The HIDTA Program

- Administered and designated by Office of National Drug Control Policy
- $227 Million for FY 2005
- Supports federally-funded task forces and partnerships of state, local, and federal agencies in designated regions that have severe drug trafficking problems which affect other areas of the nation
- 28 HIDTAs created to date around the country
- **Southwest Border HIDTA** Five Partnerships: California (CBAG), Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas, and South Texas
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• MISSION:
  - Measurably reduce drug trafficking

• TASKS:
  - Assess the drug trafficking threat
  - Develop a strategy to defeat that threat
  - Coordinate intelligence-driven operational initiatives in San Diego and Imperial Counties
  - Fiscal and programmatic accountability
  - Coordination with other regional, non-HIDTA, efforts
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Strategic Concept

- Each agency has their own strategies, requirements, missions
- CBAG Executive Committee coordinates efforts to:
  - Reduce drug trafficking
  - Eliminate unnecessary duplication
  - Improve systematic intelligence sharing
- Provide coordination forum for joint task forces, intelligence center, non-HIDTA-funded task forces, and single-agency narcotics units within the CBAG
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Facts and Figures

• FY 2005 Budget - $ 10.9 Million (plus $875K Supplemental)
• Magnitude: Seizures in Kilograms

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• Includes 9,031 Kg of cocaine in the Eastern Pacific by SD Marine TF (83 Metric Tons seized by all agencies.)
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Intelligence Initiatives

• **Narcotics Information Network—NIN**
  – Regional intelligence center for the partnership, deconfliction center, analytical case support, equipment pool
  – Support to every F/S/L agency in the region
  – Regional LECC project in implementation stages

• **California SWB Intelligence Group**
  – ICE intelligence unit, post-seizure analysis on all USBP, INS, USCS seizures in California.

Prosecution Initiative

• **Combined Prosecutions Initiative**
  – Coordinated, cross-designated approach supports enforcement and raises deterrent effect in San Diego and Imperial Counties
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Investigation Initiatives

• San Diego Financial Task Force
  – Money laundering cells of both domestic and international traffickers

• Operation Alliance Joint Task Force
  – Investigates seizures at or between the Ports of Entry

• Major Mexican Traffickers
  – Intel and Title III-driven, targeting the AFO, ACF, Corruption

• Commercial Interdiction Unit
  – Targets trafficking via parcel systems and commercial airlines

• San Diego Violent Crimes Task Force
  – SD Gang, North County Gang, Fugitive
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- **Clandestine Lab Group**
  - Joint DEA-BNE lab group

- **Terrorism-Related Drug Initiative**
  - JTTF-Counterdrug Intelligence integration

- **Marine Task Force**
  - Targets smuggling via the Pacific and local waters

- **Imperial Valley Drug Coalition**
  - Intel-driven, joint investigations and interdiction operations in Imperial County. 4 co-located TF’s and on-site Intel. Targeting and coordination support for CANG VACIS deployment

- **San Diego Regional Pharmaceutical Narcotic Enforcement Team (RxNET)**
  - Targets the availability and use of illegally obtained pharmaceutical drugs in San Diego and Imperial Counties
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- CBAG Demand Reduction Initiative
  - Demand Reduction Coordination – CANG, CADFY, SDPC, USBP, ICSO
  - Meth Strike Force
  - Drug Court

- Regional Computer Forensics Lab
  - FBI-sponsored, 19 Fed/state/local agency examiners full-time.

- National Meth Chemical Initiative
  - Precursor investigations, prosecutions, civil compliance coordination and training. Over 1,000 trained in DEC, precursors, etc.

- National Marijuana Initiative
  - Targets Marijuana cultivation on Public Lands by Mexican DTO’s

- CBAG Management & Coordination
  - Accountability, oversight, training management
    - 1,056 students / 24,288 hours.
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San Diego / Imperial Counties
Law Enforcement Coordinating Center

LECC
Assumptions and Objectives

• Commingling is the Most Effective Networking Structure

• Increased Analytical Capabilities and Investigative Support

• Better Access to Regional, National and International Intelligence Products

• Pooled Resources Enhance Prevention, Enforcement and Investigative Efforts

• Commingled Teams Enhance Training Capabilities for Newly Assigned Personnel, Minimizing Knowledge Degradation Resulting from Promotions/Transfers
CHALLENGES

• Legal Issues Related to the Collection, Storage and Dissemination of Intel, between Federal & State Agencies

• Command and Control of Integrated Teams

• Dedicated Revenue Source – Grant is Year to Year

• Legal Issues Regarding Cross Swearing of Members and Assumption of Liability

• Integration of Separate Intel Data Bases, Hardware/Software

• Avoidance of Proprietary Conflicts Related to Command & Control, Policies and Information Sharing

• Funding: ODP/OHS Grant approved, but additional funds needed.
“Intel Development” FUSION Concept

**PARTICIPANTS**
Local LE Agencies
State LE Agencies
State Intel Agencies
Federal LE Agencies
Federal Intel Agencies
Existing Task Forces

**AREAS of INTEREST**
Terrorism
Organized Crime
Gangs
Narcotics
Crimes Against Persons
Crimes Against Prop.
Special Events

**FUNCTIONAL AREAS**
Strategic Analysis
Tactical Analysis
Collections
ID of Intel Gaps
Post Inv. Analysis
Priority Targeting
Inv. Support Analysis
Coordination of Inv.
Product Development
Control of all Classified Data and Materials

**BENEFITS of RIC**
Coordinated Collection and Dissemination of Intelligence
Systemic Memory and Continuity – Aid to Training
Multi-Level Analysis of all Incoming Data
Actionable Intelligence
Accurate Trend Analysis
Timely Off. Safety Tips
Reduced Crime

**SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**
TS/SCI Clearance in SCIF
Compliance with all Security Regulations
Dissemination Controlled by the Intelligence Disclosure Officer
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- San Diego / Imperial Regional LECC
  - All-Crimes and Homeland Security Co-location project
    - HIDTA Intel Center (San Diego / Imperial NIN)
      - NIN Watch Center
    - Joint Terrorism Task Force
    - FBI Field Intelligence Group
    - Local Intelligence Units (SDSO, SDPD, CVPD)
    - State Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB)
    - Federal Intelligence Units (ICE, DEA, USBP)
    - San Diego County TEW
    - Imperial County LECC - Networked
    - Sector Command Center – Joint (JHOC) - Networked
      - San Diego RTTAC
      - Intelligence Fusion Center
Status

– Oversight Board formed
  • FBI, DEA, ICE, BNE, SDPD, SDSO, ICSO

– Funding:
  • Combination of HIDTA and DHS/OHS RTTAC grants for start-up.
  • FBI Funding secured for out-years.

– MOU signed

– Facility search underway
  • FBI funding requires GSA involvement
  • 40,000+ SF required, in specified area
  • Likely facility located (Ruffin Rd.)
  • Potential move-in this year
Status

– Tasks Remaining:
  • Firm up Organizational Plan
    – Roles and responsibilities
    – Degree of integration
  • Physical Build-out
  • Systems installation
  • Move in and Stand-up.