioned; they informed the officer that they were contractors based in California on their way to install cable in New Mexico. The officer's suspicions were aroused. He was granted permission to search the vehicle. The task force's narcotics dog Axa was brought in and she indicated an odor in the vehicle. Buried under 195 spools of cable wire, the officer found 152 kilos of cocaine with an Arizona market value of \$1.8 million (more if the contraband had gotten to its Chicago destination). The temporary California license plate the driver produced was fraudulent, as was the insurance documents and the cable company address.



Axa, her handler and 336 lb (152.72 kg) of cocaine destined for the Chicago market.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION HELPS WITH METH LAB SEIZURE



Aerial view of meth lab in Mohave County, Arizona

Cooperative efforts among multi-jurisdictional law enforcement agencies cross state boundaries. Detectives from the Mohave Area General Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET), funded through the Byrne/JAG program, were contacted and informed by the Las Vegas Metro Police Department that they had arrested two individuals from the Kingman area. The people arrested were in possession of a half an ounce of methamphetamine and \$20,000 in cash and had sales receipts for chemicals used in the production of methamphetamine. Search warrants were issued for the suspects' residences, several manufactured homes on a 47-acre parcel of land in Kingman, Arizona. Law enforcement officers found an operational methamphetamine lab. MAGNET seized a large quantity of crystal methamphetamine, pseudoephedrine and other pre-cursor chemicals.

This investigation required the multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency cooperation of 30 narcotics agents from eight law enforcement agencies. This cooperation is what makes the multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency approach so successful. Property seized during this investigation included \$140,000 in cash, three

vehicles, two trailers, and miscellaneous items totaling more than \$200,000 in value. Four suspects were arrested for producing large amounts of methamphetamines in Mohave County, Arizona, which was being transported and sold in Las Vegas, Nevada. Further investigations revealed this operation was tied to a similar operation uncovered by MAGNET one year prior, which also involved multiple arrests.

On a related note, four months later MAGNET was notified by Las Vegas Metro Police Department that some of the subjects involved in the original case were planning to break the meth cook out of the Mohave County Jail. The conspirators planned to kill the transport officer while on the way to the courthouse for sentencing. MAGNET, in cooperation with the FBI, Mohave County Sheriff's Office, Kingman Police Department, and the Arizona Department of Public Safety conducted surveillance during the transport. They arrested six individuals for attempting to break the meth cook out of jail.



Crystal methamphetamine removed from the lab by officers in protective clothing.

METH ADDICTED COUPLE MEET AND
MARRY WHILE COMPLETING
DRUG COURT

Their's is an unlikely love story. A little over three years earlier, both Jennifer and Clurral "Bucky" Buckingham were both homeless, unemployed and addicted to methamphetamine. Bucky was a hardcore addict who had violated both supervised and intensive probation when he was accepted into the Yuma County Drug Court in December 2002 (Yuma County Drug Court receives Byrne/JAG funding). Initially ordered to four months of residential treatment, Bucky had relapsed again and again. The judge finally put him on sink-or-swim status, which meant no more chances. After more than 90 drug tests, 185 Alcoholic and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and many court sessions, he graduated Drug Court in August 2004.

Jennifer, a courtesy Drug Court case from Maricopa County, was eight months pregnant and had two children with her when she reported to the Yuma County Drug Court in February 2003. After more than a year of counseling, 123 Alcoholic and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 80 urinalysis tests and constant court sessions, she graduated Drug Court in May 2004.



Jennifer and Clurral Buckingham met and married while attending Yuma County Drug Court. Both have remained clean for three years since graduation.

This young couple met while attending Drug Court and was married shortly before Jennifer's graduation. Bucky is working as a construction foreman and Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom raising three children. Both have been clean and sober for more than three years and are an inspiration to the community.

These success stories are possible because of federal funding that has been provided under the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants Program Grant Number 2005-DJ-BX-0455 (and prior, the Edward J. Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program Grant Number 2004-DB-BX-0005).

Ripped from the Headlines



New law targets meth manufacturers who endanger kids

Arizona Daily Star – 08/25/2005

PIMA COUNTY - A milk carton storing chemical waste lurking in the refrigerator. Food served on plates also used to "cook" meth in a microwave. Physical contact with skin-burning acid, a meth ingredient. These are some of the dangers Pima County kids live with in homes ruled by an adult's dependence on methamphetamine, a highly addictive drug that's cheap to manufacture at home. Some of these dangers could result in physical injury to children – and that's a new crime punishable by up to life in prison, under an Arizona law that took effect this month.

Pima County will prosecute people under the law when there is evidence meth manufacturing caused physical injury to a child, such as a burn or an injury from swallowing a toxic chemical. "It sends a message to these people, if you're going to do this, keep your children out," said County Attorney Barbara LaWall.

