

# 2012

ANNUAL REPORT



★★ WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ★★  
**DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM**  
A TRADITION OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT

*"Our Mission... to reduce the supply and demand for illegal drugs through partnerships with law enforcement, community organizations and school districts."*





## MESSAGE TO THE STAKEHOLDERS



Dear Stakeholders,

I am very pleased to present the Drug Control Program's (DCP) Annual Report for 2012. In our 19th year, the DCP has continued to support our stakeholders through our effective programs in Civil Operations, supply reduction and training.

As the new Counterdrug Coordinator, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Mark Greenwood for his leadership over the past two years with the DCP. His passion and dedication has continued to keep us as one of the premier states within the National Guard Counterdrug Program and we thank him for that. Mark has since retired and is now working for Wisconsin Emergency Management. The National Guard Drug Control Program continues to see budgetary constraints that limit our programs. Despite these reductions, the WI Drug Control Program is committed to making a difference in our programs to law enforcement, military and community customers.

Our Drug Demand Reduction Program is undergoing some revisions and is now identified as Civil Operations. We are still working to continue our valuable Leadership Education Adventure Program (LEAP) to help educate our youth on the negative effects of drugs. The budget reductions challenge the continuation of the LEAP program; however, we have found innovative and alternative means to continue to execute this effective program. We are seeking to expand and continue this program through the use of Community Based Organizations and Coalitions. I am proud to announce that our initiatives allowed this program to train and potentially impact over 4,000 students this past year.

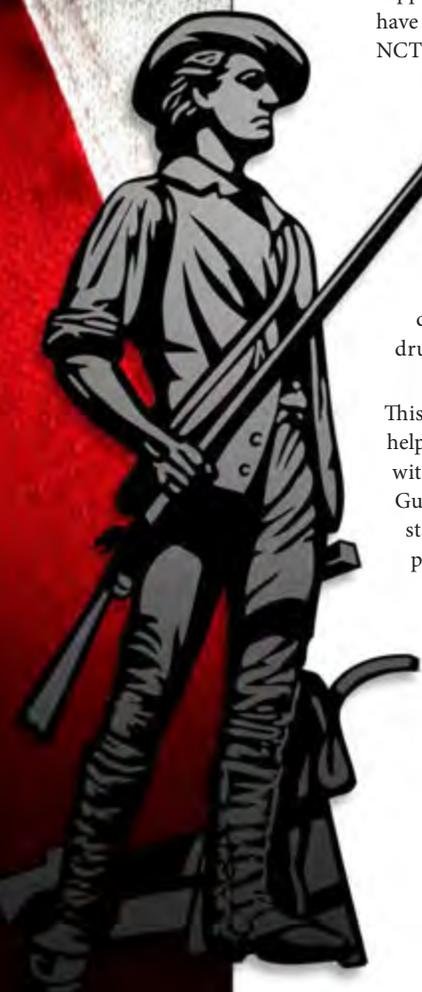
In 2012, our Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC) at Volk Field completed all of the renovations to our facility and we now have a state of the art training facility that offers much to our stakeholders. This facility supports indoor tactical training, NCTC classes, low ropes LEAP events and a Laser Shot training facility. We also have the ability to host large scale training events with the addition of the three newly remodeled classrooms. The NCTC supported 159 law enforcement agencies and helped to train over 5,539 personnel from law enforcement and military organizations. I am confident that our facility will successfully satisfy the training requirements of law enforcement officers, emergency planners and responders, and military units. I invite you all to schedule a visit in the near future to view our facility and the opportunities we can provide for you.

Our criminal intelligence analysts continue to support law enforcement agencies and drug investigations in the field with quality analysis, sharing and dissemination of information. Our program was able to support 11 agencies helping to combat the trafficking of illegal drugs and other criminal activities, which directly and indirectly resulted in over 45 million dollars in total drug related seizures in assets, currency and drugs.

This 2012 Annual Report highlights another successful year for our program and our continued commitment to help keep our communities safe and free of drug abuse. We understand our accomplishments could not be realized without the tremendous support of our customers, our state leadership, our elected officials and the fine National Guard members serving in the Drug Control Program. Finally, I would like to take this moment to thank our stakeholders for the opportunity to support them. We truly appreciate all of the hard work that you dedicate to promote and preserve a drug-free environment.

Sincerely,

Colonel Tim Lawson  
Wisconsin National Guard  
Counterdrug Coordinator





**ALCOHOL ABUSE:** Alcohol today remains the most available and abused psychoactive substance among Wisconsin youth.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, nearly half of high school students reported drinking alcohol in the past thirty days and nearly one-third reported binge drinking. This early exposure to alcohol likely contributes to Wisconsin having the highest rate of drunken driving in the nation, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released in April 2009.



