

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 2013 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 2013 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 2013 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/suppression program grant.

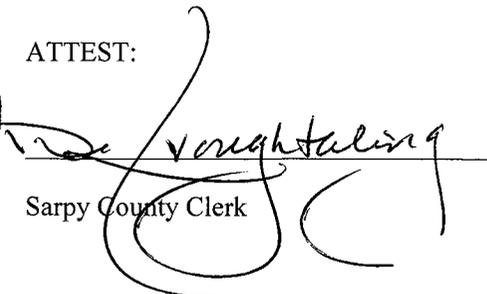
The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 11th day of December, 2012.



Sarpy County Board Chairman



ATTEST:



Sarpy County Clerk

Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Grant Application

On December 11, 2012, 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.

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.

December 7, 2012

Lisa A. Haire

593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne
Brian Hanson
Scott Bovick
Sheriff Davis
Chief Deputy Jones
Lt. Grabowski
Sgt. Voss
Deb Houghtaling

Steve,

Here is the Operations Plan for the 2013 Domestic Cannabis Grant. Please review, and if you feel its acceptable return it to me and I'll forward it to the grant writer at the County Board Office. They may want you to appear in front of the board for questions when the board gets the grant.

DV

Don,

Looks Good to me. Let me know when they need me to attend the Board Meeting.

Thanks
Steve 9/24/13

2013- OPERATIONAL PLAN

State/Agency Name:

Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept.

DOMESTIC CANNABIS ERADICATION SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

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

I. Domestic Cannabis Intelligence Overview:

- A. Self Assessment - Summary of the previous year's activities and if the agency met last year's Operational Plan goals (include general statistical and expense results). Explain any reasons for a significant rise or drop of eradication statistics from the previous season.

Officer's from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit eradicated over 12,000 Marijuana plants during the calendar year of 2012. Five arrests were made for cultivating Marijuana with one arrest resulting in the seizure of \$79,000.00 in US Currency. The 12,000 plants eradicated exceeded the 2011 total of 7000 plants. This increase of eradicated plants is attributed to the additional DCESP funding provided during the third quarter. The initial funding of \$12,500.00 plus the enhancement of \$5,000.00 was used for officer's overtime to increase investigation and eradication time.

- B. Current projections: Degree of problem in your Area of Responsibility (AOR), general geographical locations of major cultivation (regions/counties/towns/subdivisions/parks), identity/association of violators (individuals and organizations), and level of sophistication (e.g., booby-traps/alarms, etc.)

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. The rural areas of Sarpy County present ideal conditions for outdoor growing operations.

- C. Percentage of enforcement spent on:

1. Public Lands vs. Private Lands.

During the calendar year of 2012, 90% of the Marijuana eradicated was on public property with 10% on private property.

2. Outdoor Cultivation vs. Indoor Grows.

During the calendar year of 2012, 98% of Marijuana was outdoor cultivation with 2% indoor growing operations.

II. State / Local Eradication / Suppression Programs:

A. Agency Point of Contact (POC):

Name: Sgt. Don Voss #915
Title: Narcotics Sergeant
Telephone Number: 402-306-2879
Email: dvoss@sarpy.com
Mailing Address: Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept
8335 Platteview Road Papillion, NE. 68046

1. Resources Available from your agency: aircraft, manpower, etc.

Watercraft, all terrain vehicle. Unlimited manpower from the Sheriff's Dept staff, along with other agency members of the Omaha Metro Task Force.

2. Methods your agency Uses for Eradication Program: air search, informants, public awareness, intelligence, prosecutions, asset removals, etc.

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:

Name: Sgt Don Voss
Title: Narcotics Sergeant
Telephone Number: 402-306-2879
Email: dvoss@sarpy.com

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.
2. Investigate and report instances involving the trafficking in controlled substances.
3. Provide law enforcement personnel for the eradication of illicit cannabis located within AOR.
4. Make arrests and refer to the appropriate prosecutorial authority cases for prosecution under controlled substances laws and other criminal laws.
5. Send required samples of eradicated cannabis to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Potency Monitoring Project.
6. Submit to DEA quarterly expenditure reports.

Refer to page 3.

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.

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 of 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 Project . The Sarpy County Sheriff's evidence and property technicians have been assigned to send in samples for testing on a quarterly basis.

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.

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

<i>Operation Funds</i>	<i>Amount</i>
a. Aircraft Expenses	\$0.00
b. Clothing & Protective Gear	\$0.00
c. Container/Space Rental	\$0.00
d. Equipment ²	\$500.00
e. Miscellaneous Commercial Contracts	\$0.00
f. Overtime	\$17,000.00
g. Supplies/Materials	\$500.00
h. Training	\$0.00
i. Travel/Per Diem	\$0.00
j. Vehicle-Rental	<u>\$0.00</u>
 Total:	 \$18,000.00

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

Available if needed.

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.

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

A. Central repository or collection ability for eradication statistics.

All eradication statics are available to the Nebraska State Patrol Office through the DICE system for state wide accounting. Information is also shared through monthly meeting of the Omaha Metro Area Task Force.

B. Intelligence and trends (cultivators, traffickers, distribution, etc.)

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:

Note: DCE/SP funds are intended to be used to purchase supplies and equipment directly related to the program activities. Though equipment/supplies may be specifically itemized in the Operation Plan, they are not automatically approved for purchase. LOA equipment purchases should not exceed 10% of its allocated funds. Any exemptions require Headquarters approval.

Equipment used for eradicating Marijuana as well as safety equipment used for Marijuana eradication.

VI. Training Requirements:

A. Name of Agency Training Coordinator:

Name: Sgt Brian Fjelstad
Title: Training Sergeant
Telephone Number: 402-593-2288
Email: bfjelstad@sarpy.com
Fax number³: 402-593-2343

B. Describe any training your agency intends to conduct this year.

1. Cannabis detection and eradication schools for other Federal Agencies, National Guard, and state/local officers.

None scheduled

2. Seminars for prosecutors.

None scheduled

³ Agencies must keep their respective DEA DCE/SP Coordinator informed of all training related to the program. Records will be maintained by agencies to show training offered/hosted by your agency, training your personnel attended, and track DCE/SP funds spent by your agency for training.

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 Narcotics Unit is presently investigating a large Marijuana trafficking operation in which loads of Marijuana in excess of one hundred pounds are being trucked in from the west coast to a stash house in south Omaha. Two informants have been developed in this case with assistance from the Omaha office of the DEA.

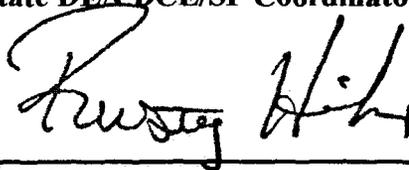
- B. Special Operations your agency will participate in.

Any and all operations generated by the Omaha Metro Area Task Force

VIII. National Environmental Policy Issues (describe if applicable)⁴:

N/A

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



Signature of Agency Official approving Operational Plan

Rusty Hoke, Chairman Sarpy County Board

Print Name and Title of Agency Official approving Operational Plan

⁴ 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.