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Counterdrug Joint Task Force

FROM THE COUNTERDRUG COORDINATOR:

During Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), the Pennsylvania Counterdrug Joint Task Force (PA CJTF) continued its operational support to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and prevention efforts with community-based organizations by maximizing its resourcing. This annual report outlines the many contributions made by PA CJTF to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in supporting our interagency partners with protecting our communities against illicit drug threats. Our dedicated service members provide invaluable support to our many partner agencies in detection, interdiction, prevention, and training through the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC).

PA CJTF operations are focused in three specific areas: Support to Law Enforcement, Drug Demand Reduction - Outreach (DDR-O), and NCTC. By focusing our efforts, the program delivered effective and efficient holistic support to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and provided training throughout the entire Northeast Region of the U.S. throughout FY23.

Our embedded and direct support to law enforcement is a critical part of the PA CJTF mission set. The opportunity provided to our service members to leverage their military skills in support of our domestic law enforcement partners in disrupting drug trafficking organizations is a strong reflection of the many capabilities of the National Guard and the National Guard Counterdrug Program. Our Case Analysts are the backbone of the program and provide strategic analysis, threat reporting, and other products using a variety of skills and tools for their supported agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. Despite preparing for a deployment to the Southwest Border, our Aviation section continued to build operational capacity to support law enforcement efforts and officer safety. Their supported missions included search warrant execution, vehicle tracking, communications support, undercover purchase operations, and illegal cannabis grow detection. FY24 aviation support capabilities will be reduced due to the deployment.

DDR-O continued to extend its support to various coalitions across the state through training opportunities and synchronizing efforts by creating partnerships with agencies that have similar goals. The section utilizes virtual and in-person meetings as a best practice to increase its operational reach across the Commonwealth. DDR-O and our Transportation section continued to support prescription drug-take-back programs across the state resulting in the safe collection and destruction of unused prescription narcotics to prevent their misuse. In addition, several members of the Transportation section have begun to cross-train as DDR-O specialists, which will increase the overall bandwidth of the section to support more coalitions.

NCTC had another successful year during FY23, providing training and training support in a variety of counterdrug skillsets to nearly 17,000 students from local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as members of the military and community-based organizations throughout the Northeast Region and other parts of the U.S. The adoption of an exportable virtual reality simulator to replace the aging technology of the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) has increased training effectiveness for our students. Despite the challenges of a flat budget and inflated operating costs, NCTC continues to find more efficient and effective ways to deliver essential training so our students can be prepared to face the ever-changing challenges of the national drug threat.

The PA CJTF's goal is to serve and support the greater counterdrug community and protect the safety of our citizens as well as public and private property by leveraging its skills, expertise, and specialized equipment. Please contact PA CJTF through our website, www.counterdrug.org, with any support requests, questions, suggestions, or training requests.



Max W. Furman, Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel, Pennsylvania Army National Guard
Counterdrug Coordinator, Pennsylvania Counterdrug Joint Task Force

MISSION & HISTORY

MISSION:

The mission of the PA CJTF is to leverage unique National Guard capabilities to support community efforts against illicit drugs and emerging threats.

PA CJTF HISTORY:

PA CJTF directly supports the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's mission to improve the safety and welfare of its citizens. Created by Congress in 1989, the PA CJTF is dynamic and constantly evolving. The program adapts to the emerging threats and expectations of the President, Congress, Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau, Governor of Pa., Adjutant General of Pa., and the law enforcement agencies (LEA) and community organizations it supports. The program is approved by the Secretary of Defense within the Governor's State Plan and support is provided at no-cost to the government agency or organization.

The PA CJTF mission includes the following:

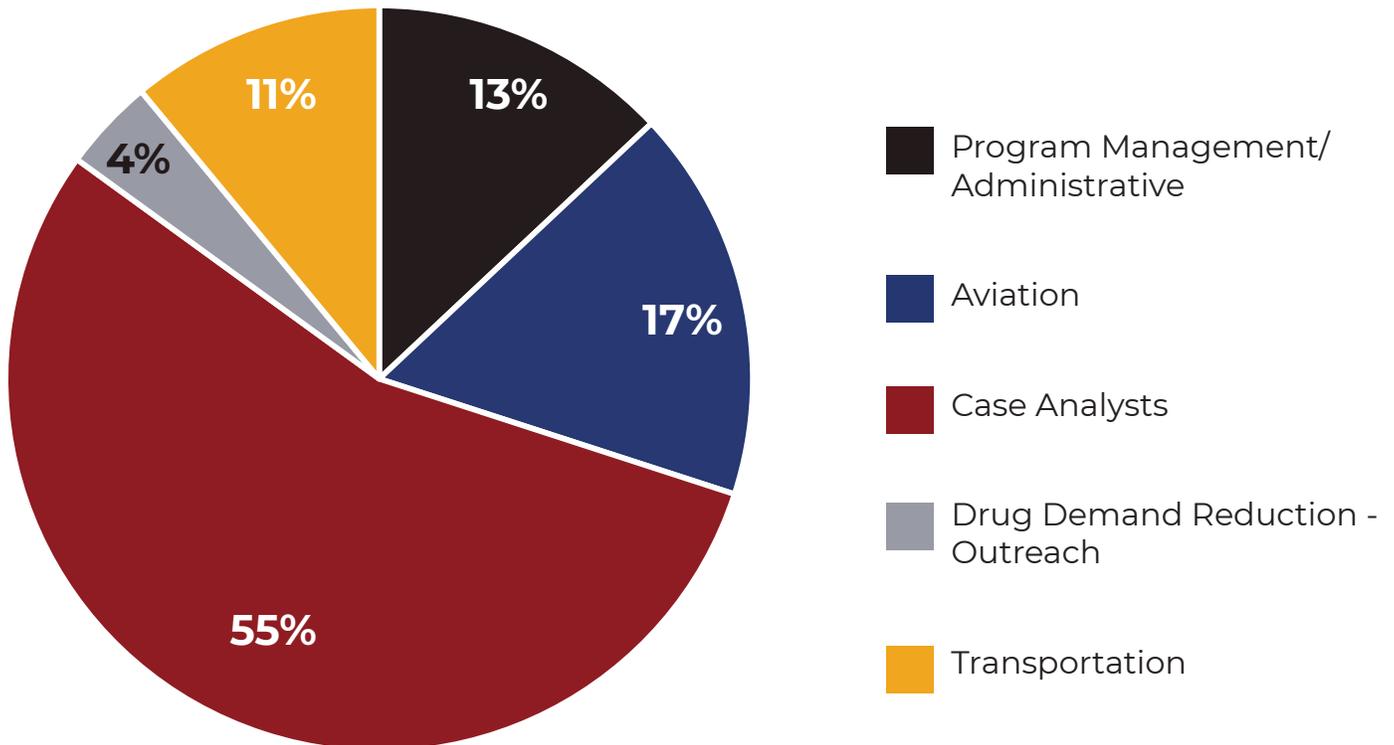
- **Operational Support to Law Enforcement** - Assist local, state, and federal agencies in the disruption of illicit drug financing, production, transportation, and distribution throughout the state. Pa. National Guardsmen provide a variety of support ranging from investigative case analysis support to law enforcement drug investigations, aerial reconnaissance and observation of suspected illegal drug activity, and transportation support to local government and LEA by transporting prescription narcotics to Environmental Protection Agency approved safe disposal sites.
- **Drug Demand Reduction - Outreach** - Promote drug-free living through community-based prevention and education throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The PA CJTF maintains successful partnerships with key organizations, strengthening their emphasis on the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. Partnering agencies include the Pa. Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center at Penn State University, Commonwealth Prevention Alliance, and Pa. Single County Authorities. Through these partnerships, Pa. Army and Air National Guardsmen work in and around their communities coaching coalitions in the Strategic Prevention Framework to establish community-wide collaborations delivering effective strategies that empower citizens to be healthy.
- **Northeast Counterdrug Training Center** - Provides cost-effective counterdrug education and effective training to fight domestic and transnational drug trafficking organizations that threaten public safety and national security. The training center is part of the National Guard Counterdrug Schools Program which consists of five counterdrug schools working together to provide service across the nation to local, state, and federal LEAs, as well as military and community-based organizations.

