

Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area 2005 Annual Report



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CENTRAL FLORIDA HIDTA 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2005 saw a change in focus for many Central Florida HIDTA enforcement initiatives brought about by an increasing and shifting methamphetamine problem and a decrease in the purity of heroin and heroin deaths. 2005 experienced an increase in methamphetamine laboratory seizures from ninety-three (93) in 2004 to one hundred and forty-four (144) in 2005. 2005 saw the movement of these “Mom and Pop” labs from Polk and Osceola counties into Brevard and Volusia Counties on the east side of the state with increased activity in Pasco County on the west side of the state. June of 2005 saw the enactment of precursor legislation limiting access to certain precursor chemicals. This could account for the movement in methamphetamine activity. Several large seizures of methamphetamine during the year were the result of the disruption and/or dismantlement of Mexican led Drug Trafficking Organizations, many with a nexus to the city of Atlanta, Georgia. Mexican led DTO’s trafficking in all drugs and specifically methamphetamine appear to be on the rise. The Central Florida HIDTA continues to see a decrease in heroin deaths with sixty-four (64) in 2004 and twenty (20) for the first six months of 2005. This decrease is attributed to several factors. While law enforcement efforts certainly played a part, the continued decrease in heroin purity levels (35% - 55%) and improved EMT abilities also contributed to the decline. Pharmaceutical drug abuse continues to plague Central Florida with the largest part of the problem in Pinellas County.

II. INTRODUCTION

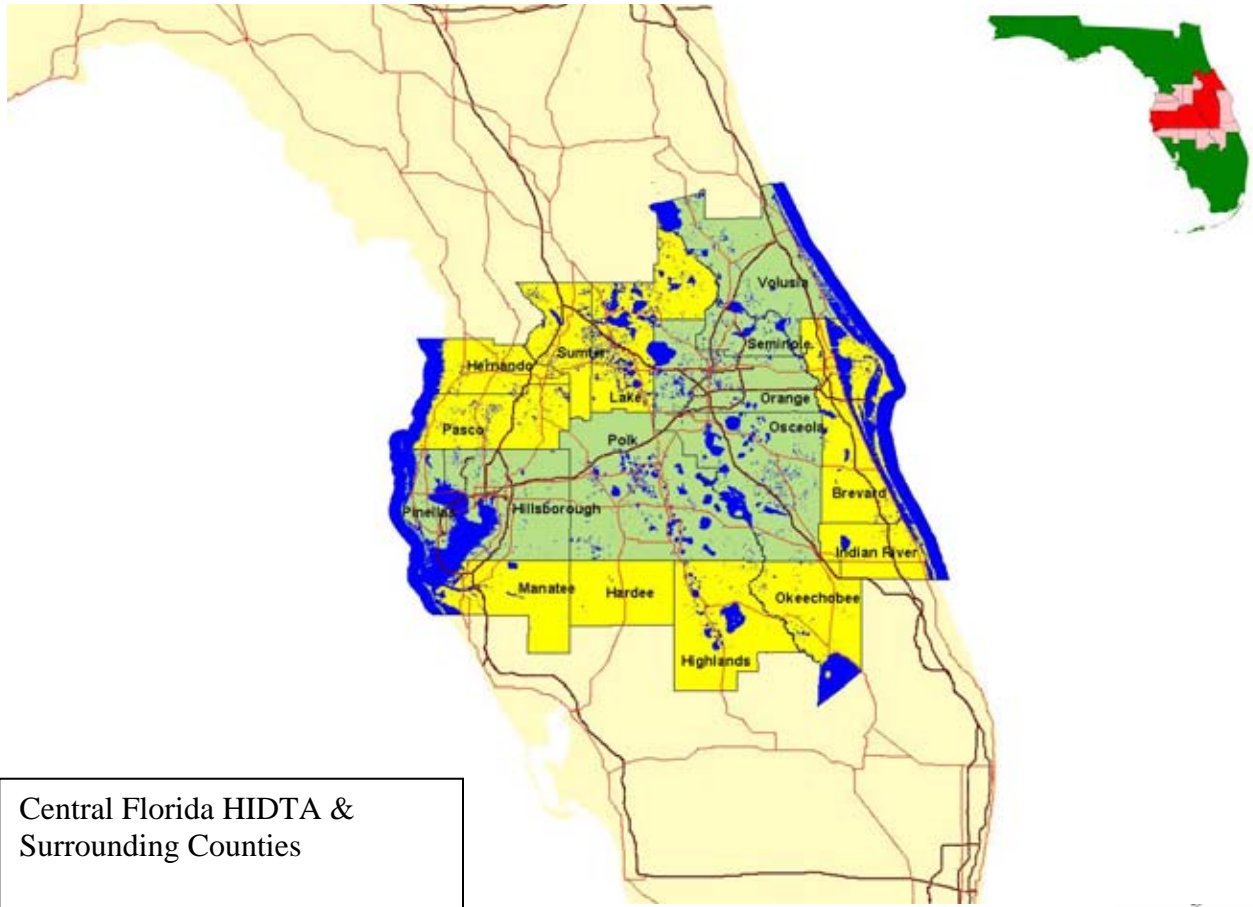
This report will reflect the accomplishments of the Central Florida HIDTA achieved during 2005 and how those accomplishments compare to previously projected goals. This report will also capture data in 2005 from which drug trends can be identified and future efforts and resources directed. These trends may include, but are not limited to, changes in drug prices, geographic movement of drugs, and changes in drug origin. The identification of these changing trends and drug patterns is vital in forming a strong, comprehensive, and cost effective strategy to address the future drug threat. This process is essential to the HIDTA Mission to enhance and facilitate the coordination of America’s drug-control efforts among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in order to eliminate or reduce drug trafficking and harmful consequences in critical regions of the United States. This mission includes coordinating efforts to reduce the production, manufacturing, distribution, transportation, and chronic use of illegal drugs, as well as the attendant money laundering of drug proceeds.