"Kids around meth labs have no protection, typically victims of some level of neglect. They're dirty, in dirty diapers, crawling around in an unsafe environment," said **Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)** Captain David Neri.

Full article available at www.azstarnet.com.

Hikers warned: Find a pot field, bullets may fly

The Arizona Republic – 8/19/2005

GILA COUNTY -The U.S. Attorney for Arizona warned the public Thursday of the dangers of marijuana: not smoking it, but stumbling across it. Not that he downplayed the dangers of marijuana use. He said it's a dangerous, unhealthy habit. But his point was to say that if a hiker had stumbled upon the kind of marijuana farm that officials shut down in the Coconino National Forest earlier this week near Strawberry, there may have been a tragedy.

Police had observed a person patrolling the area with an assault rifle. Armed guards often are paid to protect marijuana farms, and an unwary hiker could lose his or her life. "If you stumble across one of

these places, back out the same way you came in and report it to authorities," he said.

Law enforcement officials held a news conference to talk about the proliferation of marijuana farms in Arizona's backcountry. They said marijuana groves large and small have been a problem for years but seem to be increasing in number. They said six farms or groves have been found this year in Coconino and Tonto national forests with about 100,000 plants. Eleven suspects have been taken into custody in connection with the groves, including four in the most recent bust. They said the grove near Strawberry was one of the biggest growing operations ever found in Arizona.

The farm was discovered in mid-May, and **Gila County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force** members kept it under surveillance. Task force members moved in Monday and made four arrests. They said backcountry marijuana groves most often are placed in rough, hard-to-access wilderness areas. A water supply to nurture the crop, however, is a must. "If you see irrigation piping in the middle of a wilderness area, that may be a clear message that you should get out of there," they said.

Full article available at www.azcentral.com.

Police Crackdown, 6 arrested

The Winslow Mail – 3/22/2006

NAVAJO COUNTY –Wed., March 15. –The battering ram smashed the door open; police forcefully entered the room with their guns drawn; the crowded room scattered. Amidst the violence two children, 2 and 6 years old, stand quietly at peace in the chaos as if this were nothing out-of-the-ordinary.

"The saddest thing about this is that the children didn't so much as let-out a squeak during this operation; probably because they have gotten used to this kind of activity with police coming around into their lives so often," said the deputy commander of the **Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)** for Navajo County.

About \$1,000 of crystal meth was seized from the apartment.

Full article available at www.winslowaznews.com.

Pile of guns and drugs seized by Police

After one year investigation, a major narcotics dealer in Navajo County is arrested.

The Winslow Mail – 3/22/2006

NAVAJO COUNTY – What would Jesus Malverde do? In Winslow, his image was found presiding over an estimated \$10,000 - \$15,000 in crystal meth, cocaine and crack cocaine in a home. Adorning this shrine, now in the possession of the Navajo County Sheriff's Office **Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)** were: seven handguns, five rifles with a .22-caliber 100 round drum magazine, stolen ID cards, paraphernalia and some silver coins.

Local law enforcement was planning to bring in a Phoenix SWAT team for this bust because they were expecting a shoot-out, but they saw an opportunity to avoid the violence and ended up arresting Richard Lucero, 54, while he was washing his Chevy Blazer at a local car wash.

Mr. Lucero, a 30-year Winslow resident, used to be a plumber out at the prison near town.

"He had said when he quit that he wanted to go to town to make more money," said Ed Fieser, assistant warden at Winslow prison.

Lucero will be facing 15 counts of Class 2 felonies, which include the possession, sale and transport of a dangerous narcotics.

Full article available at www.winslowaznews.com.

Pinal County officials halt large pot shipment

The Arizona Republic –2/24/2006

PINAL COUNTY – Authorities stopped the shipment of 1,498 pounds of marijuana destined for the Phoenix area on Wednesday, according to the **Pinal County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force**. A sheriff's spokesman said the investigation was continuing. The estimated street value of the marijuana is \$900,000, authorities said.

Full article available at www.azcentral.com.

Four missing but 34 rescued from flooded Nogales drainage tunnel

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NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities in Nogales rescued 34 illegal immigrants Thursday morning clinging to the sides of a flooded drainage

tunnel and searched unsuccessfully for four migrants believed carried into the flowing Santa Cruz River.

U.S. Border Patrol agents, Nogales police and firefighters launched a search along the drainage canal within the Nogales city limits, Nogales Fire Chief Lorenzo Rodriguez said. The immigrants were trying to enter the U.S. through the Grand Tunnel, which runs from Nogales, Mexico into Nogales, Ariz., when Border Patrol agents patrolling north of the downtown area discovered them trying to hold onto the drainage canal's concrete-lined walls, Border Patrol spokesman Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez said.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada said sudden flash floods during the summer pose "a real serious threat and danger" to illegal immigrants from other areas who try to cross the border through the tunnel and wash.

Full article available at www.usatoday.com.

