

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 2012 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 2012 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program; and,

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

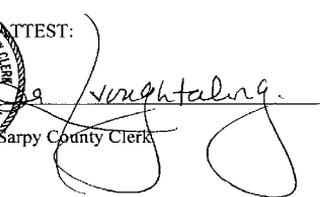
WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant application for the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office; and;

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 2012 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/suppression program grant.

The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 15th day of November, 2011.



Sarpy County Board Chairman

TEST: 
 Sarpy County Clerk

2012 - OPERATIONAL PLAN
(AGENCY NAME)

DOMESTIC CANNABIS ERADICATION SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

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

I. Domestic Cannabis Intelligence Overview:

- A. **Self Assessment.** During the summer months of 2011 narcotics officers from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department eradicated over 7000 marijuana plants which had been growing wild alongside major roads and highways throughout rural Sarpy County. Officers also dismantled and eradicated approx 100 high grade marijuana plants which were remaining from a 1000 plus plant operation. Officers also detected and dismantled 5 indoor growing operations in which the growers were arrested.
- 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 turns 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 2011, 90% of the eradication was on public property with 10% on private property.
 2. **Outdoor Cultivation vs. Indoor Grows.** During the calendar year of 2011, 80% of eradications were outside with 20% indoor grows.

II. State / Local Eradication / Suppression Programs:

- A. **Agency Point of Contact (POC):** Sgt. Don Voss #915, Narcotics Unit Supervisor, Address: 8335 Platteview Road Papillion, NE 68046, Office Phone: 402-593-2288, Cell Phone: 402-306-2879, Fax number: 402-546-0826.
 1. **Resources Available from your agency:** Watercraft, all terrain vehicles. Unlimited manpower from the Sheriff's Dept staff along with other agency members of the Omaha Metro Area Drug Task Force.
 2. **Methods your agency Uses for Eradication Program:** Aircraft surveillance, vehicle surveillance, informants, intelligence gathering, Crime Stoppers program and case investigation.

- B. Who is your agency POC for the DEA Internet Capability Endeavor (DICE)¹:**
Sgt. Don Voss #915 Narcotics Unit Supervisor, Address: 8335 Platteview Road
Papillion, NE 68046, Cell Phone: 402-306-2879, Email address: dvoss@sarpy.com.
**And 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 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 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 member 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 Drug 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 Project. The narcotics unit supervisor has the responsibility for sending in samples for testing.
 6. Submit to DEA quarterly expenditure reports. The narcotics unit supervisor has the responsibility for submitting quarterly reports.

¹ Web-based DEA Internet Capability Endeavor (DICE) and TFOs with Firebird access to the DEA Analysis and Response Tracking System (DARTS): Effective in 2012, all participants in the DCE/SP are required to use DICE or DARTS for reporting statistics (on each incident), submission of significant items, deconfliction, and for the sharing of information.

Requirements for DEA Funding:

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

Operation Funds	Amount
a. Aircraft Expenses	\$ 0.00
b. Clothing & Protective Gear	\$ 1,000
c. Container/Space Rental	\$ 0.00
d. Equipment	\$ 1,000
e. Miscellaneous Commercial Contracts	\$ 0.00
f. Overtime	\$ 10,000
g. Supplies/Materials	\$ 1,000
h. Training	\$ 1,000
i. Travel/Per Diem	\$ 3,000
j. Vehicle-Rental	\$ 0.00
Total:	\$ 17,000

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

- A. U.S. Forest Service: NA
- B. Bureau of Land Management: NA
- 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: NA

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. Information is also shared during monthly meeting of the Omaha Metro Area Drug Task Force which the Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. is a member.
- 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.

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.

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

Equipment used for eradicating marijuana as well as safety equipment used for marijuana eradicating.

VI. Training Requirements: Training Coordinator: Sgt. Brian Fjelstad, 8335 Platteview Road Papillion, NE 68046. Office# 402-593-2288, Fax# 402-593-4323

Describe any training your agency intends to conduct this year.

None presently scheduled.

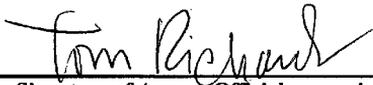
VII. Targeted Investigations:

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. is currently investigating several marijuana trafficking operations in eastern and western Sarpy County. Both trafficking operations involve a number of young adults and high school students. At the time of this report a confidential informant has made a number of controlled marijuana buys from the trafficking organization in eastern Sarpy County. Several more controlled buys are planned with multiple arrests forthcoming.

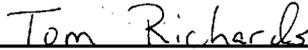
- A. Special Operations your agency will participate in: Any and all operations generated by the Omaha Metro Area Task Force.

VIII. National Environmental Policy Issues: NA

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



Signature of Agency Official approving Operational Plan



Print Name of Agency Official approving Operational Plan

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Grant Application

On November 15, 2011, 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, 2011.

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 Sgt. Voss at 593-2388 if you have comments or questions.

November 10, 2011

Lisa A. Haire

593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne

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