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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 15, 2018

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program Overview**

At the Board of Supervisors request, the Community Law Enforcement Partnership Commission discussed both the Operation Stonegarden and HIDTA grants. The Arizona HIDTA Director Dawn Mertz appeared before the Commission and provided the attached PowerPoint Presentation, which outlines the various elements of the Arizona HIDTA program, partnerships with law enforcement agencies and targeted narcotics. The Commission forwarded a recommendation to the Board to approve the HIDTA grant.

The HIDTA grant will be considered on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on September 4, 2018. If you require additional information, please contact me.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: The Honorable Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff  
John Voorhees, Assistant County Administrator



ARIZONA HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA)  
Excellence in Partnership, Leadership, and Innovation

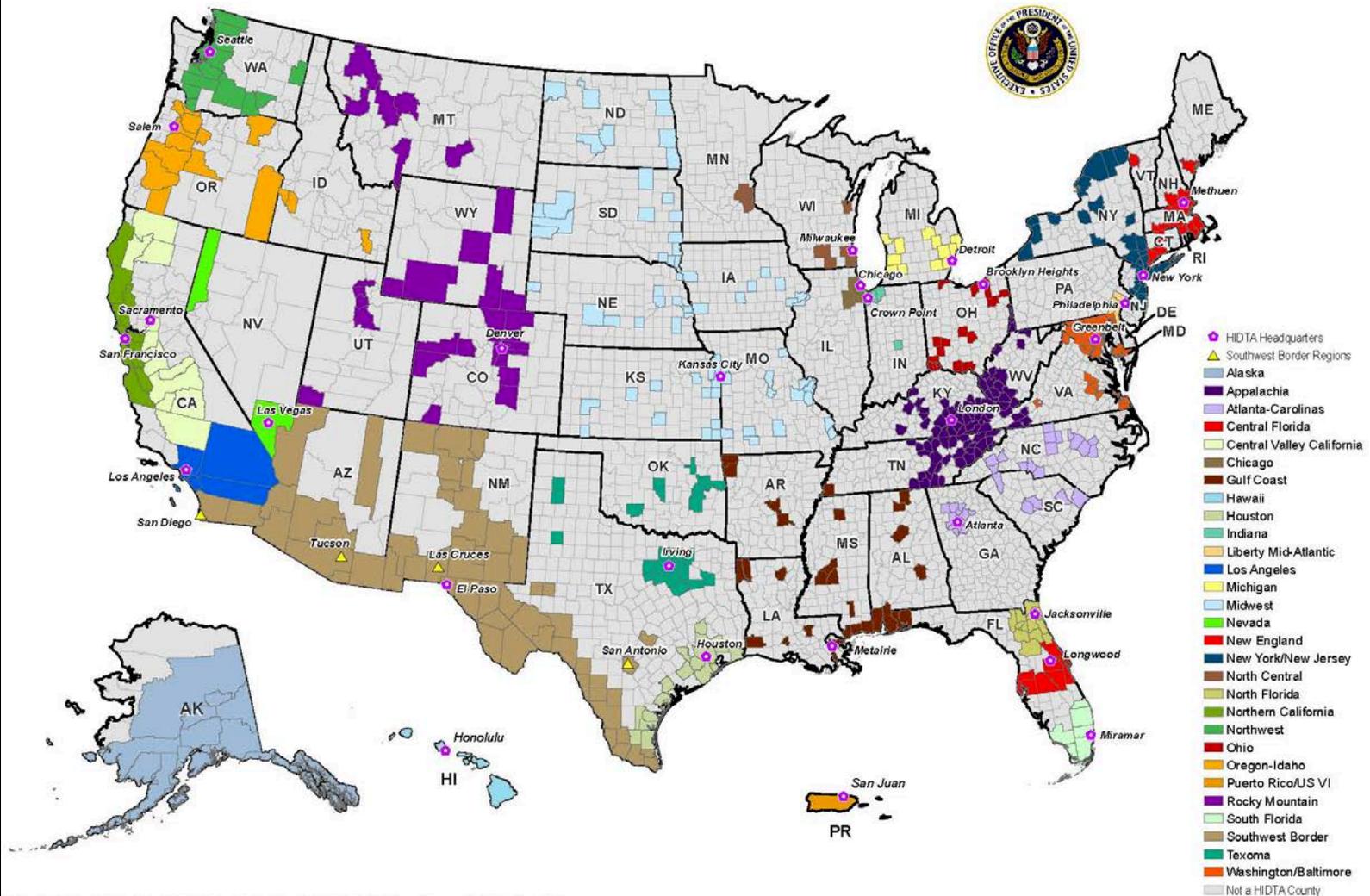
# ARIZONA HIDTA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

# HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA) PROGRAM

- Grant-funded initiative of the Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Assists Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in critical drug trafficking regions
- Helps law enforcement invest in infrastructure and joint initiatives to confront drug-trafficking organizations

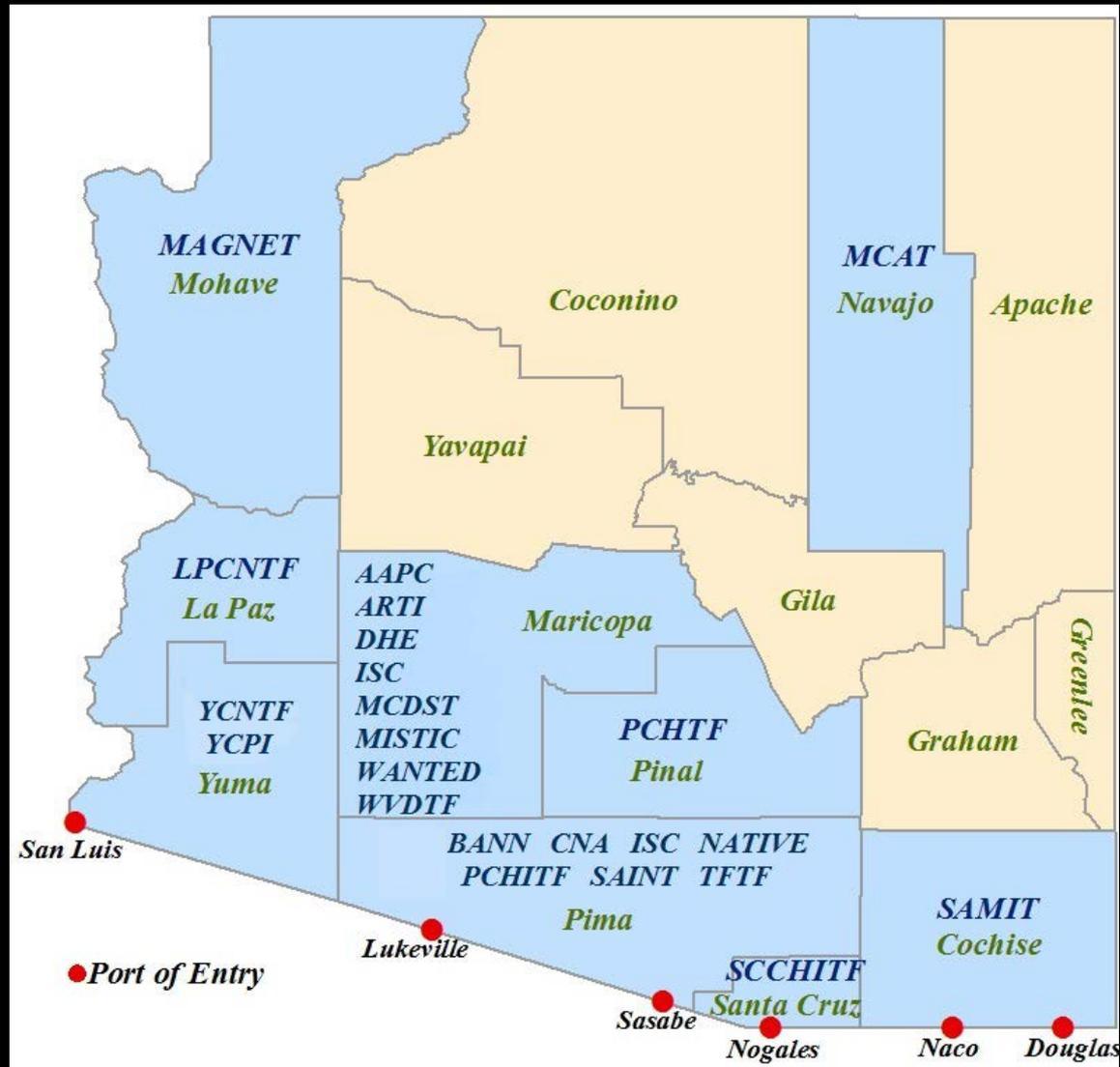
# 29 HIDTAs in 47 U.S. States, plus Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and District of Columbia