CENTRAL FLORIDA HIDTA VISION STATEMENT

Improving the quality of life in Central Florida by reducing drug availability, use, and resulting crime through the effective disruption and dismantling of drug trafficking organizations impacting Central Florida and other areas of the United States.

CENTRAL FLORIDA HIDTA MISSION STATEMENT

The effective disruption and dismantling of local, regional, and international drug trafficking organizations, as measured by the PMP, utilizing a balanced partnership of local, state, and federal representatives.



The Central Florida HIDTA, designated in November 1997, consists of seven (7) counties (green) surrounded by ten (10) contiguous counties. This report covers the period January to December 2005. The Central Florida HIDTA received its annual budget of 2.52 million and an additional 150 thousand in supplemental funding (mid-level heroin) during that period.

III. HIDTA GOALS

Goal 1

Disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations.

The dismantlement and disruption of drug trafficking organizations determines the overall success of the HIDTA program. A constant focus on Goal 1, with conscientious monitoring of results and sharing of intelligence is crucial to the HIDTA effort. The Central Florida HIDTA strives to accomplish Goal 1 through the multi-agency cooperative efforts of seven (7) poly-drug, and two (2) drug specific task forces. These task forces utilize the Central Florida HIDTA Investigative Support Center. The Central Florida HIDTA also utilizes a fugitive specific task force to address drug and violent crime. (see tables 1 and 4)

Goal 2

Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA initiatives.

The Central Florida HIDTA addresses Goal 2 through a quarterly evaluation of each initiative and its performance during that respective quarter. Daily use of the Central Florida HIDTA Investigative Support Center also addresses Goal 2 through the recognition of initiatives working similar targets and advising of those efforts thereby making better use of funding.

IV. SUMMARY OF THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR BUDGET YEAR 2005

The 2005 Threat Assessment stated that all law enforcement agencies participating in the 2005 TA survey indicated that cocaine, both powder and crack, continued to be the number one illicit drug problem. Those agencies also stated that use and production of methamphetamine was the emerging threat specifically in Polk and Osceola counties. Heroin use was expected to decline but prescription drug use was on the rise. It was believed that the two (2) trends were related.

V. HIDTA STRATEGY SUMMARY

The strategy of the Central Florida HIDTA is overseen by a fifteen (15) member Executive Board using three (3) sub-committees and implementing the strategy through four (4) subsystems ; Intelligence, Investigative, Support, and Interdiction. Thirteen (13) multi-agency task forces comprise the four (4) subsystems.

