

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 2011 DOMESTIC CANNABIS
ERADICATION/SUPPRESSION PROGRAM OPERATIONAL PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a grant from the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration is available to the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office for the 2011 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Operation Plan must be submitted to the regional DEA coordinator; and,

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant application for the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that the Board Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the attached Operational Plan for the 2011 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/suppression program grant.

DATED this 23rd day of November, 2010.

MOVED by Rich Jansen, seconded by Rusty Hite, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Rusty Hite
Rich Jansen
Don Albrecht
Tom Righetti
J. Nichols

none

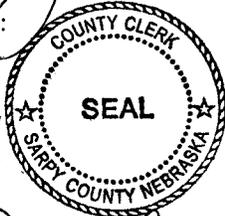
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ABSTAIN:

none

Attest:

SEAL



Approved as to form:

Renee Lanson
County Clerk Asst Chief Deputy

[Signature]
County Attorney

2011 - OPERATIONAL PLAN
Sarpy County Sheriff's Department

DOMESTIC CANNABIS ERADICATION SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

Deadline: Please submit to DCE/SP Coordinator by December 15 2011

I. Domestic Cannabis Intelligence Overview:

- A. Self Assessment – During the summer months of 2010, narcotics officers from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department eradicated over 11,000 marijuana plants that had been growing wild and prominently alongside major roads and highways throughout rural Sarpy County. The especially wet spring conditions resulted in the high number of plants detected and eradicated. In comparison, officers eradicated 1,072 wild marijuana plants during the calendar year of 2009.

Eradication funds utilized during 2010 was as follows: \$7,600.00 in overtime, \$1,928.00 in travel and training, \$466.00 in equipment and supplies. The overtime funds were used for eradication and residential trash recovery however, the majority of the funds were used for plant eradication. The large number of plants eradicated required considerable manpower and resources.

- B. Current projections: Sarpy County has a population of 152,000 and is approx 235 square miles in size. The county is divided into 75% rural area and 25% residential living and housing. The county has often been referred to as a bedroom community because of its close proximity to the Omaha metro area and its lack of business and manufacturing. The rural area of Sarpy County has a high concentration of natural marijuana or ditch weed growing along both major and secondary roads. It is a top priority of the Sarpy County Sheriff's narcotics unit to eradicate this wild marijuana to prevent both unlawful use and curtail the spreading of any future plants. Harvesting this roadside marijuana is an easy task for individuals who desire it for personal use or resale. Wild marijuana is used alone or sometimes mixed with high grade marijuana as filler. Interstate 80 also runs through western Sarpy County which brings non-residents into the county allowing them easy access to this wild marijuana.
- C. Percentage of enforcement spent on:
1. Public Lands vs. Private Lands. During the calendar year of 2010, 100% of all plants eradicated were on public land. No plants were eradicated on private property.
 2. Outdoor Cultivation vs. Indoor Grows. All plants eradicated were outdoor cultivations.

II. State / Local Eradication / Suppression Programs:

- A. **Agency Point of Contact (POC):** Sgt. Don Voss #915, Narcotics Unit Supervisor, 1208 Golden Gate Dr. Papillion NE. 68046, dvoss@sarpy.com office phone 402-593-2100, cell phone 402-306-2879, fax 402-546-0862.
1. **Resources Available from your agency:** Watercraft, all terrain vehicles, pilot on staff for airplane rental.
 2. **Methods your agency Uses for Eradication Program:** Aircraft surveillance, vehicle surveillance, informants, intelligence gathering, Crime Stoppers program and case investigation.

B. Summarize how your agency will, with its own law enforcement personnel and employees, perform the activities and duties described below:

1. Gather and report intelligence data relating to the illicit cultivation, possession, and distribution of cannabis. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. narcotics unit is a member of the Metro Area Task Force. All intelligence relating to narcotics activity is shared with all other task force members. Every law enforcement agency in the metro area is represented in the Metro Area Task force. Specifically, the Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. maintains a data base with information on all local traffickers and cultivators. The Sheriff's narcotics unit also receives copies of all cannabis or drug related reports generated by the Sheriff's Uniform Patrol Division or Investigation Division. It is the responsibility of the Sheriff's narcotics unit to investigate these reports.
 2. Investigate and report instances involving the trafficking in controlled substances. When a report or complaint of trafficking is received a case is opened and all resources are applied in the investigation of the case. This may or may not include other task force members depending on the size and location of the complaint or report. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. also utilizes paid and unpaid confidential informants to provide information or make under cover purchases of controlled substances.
 3. Provide law enforcement personnel for the eradication of illicit cannabis located within AOR. The Sarpy County Sheriff's narcotics unit will typically conduct all eradication operations unless the scope of the operation will require addition manpower. Addition manpower and resources can be obtained from the Metro Area Task Force or from the ranks of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept.
 4. Make arrests and refer to the appropriate prosecutorial authority cases for prosecution under controlled substances laws and other criminal laws. Any and all cases relating to the possession and or delivery of controlled substances are investigated by the Sarpy County Sheriff's narcotics unit. All case reports are forwarded to the Sarpy County Attorney's office or the U.S. Attorney's Office if applicable for prosecution. The Sarpy County Attorney's Office has designated a special attorney to prosecute all Sarpy County felony drug cases.
 5. Send required samples of eradicated cannabis to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Potency Monitoring Project¹. The Sarpy County Sheriff's evidence and property technicians have been assigned to send in samples for testing on a quarterly basis.
 6. Submit to DEA monthly statistical reports and quarterly expenditure reports. This monthly reporting is performed by the narcotic unit supervisor/sergeant.
- C. Requirements for DEA Funding:** denote amount of funding for each category requested by your agency to accomplish program goals.