## High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program Counties as of May 2018



Arizona HIDTA coordinates and supports the efforts of 603 full-time and 166 part-time participants from 70 agencies.

22 Initiatives (task forces) are located in the nine HIDTA designated Counties.



## ARIZONA HIDTA PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

### ***Federal***

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Land Management  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Internal Revenue Service  
United States Attorney's Office  
United States Border Patrol  
United States Customs and Border Protection  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
United States Forest Service  
United States Immigration and Customs  
Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations

United States Marshals Service  
United States National Park Service

### ***State***

Arizona Attorney General's Office  
Arizona Department of Corrections  
Arizona Department of Public Safety  
Arizona National Guard  
University of Arizona Police Department

### ***Tribal***

Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Department  
Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department

### ***Local***

Apache Junction Police Department  
Benson Police Department  
Buckeye Police Department  
Bullhead City Police Department  
Chandler Police Department  
Cochise County Attorney's Office  
Cochise County Sheriff's Office  
Coolidge Police Department  
Douglas Police Department  
Eloy Police Department  
Flagstaff Police Department  
Florence Police Department  
Glendale Police Department  
Kingman Police Department  
La Paz County Attorney's Office  
La Paz County Sheriff's Office  
Lake Havasu City Police Department

Marana Police Department  
Maricopa County Attorney's Office  
Maricopa County Probation Office  
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office  
Mesa Police Department  
Mohave County Adult Probation  
Mohave County Attorney's Office  
Mohave County Sheriff's Office  
Navajo County Sheriff's Office  
Nogales Police Department  
Oro Valley Police Department  
Phoenix Police Department  
Pima County Attorney's Office  
Pima County Probation Office  
Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Pinal County Sheriff's Office

Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department  
Quartzsite Police Department  
San Luis Police Department  
Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office  
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office  
Show Low Police Department  
Snowflake-Taylor Police Department  
Somerton Police Department  
Surprise Police Department  
Tempe Police Department  
Tucson Police Department  
Winslow Police Department  
Yuma County Adult Probation  
Yuma County Attorney's Office  
Yuma County Sheriff's Office  
Yuma Police Department

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Top officials from Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies
- Oversees threat assessment, strategies, and financial decisions
- Ensures resources are properly administered
- Assesses performance to ensure goals and objectives are met

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

## *FEDERAL*

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
and Explosives

Drug Enforcement Administration

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Homeland Security Investigations

Internal Revenue Service

United States Attorney's Office

United States Customs and  
Border Protection

United States Marshals Service

## *STATE AND LOCAL*

Arizona Attorney General's Office

Arizona Department of Public Safety

Arizona National Guard

Cochise County Sheriff's Office

Kingman Police Department

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Phoenix Police Department

Pima County Sheriff's Department

Tucson Police Department

# ARIZONA HIDTA TASK FORCES

- Three primary focuses:
  - **Enforcement** (interdiction, investigation, fugitive arrests, prosecution)
  - **Intelligence** (deconfliction, investigative case support, threat assessment)
  - **Support** (training, management)



# INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT CENTER

## INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SHARING

- Case Support
- Research, Leads and Targeting
- Threat Analysis and Production
- Interdiction Response
- Target Deck Project

# HIDTA TRAINING CENTER



- ✓ State of the art learning environment
- ✓ Training for each phase of drug-related cases
- ✓ Centrally located for statewide attendees



# 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Drug Trafficking/Money Laundering Organizations Disrupted/Dismantled	53
Criminal Operations Disrupted/Dismantled	1,086
Marijuana Seized	347,915 pounds
Cocaine Seized	2,391 pounds
Methamphetamine Seized	6,810 pounds
Heroin Seized	952 pounds
Cash and Assets Seized	Over \$25 million
Fugitives Arrested	3,553
Individuals Prosecuted	2,187
Wholesale Value of Drugs Seized	Over \$900 million



## IN 2017, ARIZONA HIDTA:

- Provided analytical support for 64 investigations and produced 314 strategic intelligence products.
- Trained 2,897 students for a total of 48,677 hours.
- Demand reduction efforts trained 444 individuals and distributed 6,265 prevention materials to law enforcement, health agencies, and prevention coalitions.



## ARIZONA HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA)

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### RESOURCE CENTER

#### Participant Site

#### In the News

#### Resource Center

#### Employment

The Arizona HIDTA has cultivated strong partnerships among drug law enforcement and community organizations to educate the public about the dangerous effects of drug abuse. The links below provide detailed information about the most commonly abused drugs, as well as helpful resources for parents, caretakers, and educators.

### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

#### Electronic Cigarettes and Vape

#### Parent and Community Outreach

[The Beginning of the ENDS \(Electronic Nicotine Delivery System\)](#)

#### Classroom Activities

[E-Cigarettes and Vaping](#)

#### Marijuana

#### Parent and Community Outreach

[Marijuana Talk Kit - English](#)  
[Marijuana Talk Kit - Spanish](#)  
[Marijuana 360 - Arizona](#)  
[Marijuana 360 - Apache County](#)  
[Marijuana 360 - Cochise County](#)  
[Marijuana 360 - Coconino County](#)

### OTHER RESOURCES

[Arizona Opioid Monitoring Initiative](#)  
[Arizona Opioid Emergency](#)  
[Arizona Opioid Epidemic](#)  
[Office of National Drug Control Policy](#)  
[Marijuana Harmless? Think Again](#)  
[Marijuana Facts and Frequently Asked Questions](#)  
[Drug Enforcement Administration](#)  
[Heroin in Arizona](#)  
[Partnership for Drug-Free Kids](#)  
[Above the Influence](#)

#### Items of Interest

[Mohave County officials issue dire warnings about marijuana, News-Herald, January 11, 2015](#)  
[Hooked Rx: From Prescription to Addiction, 30-minute documentary produced by ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Simulcast on January 10, 2017](#)  
["Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict,"](#)

# Opioid Monitoring Initiative Alert System



## AZ Opioid Monitoring Initiative Alert System!

Stay informed and get timely updates including the latest bulletins! Join now!

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First Name

Last Name

Address

Select a state/province ▼

Zip Code

Email Lists

- Community Outreach
- Public Health
- Public Safety

Sign Up

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Stay informed and get timely updates! Join now!

Text

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to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.



# TASK FORCES IN PIMA COUNTY

- Focus on Drug Trafficking Organizations operating within Pima County and Arizona
- Major Transshipment point for ton quantities of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl entering the United States
- Community Impact
  - Violence
  - Property Crimes
  - Child Neglect
  - Overdose Deaths



# OVERDOSE DEATHS

- Drug-induced deaths have surpassed motor vehicle deaths every year since 2009.
- 2016 Overdose Deaths:
  - Over 64,000 in the U.S.
  - 1,470 within Arizona
  - 263 in Pima County (282 in 2017)
- Within Pima County, law enforcement is working with prevention coalitions and treatment providers.