For more information or to request PA CJTF services, visit www.counterdrug.org.

PA CJTF RESOURCES

PA CJTF STATE OPERATIONS AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

FY23 PA CJTF Resource Allocation	
Program Management/Administrative	\$561,314
Aviation	\$737,608
Case Analysts	\$2,432,330
Drug Demand Reduction - Outreach	\$170,280
Transportation	\$475,766
Total	\$4,377,298



AVIATION

The PA CJTF Aviation section doubled their drug value seizures over last year. Throughout FY23, PA CJTF Aviation supported a robust mission schedule while simultaneously ramping up training flights in support of the 28th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade's FY24 Southwest Border deployment.

PA CJTF Aviation has a full-time force of four pilots, four crew chief/system operators and operates two UH-72A Lakota Helicopters. Both dual-engine, auto-pilot equipped, UH-72A helicopters are fitted with a specialized mission equipment package used to support counterdrug operations. Equipment includes a Wescam MX-15i day tv/thermal imaging system, Sierra Nevada Tactical Video Downlink system with both base station and portable handheld video receivers, a 40 million candlepower LS-16 "Nitesun" search light, Wulfsberg communication radios, and dual video recorders.

Throughout the fiscal year, PA CJTF Aviation supported missions all over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in support of federal cases with ties to other states. Seventeen different agencies were supported, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Pa. Office of the Attorney General, Pa. State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of Homeland Security and local agencies and drug task forces. PA CJTF Aviation trained partnered law enforcement officers and executed buy-follow & buy-bust operations, controlled deliveries, search warrants, photo and surveillance missions, and marijuana eradication. The section also supported narcotics K9 mission training, which can increase availability of this scarce asset by preparing the dogs for rapid deployment around the state. Missions were flown in 21 of 67 Pa. counties.

PA CJTF PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR BUY-BUST

March 2022, Homeland Security Investigation's Philadelphia Cyber Crimes Investigations Task Force (C2ITF) opened an investigation on a subject selling oxycodone pills on an encrypted platform. During the investigation, it was found that the subject was selling fake pressed M30 pills that contained fentanyl and methamphetamine. PA CJTF CA conducted toll analysis and created analytical products in support of the investigation that led to the identification of subjects associated with the main target of the investigation.

On January 10, 2023, in collaboration with C2ITF, Pennsylvania State Police, and PA CJTF Aviation, a buy-bust operation was executed, involving an attempted undercover purchase of 10,000 pills, totaling approximately 3.5 kilograms in methamphetamine.

During the enforcement operation, the subjects of the investigation attempted to evade arrest, PA CJTF Aviation provided real-time aerial surveillance with support of the UH-72A Lakota, to include identifying the precise location where the co-conspirators discarded narcotics during their attempted getaway. This support resulted in the apprehension of the suspects without incident.



AVIATION

PA CJTF Aviation detachment accomplishments include providing 238.9 flight hours free of charge to law enforcement, over \$15 million in narcotics seizures, \$1.3 million in cash seizures, 80 illegal firearms taken off the streets, and 73 drug related arrests. PA CJTF Aviation flew 76 missions focusing directly on the war on opioids throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Despite most of the section being deployed through all of FY24, the PA CJTF Aviation Section will continue its mission to provide aviation support to our law enforcement partners.



