

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 2014 DOMESTIC CANNABIS
ERADICATION/SUPPRESSION PROGRAM OPERATIONAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2012), 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 2012), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

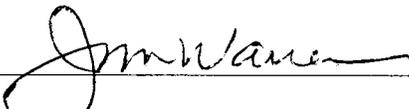
WHEREAS, funding from the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration is available to the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office for the 2014 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program; and,

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

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the Operational Plan 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 2014 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/suppression program.

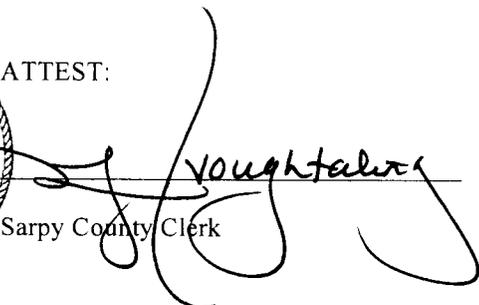
The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 19th day of November, 2013.



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 Operational Plan

On November 19, 2013, the County Board will be asked to authorize the Chairman to sign the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Operational Plan.

The 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, travel costs, and training for the purpose of cannabis eradication is also allowed.

There is no County match for this plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sgt. Voss at 593-2388 if you have comments or questions.

November 15, 2013

Lisa A. Haire

593-1565

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

2014 - OPERATIONAL PROPOSAL

State/Local Agency Name:

Sarpy County Sheriff's Department

DOMESTIC CANNABIS ERADICATION SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

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.

Officers from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit eradicated over 3,700 Marijuana plants during the calendar year of 2013. These totals include indoor and outdoor growing operations. Seven arrests were made for cultivating Marijuana and over \$8,400.00 in U.S. Currency was seized. Three large sophisticated growing operations were dismantled leading to numerous felony arrests. The majority of last year's eradication funds, \$18,000 with a \$5,000 enhancement were applied to Officers overtime for surveillance operations and trash recovery operations. Officers also attended two formal training schools relating to Marijuana and Narcotics investigations.

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

Sarpy County has a population of 155,000 and is approx. 235 square miles in size. The county is divided into 75% rural area and 25% residential. The majority of sophisticated growing operations dismantled last year were indoor grows, located in the residential unincorporated areas of the county as oppose to the rural areas. Each growing operation discovered and dismantled last year was complete with automatic watering systems, ventilation system, humidity control and timer controlled lights. On such sophisticated growing operation was completely concealed in a basement behind a false wall. Officers were in the home and searching for well over a half hour before the operation was discovered. The growing room was so perfectly concealed that if not for the slight hum of a water pump which had just been activated by a timer, the secret room may not have every been detected.

C.

Percentage of enforcement spent on:

Public Lands vs. Private Lands

Private Lands 10% Public Lands 90%

Outdoor Cultivation vs. Indoor Grows

Outdoor Cultivation 90% Indoor Cultivation 10%

II. State / Local Eradication / Suppression Program:

A. Agency Point of Contact (POC):

Name: Sgt Don Voss
Title: Narcotics Unit Supervisor
Telephone No.: 402-306-2879
Email Address: dvoss@sarpy.com
Address Line 1: 8335 Platteview Road
Address Line 2:
City: Papillion
State: NE
ZIP: 68046

1. Resources available from your agency: Aircraft, manpower, funding etc.
Drug detecting dog, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, unlimited manpower from Sheriff's Dept. staff and manpower from other members of the Omaha Metro Area 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, tips and Crime Stoppers program.

B. Who is your agency POC for the DEA Internet Capability Endeavor (DICE)¹:

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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.

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

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 Omaha Metro Area task Force. All intelligence relating to narcotics activity is shared with other task force members through monthly meetings. Every law enforcement agency in the metro Omaha area is represented in the 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 Uniform Patrol Division or Investigations Division. It is the responsibility of the Narcotics Unit to investigate these reports.

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 directed towards investigating the case. This may include other task force members depending on the size and location of the complaint. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept. Narcotics Unit also utilizes paid and unpaid confidential informants to provide information or make undercover purchase of controlled substances.

Provide law enforcement personnel for the eradication of illicit cannabis located within AOR: The Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit will conduct all eradication operations unless the scope of the operation will require addition manpower. Addition manpower and resources can be obtained from the Omaha Metro Area Task Force or from the ranks of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept.

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.

Send required samples of eradicated cannabis to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Potency Monitoring Project: The Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit Supervisor is responsible for sending samples in for testing.

Submit to DEA quarterly expenditure reports: The Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit Supervisor is responsible for submitting quarterly expenditure reports.

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.

Operation Funds		Amount
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	\$ 22,000.00
g.	Supplies/Materials	\$ 0.00
h.	Training	\$ 2,000.00
i.	Travel/Per Diem	\$ 500.00
j.	Vehicle Rental	\$ 0.00
Total:		\$ <u>25,000.00</u>

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.

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.

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

A. Central repository or collection ability for eradication statistics

All eradication statistics 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.)

V. 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.

VI. 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 eradication.

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.

VII. Training Requirements:

A. Name of Agency Training Coordinator:

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Title: Training Sergeant
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B. Describe any training your agency intends to conduct this year to include cannabis detection and eradication schools for other Federal agencies, National Guard, and state/local officers.³

None Scheduled

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VIII. 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 and the DEA Omaha Office are in the initial stages of investigating a nationwide Marijuana trafficking operation in which a stash house in Sarpy County is being used to store large amounts of processed Marijuana. This investigation is presently ongoing.

- B. Summary of special or enforcement operations that your agency intends on conducting during the year.

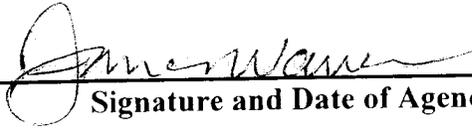
The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office will continue its aggressive investigation, identification and eradication of Marijuana growing operations.

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

N/A

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.

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



11/19/13

Signature and Date of Agency Official approving Operational Plan

Print Name and Title of Agency Official approving Operational Plan