¹ Pursuant to Item 1 E of the standard LOA, each state/local law enforcement agency receiving DEA DCE/SP funding is required to forward samples of marijuana to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) potency project. The University of Mississippi, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (RIPS) operates under contract agreement with NIDA to conduct research programs and provide analytical information on marijuana.

It is, therefore, imperative that each agency participating in the DCE/SP under a LOA with DEA, forward samples of domestic marijuana to RIPS in order to comply with the terms of the LOA and to establish a more complete database as to the various types of cannabis encountered in the United States.

Note: Final allocated funds will be determined by DEA/HQS and is based on the agency's abilities, effectiveness, and program objectives.

1. Operation Funds	Amount
a. Aircraft Rental	\$ 0.00
b. Aircraft Operating Expenses	\$ 0.00
c. Vehicle/Equipment Rental/Operating Costs	\$ 1.000
d. Purchase of Equipment/Supplies ²	\$ 2.000
e. Personnel Expenses (per diem, etc.)	\$ 1.000
f. Personnel Expenses (overtime)	\$ 10.000
g. Training (must have prior approval with DEA/HQS)	\$ 3.000
h. Other (specify)	\$ 0.00
2. Subtotal (Operations)	\$ 0.00
3. PE/PI Funds (LOA Funds Only)	\$ 0.00
4. Total (Operations + PE/PI)	\$ 17.000

III. Explain how your agency plans to coordinate with other Government Agencies: (Program Participation and Resources Commitments):

- A. U.S. Forest Service: N/A
- B. Bureau of Land Management: N/A
- C. National Guard: The Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. works in cooperation with the Nebraska National Guard and the Nebraska Game and Parks Division in the location, identification and reporting of cannabis growing operations. The National Guard also provides a Special Operations Unit which conducts short and long term surveillance operations.
- D. Civil Air Patrol: N/A

IV. Explain how your agency will support Statewide Intelligence Sharing:

- A. Central repository or collection ability for eradication statistics: All monthly statistics are reported to the Nebraska State Patrol Office.
- B. Intelligence and trends: The Nebraska State patrol maintains a statewide data base for the gathering of information on drug traffickers and marijuana cultivators which is available to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

V. List equipment your Agency proposes to purchase this year with DCE/SP funds:

² None of the Asset Forfeiture Funds allocated to you may be used to purchase promotional items, gifts, mementos, tokens of appreciation, or other similar items. These will include items justified as training aids if they are embossed, engraved or printed with the agency or program logos.

Equipment used for eradicating marijuana along with safety equipment used in eradicating marijuana.

VI. Training Requirements:

- A. Name of Agency Training Coordinator: Sgt. Brian Fjelstad Training Sergeant 1208 Golden Gate Dr Papillion NE. 68046. Office phone 402-593-2100, faxes 402-593-4323.
- B. Describe any training your agency intends to conduct this year: None presently scheduled.

VII. Targeted Investigations:

- A. Summary of investigations which your agency is conducting and/or plans to initiate during this year. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. is currently investigating a marijuana trafficking ring operating in a small rural town in western Sarpy County. This group of traffickers involves a number of high school students and young adults. Several arrests have already been made with others forthcoming.
- B. Special Operations your agency will participate in: Any and all operations generated by the Omaha Metro Area Task Force.

VIII. National Environmental Policy Issues (describe if applicable)³:

For assistance please contact your State DEA DCE/SP Coordinator or DEA DCE/SP Regional Contractor.

Joni Albrecht

11/23/2010

Signature of Agency Official approving Operational Plan

Joni Albrecht, Chairman, Sarpy County Board

Print Name of Agency Official approving Operational Plan

³ The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to consider the potential effects on the human environment of major federal actions. Pursuant to NEPA, DEA has published regulations under which manual eradication is normally categorically excluded from further analysis, while herbicidal eradication normally requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). Any proposed use or funding of herbicides should be described in this section.

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Grant Application

On November 23, 2010, the County Board will be asked to give Sgt. Voss permission to submit the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program grant.

The grant proposal requests funding to defray costs relating to the eradication and suppression of illicit cannabis. The funds are primarily intended for payment of deputies' overtime; however, rental of equipment and vehicles, fuel for vehicles, and minor repairs and maintenance of vehicles used for the purpose of cannabis eradication is also allowed.

The grant is due December 15, 2010.

There is no County match for this grant. A representative from the Sheriff's Office will be in attendance to answer programmatic questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions.

November 19, 2010

Lisa A. Haire

593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne

Brian Hanson

Scott Bovick

Sheriff Davis

Chief Deputy Jones

Lt. Grabowski

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