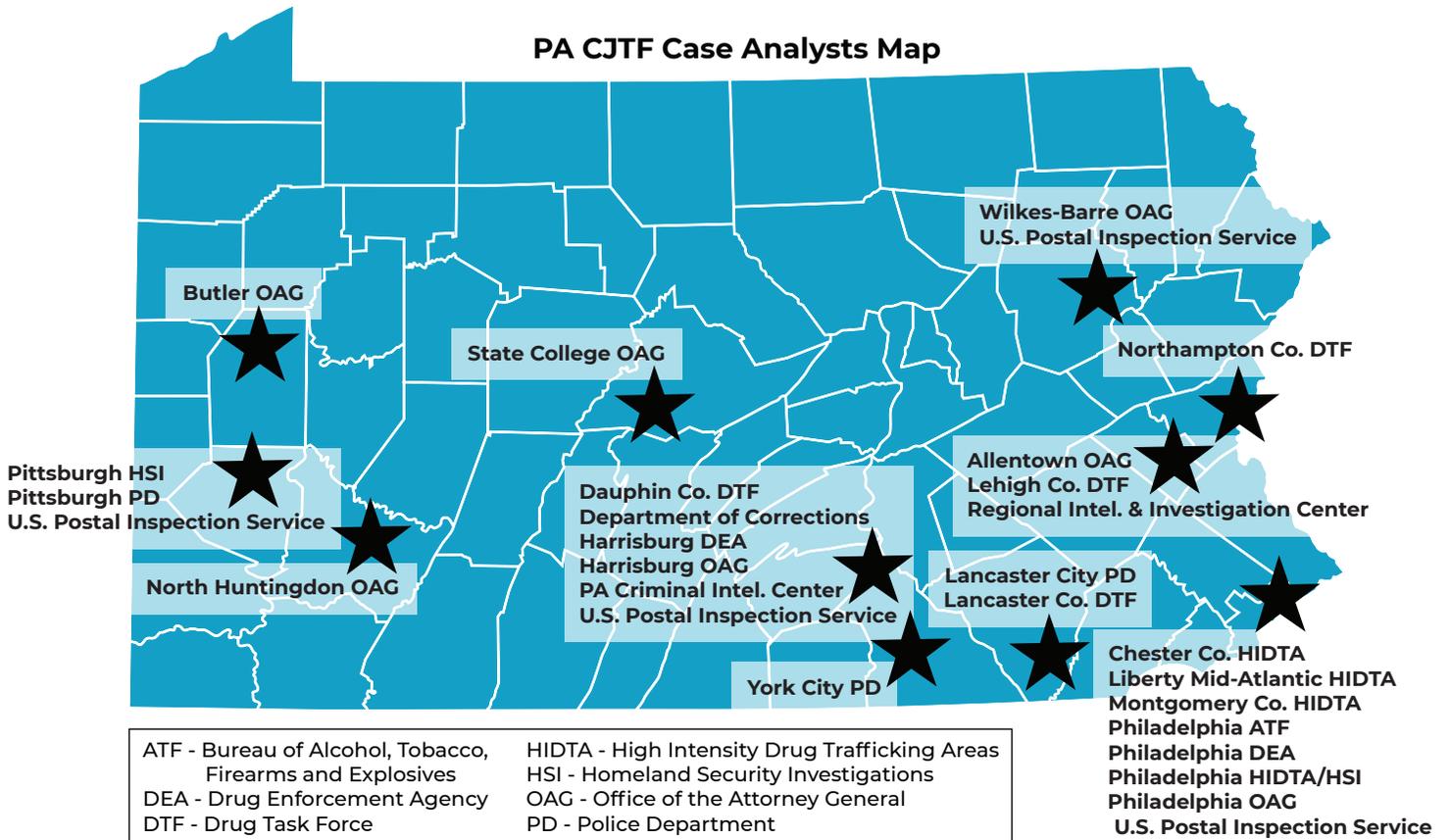
CASE ANALYSTS

PA CJTF Case Analysts (CA) support federal, state, and local narcotic units across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Analysts conduct research, perform document and media exploitation, and perform complex analysis to identify patterns and trends in drug-related crime.

Throughout FY23, CA contributed to law enforcement missions to dismantle drug rings, leading to seizures of dangerous drugs such as fentanyl, and fentanyl analogs, cocaine, heroin, prescription drugs, as well as currency, weapons, and vehicles. PA CJTF support assists greatly in impeding and dismantling drug enterprises throughout Pa. In FY23, CA provided support to LEA leading to 525 criminal arrests, drug seizures of over 1311.89 kilograms (valued at \$59,207,104), and seizures of criminal assets valuing approximately \$2,851,068.

Analysts receive in-depth training to learn the intricacies of narcotic investigations and money laundering associated with drug trafficking. Training includes two phases of National Guard Bureau sponsored criminal analysis training and a fiscal year requirement of 16 hours of professional development in topics related to the criminal analysis profession. These courses complement our analysts' existing skills in link analysis, open-source research, and report writing. Where appropriate, CA are specifically trained in the pursuit of drug trafficking networks' funding streams by identifying their money laundering practices and supporting LEA's mission to identify the origin of drug related funding streams. These CA create financial profiles, conduct bank report analysis, and commodity flow analysis.

PA CJTF Case Analysts Map



Some analysts train and certify to support law enforcement reconnaissance during investigations. These CA have access to still and video cameras and make use of their skills to help law enforcement personnel develop patterns of life, and identify assets and individuals involved in the production, sale, and/or trafficking of illicit narcotics.

CASE ANALYSTS

CA receive training on various organization and visualization tools, such as IBM I2 Analyst Notebook (I2) and Environmental Systems Research Institute's ArcMap. I2 is a valuable tool that allows analysts to visually depict illicit drug enterprises and organizations. ArcMap is a Geographic Information System with which CA can support law enforcement identification of hotspots and trends by converting statistical data into a visual representation of criminal activity. This program assists in analyzing drug-related crime data to identify patterns, as well as forecast potential criminal locations through spatial tools and mapping techniques.

CA utilize military skills to assist LEA with technical and analytical support in their narcotics cases and leverage state-of-the-art technology. CA deploy specialized equipment, which includes the Smiths Detection Ionscan, Cellebrite, Thermo Scientific TruNarc, and the Berla iVe Vehicle Forensic Tool.

- **Ionscan** is used to accurately detect and identify trace amounts of particles on everyday items. The Ionscan uses proprietary non-radioactive ion mobility spectrometry source to detect over 40 narcotic and explosive substances. This technology is accepted within the local, state, and federal court systems.
- **Cellebrite** is used to capture invaluable digital evidence from electronic devices to assist the LEA with its investigations. Some of the device's operators extract digital evidence from cell phones and tablets.
- **Thermo Scientific TruNarcs** is used to identify over 190 substances, including narcotics, precursor substances, and cutting agents. The handheld system uses Raman Spectroscopy technology to speed up the process of positively identifying the unknown substance. The device's lightweight, handheld design allows for efficient deployment and contributes to officer safety during initial narcotics field-testing.
- **Berla iVe Vehicle Forensic Tool** is used to extract digital evidence from GPS devices. The data extracted from these devices allows investigators to create an evidentiary link and can develop leads to other investigations.