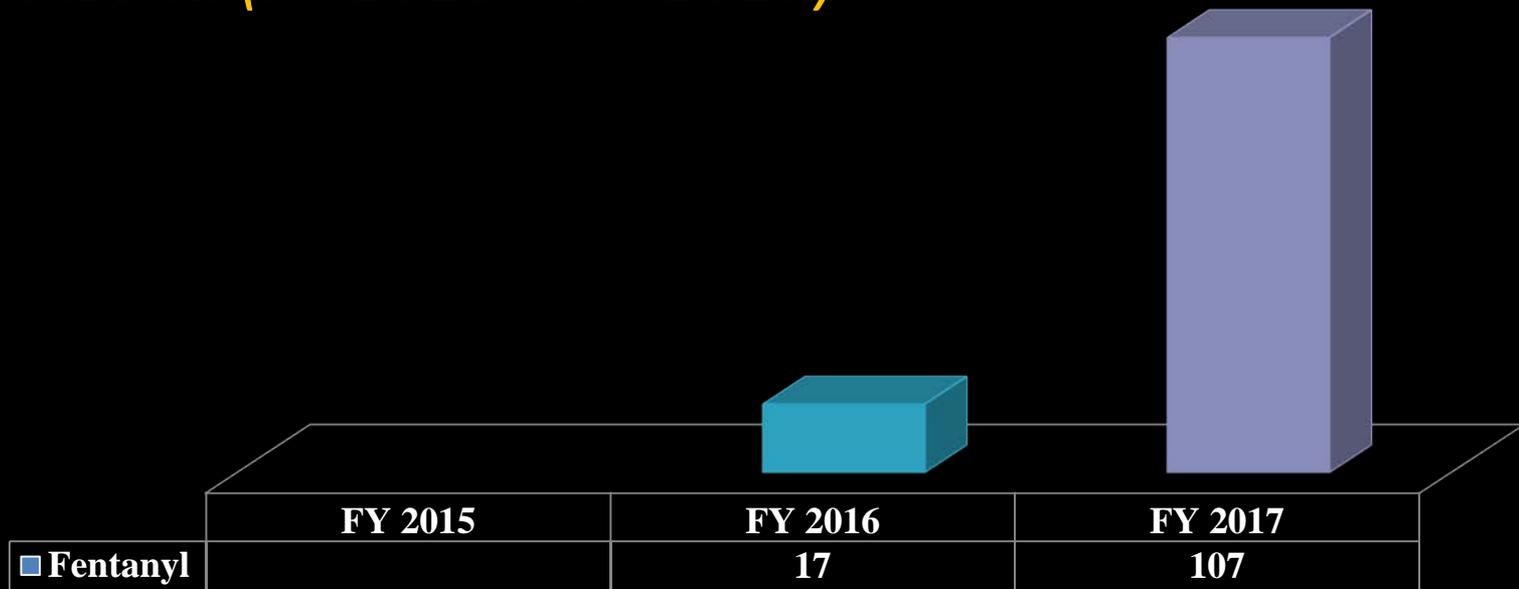


# 2017 THREAT ASSESSMENT TOP DRUG THREATS

- Methamphetamine – #1
- Heroin – #2  
Synthetic Opioids
- Marijuana – #3
- Cocaine – #4

# FENTANYL SEIZURES IN ARIZONA (KILOGRAMS)

*Fentanyl Seizures in Kilograms  
Arizona (FY 2015 – FY 2017)*



Source: EPIC NSS/ as of August 8, 2018

# FENTANYL SEIZURES IN ARIZONA (TABLET FORM)

*Fentanyl Seizures in Tablets  
Arizona (FY 2015 – FY 2017)*



*Source: EPIC NSS as of August 8, 2018*

# FENTANYL TABLET FORM





[WWW.AZHIDTA.ORG](http://WWW.AZHIDTA.ORG)