MATForce takes mission to the public

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PRESCOTT – After he described methamphetamine as a tremendous problem in Yavapai County, a co-chair of MATForce Friday asked the public to get involved in the fight against the dangerous drug. The force consists of a community council with work groups comprising professionals in the field who will carry out the goals of MATForce. The council will meet once every four months and work groups will report to it.

Yavapai County Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Brutinel and Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk have been instrumental in the creation of the task force. Polk said she and Brutinel both agree that "We need to do more than we are already doing. Law enforcement can't do it alone." MATForce has a two-pronged approach that includes prevention through education, prosecution and treatment. She said a law that took effect in Aug. 2005 allows for more severe punishments of meth manufacturers and dealers.

Sgt. Randy Moffitt of the **Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking** explained to the audience of 200 that meth impacts the human body as well as the environment. "Meth has been described as the soul robber" that causes addiction on first use, Moffitt said. "It causes bizarre psychotic behavior." The drug

overloads the central nervous system and someone can remain "high" between four and 16 hours, he said. The users go through different phases of the "binge" and begin "tweaking" before they crash. He said the drug severely impacts the environment. In 2001, meth manufacturers generated and dumped between 110 to 154 tons of hazardous waste into the environment.

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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:

	<u>FY 2006</u>
<i>Burglary and Street Crime Reduction</i>	\$18,400
<i>Burglary Reduction Program</i>	14,000
<i>Burglary Reduction Program "Operation Payback"</i>	11,300
<i>Directed Patrol Gang Reduction</i>	10,000
<i>Methamphetamine Enforcement</i>	26,500
<i>Operation Copper Basin</i>	14,500
<i>Operation Hat Trick</i>	14,800
<i>Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking Task Force (PANT)</i>	13,584
<i>Safe Hayden</i>	14,500
<i>Safe Streets</i>	14,640
<i>Street Crime Suppression</i>	33,211
TOTAL	\$185,465

Burglary and Street Crime Reduction

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$18,400

This project is administered by the Pinal County Sheriff's Office. Funds for this project provide overtime for enhanced law enforcement in high-crime rural areas using undercover surveillance and overtime. These rural criminal activities have been linked gang and drug crimes within towns of Pinal County.

Burglary Reduction Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$14,000

This project is administered by the Casa Grande Police Department. This program is an aggressive, proactive approach to reducing property crimes, street crimes and illegal drug activities through the use of undercover operations, police bicycle patrols and community citizens on patrol enforcement.

Burglary Reduction Program "Operation Payback"

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$11,300

This project is administered by the Mesa Police Department. This project targets illegal street drug activities along the West Main Street corridor in Mesa by increasing patrols and officer visibility as well as community awareness campaigns.

Direct Patrol Gang Reduction

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$10,000

This project is administered by the Flagstaff Police Department. This project provides overtime funds for enhanced undercover surveillance enforcement details that target high gang and drug activity locations.

Methamphetamine Enforcement Program

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$26,500

This project is administered by the Payson Police Department. Funding provides for the enhancement to their current Methamphetamine Enforcement Program by providing overtime and surveillance equipment to target areas of high methamphetamine drug activities.

Operation Copper Basin

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$14,500

This project is administered by the Kearny Police Department. This program uses overtime and surveillance equipment to conduct specialized enforcement details in areas with high gang and drug related activities as well as conducting awareness campaigns for the citizens of Kearny.

Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking Task Force (PANT)

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$13,584

This project is administered by the Sedona Police Department. These funds provide this multi-agency task force with equipment and overtime to conduct enhanced enforcement details of known gang members and high drug crime areas.

Safe Hayden

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$14,500

This project is administered by the Hayden Police Department. This project targets enhanced surveillance in high crime areas attributed to gang activities using undercover operations and overtime.

Safe Streets

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$14,640

This project is administered by the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. This project targets high narcotics and street crime areas by conducting enhanced undercover surveillance bicycle patrols and increased law enforcement patrol activities.

Street Crime Suppression

Source and amount of monies received:

FY 2006 Criminal Justice Enhancement Funds: \$33,211

This project is administered by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. This project enhances current drug and gang enforcement activities through the purchase of surveillance equipment, overtime and the establishment of a Turn in a Pusher (TIPS) hotline.

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](#)

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 13-2301.

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

1. Up to thirty per cent to fund programs and agencies approved by the commission to enhance the investigation of drug and gang offenses and related criminal activity.
2. Up to thirty per cent to fund programs and agencies approved by the commission to enhance the state and county prosecution of drug and gang offenses and related criminal activity.
3. Up to ten per cent to fund programs and agencies approved by the commission to enhance the city or town prosecution of drug and gang offenses and related criminal activity.
4. 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.
5. Up to thirty per cent to fund programs by county sheriffs, as approved by the commission, to enhance the jail operations and facilities available to detain and incarcerate drug offenders and members of criminal street gangs as defined in section 13-2301.

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 which 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.