PA CJTF CASE ANALYSTS ASSIST WITH POSTAL FENTANYL SEIZURE

Joint Operation, led by the Pittsburgh Postal Inspection Service and assisted by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and the PA CJTF, uncovered a large fentanyl trafficking operation that utilized the United States Postal Service (USPS) resources to transport narcotics.

Source of supply was based out of Los Angeles, Calif. and parcel was interdicted prior to arriving to its destination in Pittsburgh. This led to a seizure of 1.8 kilograms of blue counterfeit oxycodone pills labeled M-30 "Dirty 30's."

PA CJTF CA provided parcel intelligence leads utilizing Postal Inspection Service Daily Mail Volume Reports and USPS database intelligence tools.



TIMELINE:

April 26, 2023		April 27, 2023	
Investigation Initiated	Parcel Interdicted	Parcel Warrant Obtained and Parcel Opened	Ongoing Investigation utilizing USPS databases

CASE ANALYSTS

PA CJTF ASSISTS WITH OAG INTERSTATE NARCOTIC SEIZURE

Office of Attorney General Bureau of Narcotics Investigation agents utilized confidential sources that revealed narcotics were regularly transported to Pittsburgh via local transportation routes.

PA CJTF Case Analysts provided analytical analysis utilizing databases, open source information, and facial recognition technology to assist agents during real time interdiction operations in and around Pittsburgh transportation facilities. Additionally, target packages were developed after the interdiction.

In the possession of one male suspect, 1,472 grams (valued at \$441,600) of fentanyl and 522 grams (valued at \$52,000) of cocaine was seized in Pittsburgh. The suspect is a resident of Chicago and had traveled to St. Louis, Ill. to pick up the package and deliver to unknown individuals in Pittsburgh.



The transportation interdiction operations inhibit drug trafficking organizations ability to easily transport and distribute their narcotics through bus travel.

TIMELINE:

February 2023	February - March 2023	March 2023	April 2023
Confidential Informant tip; Interdiction Operations	Ongoing Investigation	Interdiction Seizure	Ongoing Investigation

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

The PA CJTF Transportation Support section assists local and state LEA within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with multiple mission capabilities that aid in the destruction of narcotic evidentiary material and transportation of disposing unwanted and unused prescription substances.

In FY23, Transportation Support performed 59 missions at 221 locations throughout the state assisting federal, state, and local LEAs. **Between the Portable Incinerator mission and the Prescription Drug Take Back Program, PA CJTF Transportation assisted in ridding a combined total of 141,339 LBS of illicit narcotics and prescription drugs; a street value of \$83,115,840.**

PORTABLE INCINERATOR:

The portable incinerator mission provides safe and efficient destruction of seized narcotics. The portable incinerator provides an easy, mobile setup that creates a clean, smoke-free burn disintegrating and disposing unwanted substances at remote locations, while reducing time, space, and manpower from LEA.

PA CJTF Transportation personnel destroyed 1,824 lbs. of narcotics in FY23, totaling \$13,359,390.

During FY23 CJTF personnel destroyed the following:



TIMELINE:		
Drug	Weight	Street Value
Heroin	80 LBS	\$3,844,800
Cocaine	36 LBS	\$1,045,440
Marijuana	1,682 LBS	\$7,566,750
Methamphetamine	26 LBS	\$902,400
Total	1,824 LBS	\$13,359,390



TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM:

In collaboration with the Pa. District Attorney's Association and Office of the Attorney General, Transportation Support was able to provide logistical operations for transporting prescription drugs collected from the Governor's Drug Take Back Program. The coordinated effort allowed for the legal destruction of unused medication in Environmental Protection Agency certified incinerators to be available to all counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In FY23, PA CJTF Transportation personnel assisted law enforcement with transportation and destruction of 139,513 LBS of prescription drugs with an estimated street value of \$69,756,450.



DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION - OUTREACH

PA CJTF's Drug Demand Reduction - Outreach (DDR-O) mission is to advance community-led efforts to develop, implement, and evaluate prevention strategies for government agencies and community-based organizations. The DDR-O program utilizes unique National Guard skills and resources to help create and promote drug-free communities by assisting and coaching communities in delivering collaborative and effective strategies that create healthy citizens.

In addition to unique military skills and personal experiences, each DDR-O civil operator is trained in prevention skills to enhance coalition and organization's ability to effectively prevent substance use and encourage healthy behaviors. DDR-O support includes participating on advisory boards and workgroups, steering new initiatives, increase public awareness and education about drug misuse and abuse, and coalition coaching using either the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's Strategic Prevention Framework or Communities That Care process as guidance.

In FY23, DDR-O supported 14 state and community coalitions, organizations, and workgroups, as well as collaborating on various statewide initiatives. DDR-O efforts included collaboration with other PA CJTF sections: CA provided county data trends that could be shared with community coalitions, Transportation Support assisted in the distribution of harm reduction supplies to counties across the state, and NCTC military instructors assisted in providing community members education in opioid awareness and naloxone administration. These efforts resulted in providing education and awareness of the current Pa. drug trends, drug prevention strategies, and distributing 494 medication lock boxes, 92 naloxone kits, and 243 drug destruction pouches to over 23 counties via community coalitions, community events, and through the Governor's Drug Take Back Program.



Northeast Counterdrug Training Center

FROM THE NCTC COMMANDANT:

Throughout fiscal year 2023 (FY23), the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC) has continued to implement training for law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations across the Northeastern United States. This year's efforts to revise training better suited to our supported agencies led to a 3,000 student increase, with a total of 17,608 individuals trained. NCTC conducted 423 training iterations across 2,378 student agencies, well over half of which were local police departments and agencies.

NCTC dedicated 2023 to improving regional partnerships and researching methods of best practice for drug use prevention training. The staff strengthened working relationships with neighboring state Counterdrug teams and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Programs, working in unison to address funding shortfalls and research prevention practices. NCTC has also developed a promising new partnership with the Keystone State Challenge Academy to develop and implement prevention training with community youth.

Moving into 2024, NCTC will continue to provide high quality, no-cost training to address illicit narcotic supply and demand among our population. The staff will work diligently throughout the year to initiate the new interdiction courses approved by this year's Advisory Board, with a focus on technological advancements best used to combat drug trafficking organizations. These classes include training in the use of drone technology and understanding the metaverse in the illicit drug trade. Additionally, our military instruction team will continue to refine our researched-based prevention curricula which prioritizes youth mentorship and provides young students with the tools to build themselves strong futures.