**MARIJUANA:** Access to marijuana continues to be readily available throughout Wisconsin. In a troubling trend, the 2011 "Monitoring the Future" study found that more high school seniors had smoked marijuana than cigarettes over the past 30 days (21.4% vs. 19.2%). Additionally, since 2009, several sophisticated, multi-thousand plant marijuana grows have been discovered on public lands in Wisconsin. According to press and law enforcement reporting, the number of marijuana plants confiscated on public lands in Wisconsin grew six fold between 2003 and 2008 to more than thirty-three thousand found in 2008. Mexican drug trafficking organizations and other criminal enterprises are using public lands because they offer a remote location that enable large-scale operations with a minimal chance of detection.

**HEROIN:** The use of heroin has continued to increase in popularity due to high availability, increasing purity and low cost. A Wisconsin Public Television special, aired in October 2011, reports that heroin exhibits to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory have increased 400% over the past five years. Recent law enforcement reporting shows heroin samples in Wisconsin testing as much as 80% pure. Compounding the problem is that Wisconsin is seeing many prescription drug abusers eventually turn to heroin as a cheaper, more potent high.

**COCAINE:** Law enforcement continues to identify cocaine and cocaine base (crack) as a substantial threat in Wisconsin. This is largely due to the level of violence and property crime associated with cocaine addicts seeking money to support their habit. Following a shortage from 2007-2008, there has been a resurgence in the availability of cocaine in Wisconsin. In fact, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, in 2009 cocaine and cocaine base offenses represented 230 of the 300 drug-related federal offenses in Wisconsin. The majority of cocaine continues to enter Wisconsin through distribution networks based in Chicago, Illinois.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:** According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, nearly 7 million Americans abuse prescription drugs, more than the number who abuse cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, ecstasy and inhalants combined. Research conducted by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in March 2011, shows that prescription medications were involved in 70% of overdose deaths in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington Counties between 2002 and 2009.

# CIVIL OPERATIONS



Facilitators educate youth about the dangers of drugs through fun events.

*“Back at school, the students might not remember who fell in the water or who helped lift them over a wall. But they will remember how it felt to work together as a team to accomplish something that would have been impossible alone.”*

Jenna Troum  
WKBT News8000

## Youth Education

Our Civil Operations mission will provide a strong response to substance abuse in each community by building effective local coalitions and supporting their implementation of evidence-based strategies. Coalitions are strategically poised to develop a holistic and effective response to local drug problems. Our Guardsmen will play a critical role in fostering an effective community response by using unique military skill-sets and culture to assist local coalitions in addressing substance use/abuse. We will also be able to effectively measure the coalitions effectiveness by providing feedback using the “Kaizen,” which measures a coalition’s ability to implement the essential processes, Strategic Prevention Framework and helps community partnerships continuously improve their work.



A student attempts to navigate an obstacle with goggles that simulate the affects of alcohol.

## Achievements

- Implemented electronic pre and post event surveys, which helps to capture measurable results more accurately and efficiently.
- Created a five-day curriculum to provide training to new National Guard facilitators and customers who wish to become trained in facilitation.
- Partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to educate communities of drug trends, threats and to observe Red Ribbon Week.
- Selected by National Guard Bureau (NGB) as a pilot state to create and implement a survey that would capture measurable, evidence-based results on a national level.
- Selected by the National Guard Bureau (NGB) as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in Adventure Based Education (ABE).

## OUR IMPACT

4,025  
WISCONSIN YOUTH  
PARTICIPATED IN LEAP  
AND STAY ON TRACK

23  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
AND COMMUNITY  
BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
COMMITTED TO LEAP

# SUPPLY REDUCTION



*“The analytical support provided by our National Guard analyst has proved invaluable as a force multiplier allowing our officers and detectives to dedicate more time on the street focused on criminal and narcotics investigations.”*

Lt. Brian Ackeret  
Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force

The RC-26 acts as a force multiplier assisting law enforcement.

## Aviation Support



Wisconsin's RC-26B aircrew and aircraft continues to be a key asset in achieving considerable results in the fight against trafficking of illicit drugs. The RC-26B effectively bridges the gap between the Department of Defense and Law Enforcement Agencies throughout numerous states. Relatively quiet and unobtrusive, the RC-26B provides accurate and safe reconnaissance from an altitude of 10,000 feet. This allows law enforcement to get an overall view of locations without the risk of compromise. The RC-26B continues to play a critical

role in supporting law enforcement agencies with full motion video, ground-to-air communication capabilities and ability to perform day and night reconnaissance.

This year our highly experienced aircrew flew over 289 hours and supported 20 law enforcement agencies in their drug interdiction efforts. The RC-26B supported a number of high-profile drug-related investigations throughout United States, to include large-scale investigations on the northern and southwest borders.