We look forward to working closely with our agency partners in the coming year to continue training students in the fight to reduce the availability and use of illicit drugs, and improve public safety in our society.



Katerina Szabo

Captain, Pennsylvania Army National Guard
Commandant, Northeast Counterdrug Training Center

MISSION & HISTORY

MISSION:

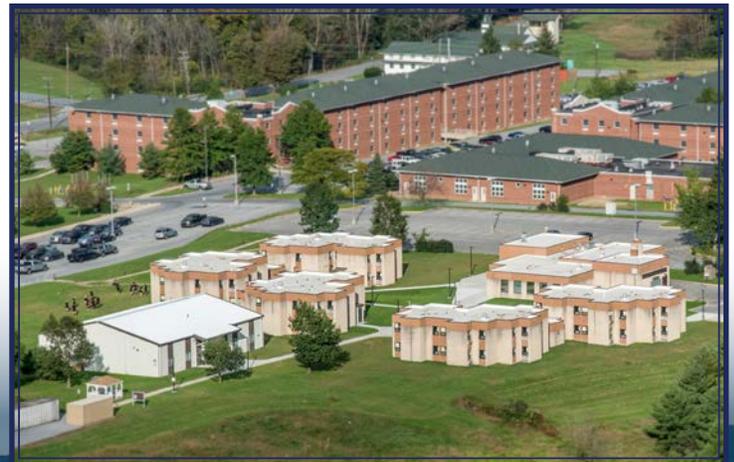
The Northeast Counterdrug Training Center provides training in prevention and counterdrug activities to law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations in the Northeastern United States working to reduce the availability of illicit drugs, improve public safety, and diminish drug use in our society.

NCTC HISTORY:

Founded in 1999, in accordance with the provisions outlined in the 1999 Defense Appropriations Act, the Pa. National Guard operates NCTC, with a campus at Fort Indiantown Gap, in Annville, Pa. The outpouring of support from law enforcement and Pa. state leaders significantly and consistently contributes to NCTC's success.

NCTC's facilities are capable of housing and training law enforcement and drug prevention professionals at no cost to their agencies. The site provides a modern and professional environment for training, conferences, and planning sessions, which are essential to the counterdrug community's fight against illicit narcotics.

NCTC's staff includes National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, who provide infrastructure management, course facilitation and instruction. Civilian subject-matter-experts instruct a large portion of the curriculum, and all instructors possess extensive education, training, and experience with proven success in their areas of expertise. This military and civilian partnership is the cornerstone of the NCTC success story.



NCTC convenes an annual working group comprised of seasoned law enforcement officers drawn from diverse jurisdictions across the Northeast Region. This collaborative effort aims to assess emerging and diminished threats within the illicit narcotics domain, leading to strategic adjustments to the NCTC curriculum. In the current year, the Working Group saw the active participation of state and local law enforcement representatives who engaged in deliberations on the latest challenges in the counternarcotic endeavor. Additionally, a comprehensive review of existing courses was undertaken to ascertain their continued relevance.

The culmination of these efforts transpired during the 2023 NCTC Advisory Board, held in September and presided over by Mr. Jeremiah Daley, the Advisory Board President and Executive Director of the Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. During this pivotal gathering, the Advisory Board meticulously scrutinized the reports generated by the Working Groups. Subsequently, the Board approved the introduction of six new courses into the NCTC curriculum. Among these, four courses are slated to undergo procurement processes in the current fiscal year. The proposed courses encompass critical topics such as weaponized drone threats, metaverse, blockchain, advanced cryptocurrency, and firearm trafficking & illicit trade arms investigations. This strategic expansion of the curriculum underscores NCTC's commitment to staying at the forefront of counternarcotic efforts by addressing contemporary threats and evolving law enforcement challenges.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS:

"I learned more in this class than I have most courses combined. I am praying this course returns to Columbus Ohio and will absolutely be taking it again."

"The instructor was the strong point of the course. He was able to make complicated concepts relatable and understandable."

"True life experience application with examples relative to most of the topics, as well as drawing out the scenarios to make them understandable and relatable to something that I may deal with in the future."

"Real life case studies supported course material with relevant and up to date information in a subject that is constantly changing."

"Instructor was interactive with the group and gave a lot of great real-life examples."

"Hands on training part of the course with real-life scenarios explained by the instructor made for an amazing experience and easy understanding of what was being taught."

"This was an amazing course. The instructor was extremely knowledgeable on the subject, and presented the information very clearly and in a manner that was easy to understand. Each step built on the last and the live demonstrations made the content come together."

"So much relevant information for my job. Illustrations and videos really helped in understanding."

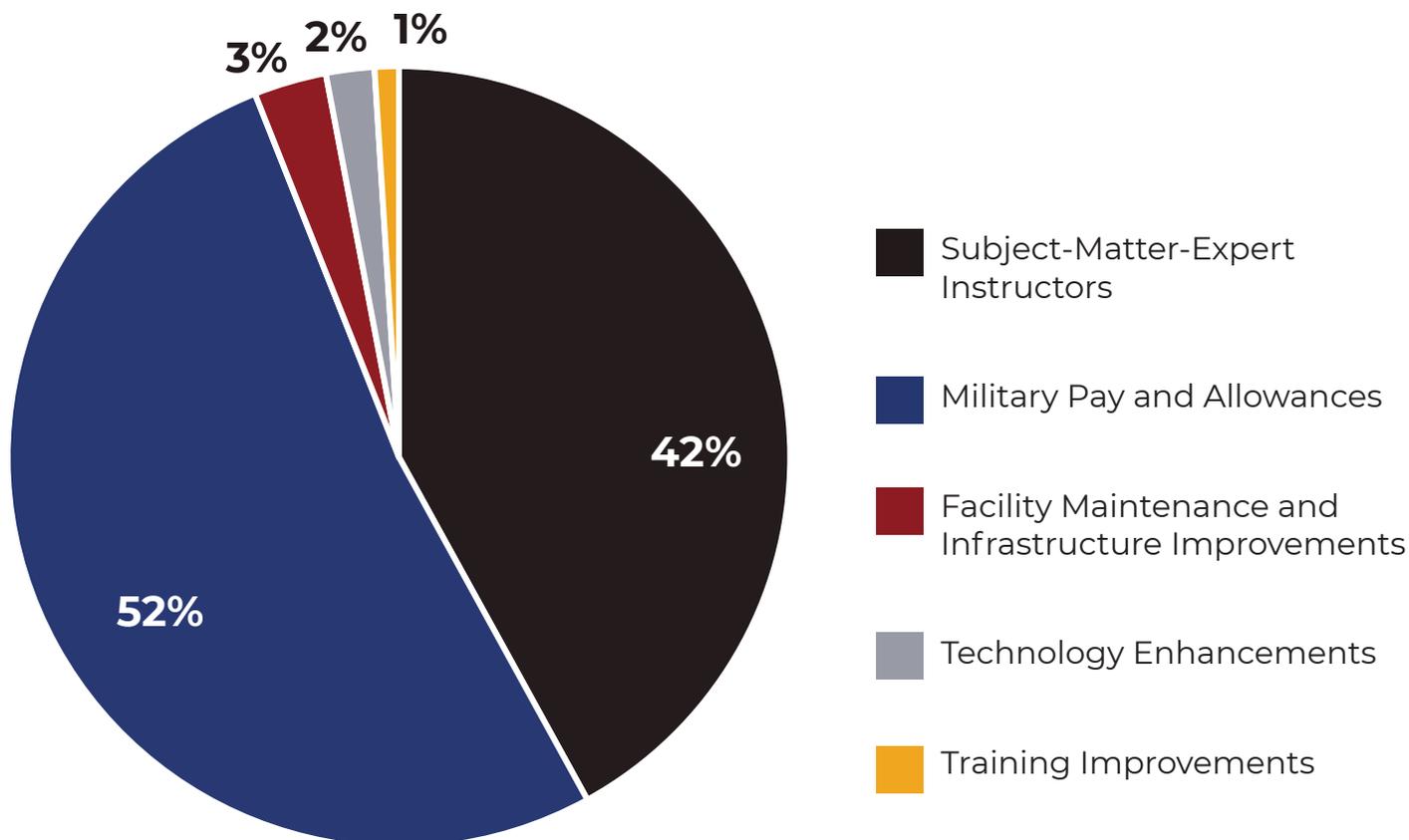
"The hands-on portion of the training was phenomenal. Eye opening experience and I benefited from it the most."

NCTC RESOURCES

NCTC OPERATIONS AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

NCTC's personnel determine the schedule of course offerings by the amount of funding received each year. NCTC receives federal funding from the Department of Defense to support training, facilities, equipment, as well as pay and allowances for Counterdrug personnel.

FY23 NCTC Resource Allocation	
Subject-Matter-Expert Instructors	\$2,168,564
Military Pay and Allowances	\$2,692,700
Facility Maintenance and Infrastructure Improvements	\$142,500
Technology Enhancements	\$104,505
Training Improvements	\$67,331
Total	\$5,175,600



NCTC TRAINING

NCTC consistently delivered and disseminated high-quality, cost-free training to local, state, and federal agencies across the contiguous United States. In FY23, NCTC extended its training services to a total of 17,608 professionals, including those from local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement entities, military personnel, and community coalition members. This comprehensive training initiative encompassed a diverse curriculum of 42 distinct courses, involving a total of 423 course iterations—comprising 388 in-person sessions and 35 live webinars. Notably, the Opioid Awareness Seminar web-based training, now in its third year, engaged 435 participants who successfully completed the self-paced online course.

Managing NCTC's exported courses, the Mobile Training Team (MTT) executed 158 course iterations across 23 different states, successfully training 7,128 students. Impressively, participants from all 54 states and territories engaged in some form of training during the reporting year. Additionally, the MTT facilitated nine independent InVeris virtual reality training sessions, while numerous law enforcement teams integrated virtual reality training with on-site training at the High-Risk Entry Facility.

In FY23, the Working Group and Advisory Board, attuned to evolving threats and trends faced by narcotics officers, endorsed six novel courses. This strategic decision underscores NCTC's unwavering dedication to adapting training methodologies to address contemporary challenges. The annual collaboration between the working group and advisory board serves as a pivotal mechanism for identifying and addressing these evolving needs.

The newly approved courses are as follows:

Introduction to UAS in Narcotics Operations:

This course provides hands-on experience in the utilization of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and ground robots to directly support tactical operations.

Weaponized Drone Threats: Extremist, Terrorist, and Cartel overview and Response:

Focusing on the emergent threat of weaponized UAVs employed by various criminal organizations domestically.

Metaverse, Blockchain, and Web 3.0

Challenges for Law Enforcement: This course addresses the escalating use of virtual environments in illicit trades.

Tactical Entry on Narcotics Warrants: A “train the trainer” course designed to cultivate proficient tactical leaders within participating agencies.

Advanced Cryptocurrency Investigations: Building upon the existing cryptocurrency course, this advanced module awards students a credentialed certificate in Advanced Cryptocurrency Investigations.

Firearm Trafficking and Illicit Trade Arms Investigations: This course adopts a proactive approach to identifying individuals involved in the illegal distribution of firearms.



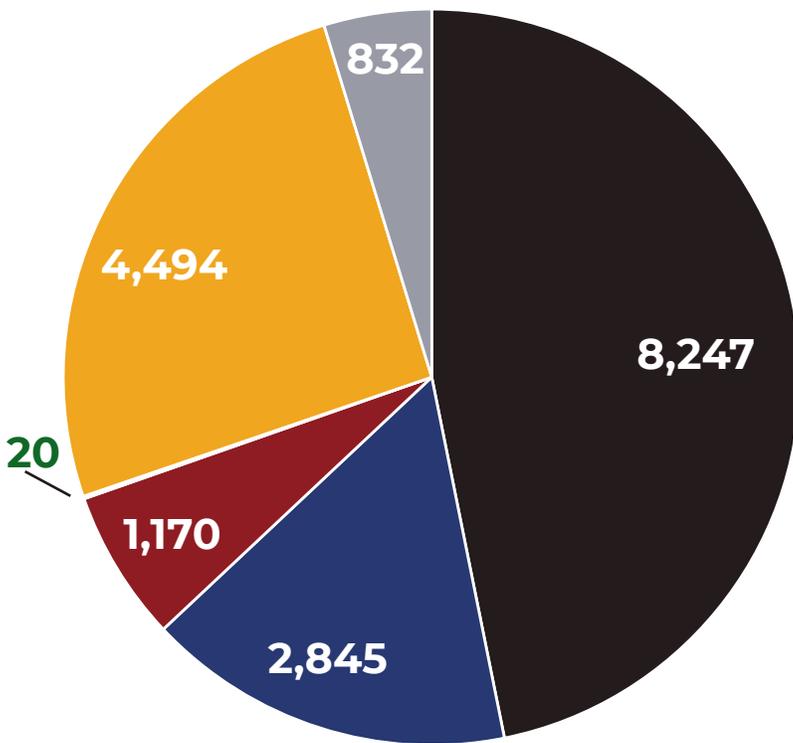
Woodland Tactical training, led by NCTC's military instructors, was conducted in New Hampshire with the collaborative support of New Hampshire Counterdrug Aviation, incorporating the use of a UH60M Blackhawk Helicopter enhancing the practicality and scope of the program. This training equips law enforcement officers with essential knowledge in basic land navigation and patrolling techniques.