## OUR IMPACT

2,353  
DRUG RELATED  
ARRESTS

\$45  
MILLION  
DRUG RELATED SEIZURES

## Analyst Support

Information sharing continues to play a critical role in supporting law enforcement agencies and drug investigations throughout Wisconsin. At the request of law enforcement, our intelligence analysts disseminate pertinent and timely information with each other and with other agencies. This information supports law enforcement with recent drug trends, officer safety issues and analytical case support. These efforts are important for law enforcement agencies to combat the trafficking of illegal drugs and other criminal activities. This year the DCP provided 15 criminal analysts to 11 law enforcement agencies. These agencies include local, state and federal law enforcement, including the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center (WSIC) and the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The information our analysts gather and share with law enforcement acts as a force multiplier. More importantly, it frees up law enforcement agents and allows them to focus their efforts on protecting our citizens and reducing the supply of illegal drugs. Our analysts also assisted the Drug Enforce-

ment Administration (DEA) this year in their national "Take Back" initiative to collect and dispose of potentially dangerous pharmaceutical drugs. This initiative collected more than 27 tons of unused, unwanted and expired pharmaceuticals in Wisconsin. The campaign also focused on the misuse of pharmaceutical drugs as well as keeping them out of the water system.



DCP member assists the DEA in disposing of pharmaceutical drugs during their Take Back initiative.



*“ Your staff and facilities continue to meet our every expectation. As budgets tighten and training demands increase it is great that your partnership with our organization can bring such high quality training to those who serve the law enforcement community.”*

John Czerwinski  
President  
Midwest Tactical Officers Association

Law enforcement receives training at our no-cost facilities to fight drugs.

## Law Enforcement Training

During FY2012 the Volk Field office completed renovation on a new headquarters building and 15,000 sq. ft. training facility. The training facility includes a 100 person classroom with state of the art audio visual equipment that can be broken down into three separate and smaller classrooms. The training facility also includes a laser shot virtual shoot-house (LVS), for realistic scenario based training. These recent additions give NCTC the flexibility to host multiple simultaneous training events. In addition to the headquarters and training facility updates the Volk Field office has made numerous upgrades to tactical training facilities, including the addition of a long range precision shooting simulator. The Long Range Precision Shooting Simulator (LRPSS) enables highly accurate engagements of realistic, long-range moving or static targets in a simulated environment. Through the combination of a Tactical Weapons Simulator, and

state-of-the-art in-scope simulation, LRPSS enables the designated marksman to accurately and effectively engage human avatars or other targets.



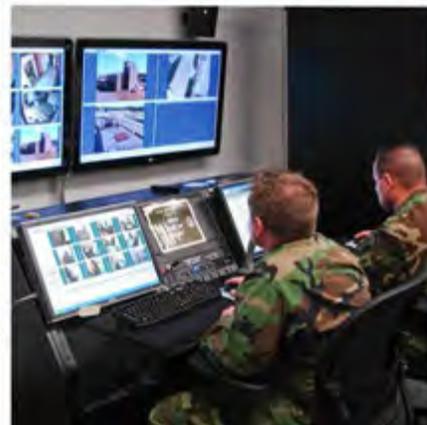
Law enforcement personnel clear a room at our High Risk Entry Facility (HREF) which provided them with valuable training.

## Achievements

- Highest number of personnel trained at the Volk Field NCTC campus since it opened in 2003.
- Sponsored 26 courses and trained 876 law enforcement officers and education / prevention professionals at no cost to participants.
- Supported 111 specialized training events, serving 4,663 personnel from law enforcement agencies, community based organizations, and military units.
- Successfully completed an on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). NCTC was awarded the esteemed national recognition of “Accreditation with Excellence,” given to agencies with three consecutive accreditations. NCTC joins an elite group of less than 10 law enforcement training academies nationwide to achieve this designation.
- Supported the Midwest Gang Investigators Association Conference by training 513 officers on the latest and most relevant Street Gang information available.

## OUR IMPACT

5,539 PERSONNEL TRAINED	137 TRAINING EVENTS
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## Making A Difference

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The Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program is federally funded to support law enforcement and community organizations in the fight against illegal drugs. We provide highly trained people, sophisticated equipment and exceptional facilities that greatly enhance our partner's efforts. Our support not only benefits Wisconsin communities by reducing the availability of illegal drugs, but provides our personnel with valuable skills and experience that can be used with their military units. We are proud to respond quickly and capably to the needs of our partners, adding value to Wisconsin and America.

### *This year our Criminal Intelligence Analysts helped Law Enforcement*

- ✓ Provide analytical case support for **564** cases.
- ✓ Conduct **1,455** background checks.
- ✓ Analyze **580** targets.
- ✓ Identify **582** individuals.
- ✓ Perform **1,011** event de-conflictions.
- ✓ Perform **1,361** subject de-conflictions.
- ✓ Produce **587** formal intelligence products.
- ✓ Create **108** prosecution packets.
- ✓ Produce **1,806** maps/charts.
- ✓ Perform **578** hours of strategic and tactical research.
- ✓ Writing and prepare **175** subpoenas.
- ✓ Perform **6,283** telephone subscriber searches.
- ✓ Perform **8,154** open source checks.
- ✓ Perform **842** hours of mobile phone forensics.

# OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Citizens of the State of Wisconsin

Community Organizations

Department of Defense

Department of Homeland Security

Drug Control Program Members and their Families

Governor and Attorney General

Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement

Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

National Guard Bureau

Northeast Counterdrug Training Center

Office of Justice Assistance

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions

State and Federal Legislators

Wisconsin National Guard Members and their Families

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics

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