NCTC TRAINING

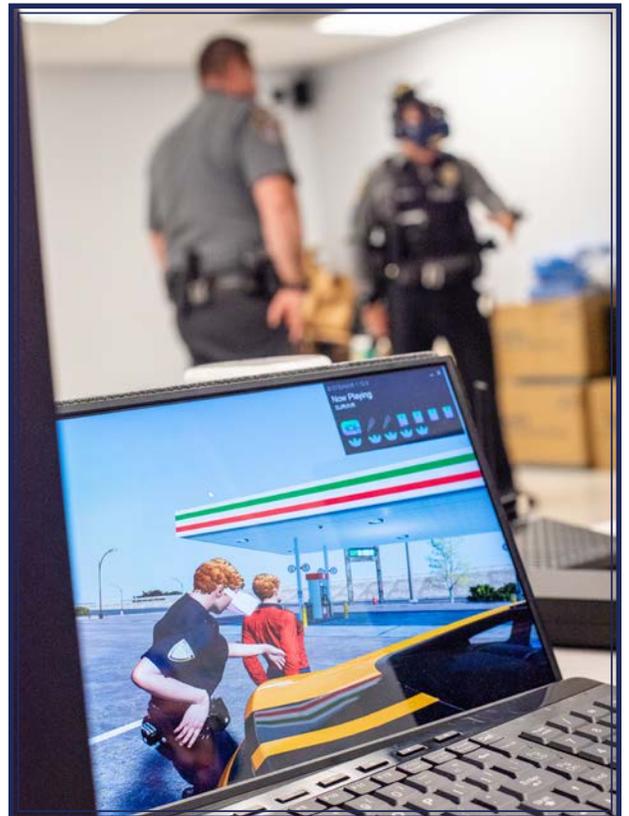
NCTC announced the launch of a new school logo. The new logo features a modern design that incorporates the colors of the American flag, representing NCTC's dedication to serving our country and protecting our communities. The stylized eagle spread across the encircled design symbolizes the strength, courage, and unwavering commitment with which our students serve. The compass, emblazoned across the chest of the eagle, reflects the ethical compass that guides all of us in our service.



STUDENTS TRAINED IN FY23



- Local Law Enforcement Officer
- State Law Enforcement Officer
- Federal Law Enforcement Officer
- Tribal Law Enforcement Officer
- Military
- Community-Based Organizations



NCTC TRAINING

NCTC COURSES:

Advanced Cryptocurrency Investigations

Advanced Undercover Techniques for the Narcotics Officer

Basic Narcotics Investigator

Basic Undercover Techniques for the Narcotics Officer

Cell Phone Investigation Techniques

Cryptocurrency Investigations

Current Heroin Threat

Dark Web Investigations

Detecting Misleading Behaviors

Domestic Terrorism

Drug Identification

Drug Interdiction and Conducting the Complete Traffic Stop

Financial Planning

Firearm Trafficking & Illicit Trade Arms Investigations

Human Trafficking

Interview and Interrogation for Law Enforcement (Advanced)

Interview and Interrogation for Law Enforcement (Basic)

Introduction to UAV in Narcotics Operations

Law Enforcement Intelligence

Leading and Managing a Task Force Unit

Managing Narcotics Informants

Metaverse, Blockchain, and Web 3.0 Challenges for Law Enforcement

Mexican Drug Cartel Investigations

Middle Eastern Intelligence

Mid-Level Narcotics Investigations

Money Laundering

Naloxone Administration for First Responders

Naloxone Administration for Potential Bystanders

Narcotics Enforcement and Trafficking Investigations in Hotels/Motels and Parcel/Freight Carriers

Narcotics Warrants Execution Certification Course

NCTC Polygraph Program

Open Source Intelligence

Opioid Awareness Seminar

Opioid Threat in the Community

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

Pennsylvania Overdose Information Network (ODIN) User Training

Phoenix Training - Addiction and Connection to Treatment

Physical Surveillance

Role of the Undercover

Senior Polygraph Examiner

Social Networking

Street Gang Investigations

Tactical Narcotic Debriefings

Technology Threats and Trends Against Law Enforcement

Trauma Management

Undercover Management

Vehicle Interdiction (Commercial)

Vehicle Interdiction (Passenger)

Video Surveillance Techniques

Virtual Reality Simulator

Weaponized Drone Threats: Cartel Overview and Response

Woodland Tactical

NCTC TRAINING



Register for Northeast Counterdrug Training Center Classes

To create an account, visit our site at <https://nctc.counterdrug.org/>

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Click the link "Need an Account?" on the top right corner of the page and follow instructions.

Once you are logged in, click the "Training" tab then click "Upcoming Training".

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Select the class you would like to register for using the "Register" button at the bottom of the class posting.

Your request will then be reviewed/approved by NCTC staff. If you have any questions or issues please contact us at 717-861-2070

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CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

NCTC places paramount importance on the thorough examination and feedback provided by diverse external organizations. This rigorous evaluation process is integral to ensuring that our training programs maintain a standard of relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness. Given the diverse nature of many facets within NCTC's training portfolio, specific capabilities garner explicit certification or accreditation from external entities. This strategic approach serves to uphold the precision and specialization inherent in our training methodologies.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Act 48 of 1999 – Continuing Professional Education

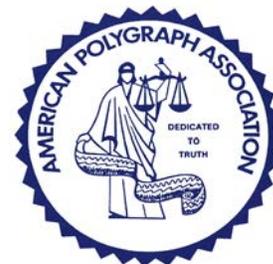
Act 48 of 1999 requires educators holding a Pa. professional educator certification to complete continuing education requirements every five years to maintain their certificates in an active status. NCTC is authorized to offer Act 48 course credits for any Pa. professional educator attending NCTC's Opioid Threat in the Community course.



American Polygraph Association

Established in 1966, the American Polygraph Association (APA) is the world's leading association dedicated to the use of evidence-based scientific methods for credibility assessments. The APA has accredited the NCTC Polygraph Program since 2003.

In FY23, NCTC successfully concluded its triennial inspection, a systematic assessment conducted to ascertain and affirm ongoing adherence to the rigorous standards set forth by the APA.



Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies

Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) operates as an independent, nonprofit corporation and therefore is not beholden to any government entity. Funded by a US Department of Justice grant, leading law enforcement executive associates created CALEA in 1979 to provide a conceptual accreditation model for law enforcement.

NCTC successfully finalized its web assessment for the second cycle year, meticulously validating the compliance of all standards and supporting documentation with the stringent requirements stipulated by CALEA.



Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission

Established in 1974, The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) institutes certification and training standards for Municipal Police Officers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. MPOETC has approved over 29 NCTC courses for Continuing Law Enforcement Education credits.



NCTC FACILITIES

Facilities at NCTC contribute to its first-class training experience.

STUDENT LODGING:

The NCTC campus provides 50 single-occupancy rooms tailored to accommodate students participating in training programs. Each well-appointed room is fully furnished, featuring amenities such as a full-sized bed, desk, refrigerator, microwave, cable television, clock radio, and linens. Additionally, each lodging building encompasses a common area furnished with a couch and supplementary seating for the convenience of residents.

Regrettably, in Dec. 2022, NCTC's Fox's Den lodging facility incurred damage due to a burst water pipe, rendering the facility uninhabitable. This unfortunate incident resulted in the loss of 21 individual rooms, consequently exerting a substantial strain on lodging availability throughout FY23 and the foreseeable future. NCTC is actively exploring options for the renovation of the compromised facility to address this shortfall and enhance the overall lodging infrastructure.



DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER:

The Distance Learning Center (DLC) can be configured in two ways: either as two classrooms with a capacity of 70 people each, or as one large classroom with a capacity of 140 people. Both classrooms are well-equipped with essential resources, including an instructor computer, an overhead projector, and two 70-inch televisions strategically placed on either side of the room to ensure optimal viewing for all participants. Additionally, Wi-Fi access is available throughout the center. To facilitate computer-based training, a total of 70 Microsoft Surface Pro Tablets are provided for instructors and students.

In FY23, the DLC was responsible for organizing 91 training events and providing training to a total of 3,374 students from 30 different federal, state, and local agencies.



NCTC FACILITIES

HIGH-RISK ENTRY FACILITY:

In FY23, the High-Risk Entry Facility (HREF) personnel successfully orchestrated the training of 3,739 students hailing from 64 distinct federal, state, and local agencies, encompassing a total of 120 training events. Amidst collaborative efforts with numerous agencies throughout the year, the HREF team effectively conducted 12 iterations of courses, featuring specialized courses such as Tactics for Narcotic Warrants, Low Light Tactical, Advanced Narcotic Operations, Advanced Undercover Techniques for the Narcotic Officer, and Woodland Tactical.



Designed as a two-story structure, the HREF serves as a dedicated facility to support law enforcement and military units in mastering structural entry techniques and room clearing. The facility boasts three furnished apartments, an after-action review (AAR) room, and a virtual reality area equipped with an InVeris

use of force and situational simulator. All requisite training equipment, including personal protective gear, Simunition® weapons, rams, halogen tools, and shields, are provided to agencies to ensure safe and effective training, replicating real-world scenarios with simulated equipment mirroring their everyday service tools.

The AAR room serves as a pivotal space for students to monitor live video feeds and debrief completed training scenarios. Outfitted with four 55-inch televisions and two 55-inch touch interactive displays, the HREF is meticulously equipped with more than 100 state-of-the-art high-definition cameras and 56 microphones, capturing every angle of the facility. Motion sensors, smoke machines, pneumatic popup targets, and sophisticated sound and light manipulation further contribute to the realistic training environment.

Moreover, the HREF encompasses a fully equipped 40-person classroom tailored for instruction, mission planning, presentations, and online training. Featuring an 85-inch Clear Touch Interactive display and two 42-inch televisions, the classroom is optimized for seamless viewing and interaction. To facilitate learning, 40 Microsoft Surface Pro Tablets are readily available for student use.

In addition to these comprehensive facilities, the HREF houses ten seized trap vehicles on-site, encompassing various makes, models, and types. These vehicles play a crucial role in assisting law enforcement in developing awareness and recognizing indicators of hidden or false compartments during narcotics interdiction operations.



Anticipating the evolving landscape of training needs, NCTC has initiated explorations into various avenues and processes to secure grants. These grants will be instrumental in the renovation of the HREF, ensuring the continued provision of the most relevant and up-to-date training and equipment.

NCTC FACILITIES

POLYGRAPH TRAINING CENTER:

The Polygraph Training Center specializes in forensic psychophysiology training, utilizing state-of-the-art polygraph techniques. The facility comprises five interrogation suites and a spacious 18-person classroom featuring advanced technology such as an 85-inch Clear Touch Interactive display and two 70-inch televisions for enhanced viewing and interaction. Our commitment to relevance and proficiency is reflected in the use of the latest testing equipment and software throughout the training sessions. In FY23, NCTC executed two polygraph courses; totaling 36 students trained from 26 agencies.



FORT INDIANTOWN GAP NOW A CONTROLLED-ACCESS INSTALLATION:

To enhance security measures and ensure the safety of all personnel and resources within the premises, visitors are now required to enter Fort Indiantown Gap military installation by using an Access Control Point (ACP). The ACP is located on the west end of the post, closest to the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Individuals are now required to present a state or federally issued photo ID to access the installation.



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