VI. HIDTA PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. Performance Measure for Goal 1

1. Core Table 1 – DTOs and MLOs Disrupted or Dismantled for 2005

Table 1: Percentage of DTOs and MLOs Disrupted or Dismantled for Year 2005 at Central Florida HIDTA						
Year	DTOs Identified	Total Targeted	# Disrupted	% of Targeted Disrupted	# Dismantled	% of Targeted Dismantled
Begin 2005	0	0	0	0%	0	0%
During 2005	88	87	30	34%	36	41%
Total 2005	88	87	30	34%	36	41%

2. Core Table 2 – Percentage of DTOs and MLOs Disrupted or Dismantled by scope for 2005

Table 2: Percentage of DTOs and MLOs Disrupted or Dismantled by Scope for Year 2005, at Central Florida HIDTA [ALL DTOs; MLOs included]								
Scope	# Identified	# Targeted	# Disrupted	% of Targeted Disrupted	# Dismantled	% of Targeted Dismantled	Total Disrupted or Dismantled	Total % Disrupted or Dismantled
International	19	19	6	32%	6	32%	12	63%
Multi-state	18	18	5	28%	7	39%	12	67%
Local	51	50	19	38%	23	46%	42	84%
Total	88	87	30	34%	36	41%	66	76%

3. Core Table 3 – Percentage of Money Laundering Organizations Disrupted or Dismantled by Scope for 2005

Table 3: Percentage of Money Laundering Organizations Disrupted or Dismantled by Scope for Year 2005, at Central Florida HIDTA								
Scope	# Identified MLOs	# Targeted	# Disrupted	% of Targeted Disrupted	# Dismantled	% of Targeted Dismantled	Total Disrupted or Dismantled	Total % Disrupted or Dismantled
International	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Multi-state	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Local	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

4. Core Table 4 – Operational Scope of all DTO Cases initiated for 2005

Table 4: Operational Scope of All DTO and MLO Cases Initiated for Year 2005, at Central Florida HIDTA

Scope	# CPOT Cases	# RPOT Cases	# OCDEF Cases	% OCDEF of Total DTOs Targeted
International	1	0	8	42%
Multi-state	0	0	2	11%
Local	0	0	1	2%
Total	1	0	11	13%

5. Core Table 5 – Drugs Removed from Marketplace for 2005

Table 5: Drugs Removed from the Marketplace for Year 2005, at Central Florida HIDTA

Drugs Seized (kg or D.U.)	Amount Seized (kg or D.U.)	Wholesale Value
heroin kg	23.169	\$2,078,570
cocaine HCL kg	346.243	\$8,656,075
crack cocaine kg	4.348	\$434,800
marijuana kg	12,942.055	\$27,119,719
marijuana plants and grows	946.400	\$4,238,600
methamphetamine kg	25.126	\$677,855
methamphetamine ice kg	14.283	\$565,197
ecstasy(MDMA)(D.U.s)	228,638.200	\$2,610,053
Other	0	\$0
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Other	0	\$0
Other	0	\$0
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Total Wholesale Value		\$46,380,870

6. Core Table 6 – Return on Investment (ROI) for Drugs Removed from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives for 2005

Central Florida HIDTA Table 6: Return on Investment (ROI) for Drugs Removed from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives by Year					
Year	Budget	Baseline Drug Wholesale Value	Targeted Drug ROI	Drug Wholesale Value Removed From Market	Actual Drug ROI
2004	\$2,060,173	\$22,489,208	\$11	\$22,489,208	\$11
2005	\$2,348,689	\$22,489,208	\$20	\$46,380,870	\$20

7. Core Table 7 – Return on Investment (ROI) for Assets Removed from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives for 2005

Central Florida HIDTA Table 7: Return on Investment (ROI) for Assets Removed from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives by Year							
Year	Budget	Baseline Value of Drug Assets	Targeted Asset ROI	Value of Drug Assets Removed from Market			Actual Asset ROI
				Cash	Other Assets	Total	
2004	\$2,060,173	\$2,265,835	\$1	\$0	\$2,265,835	\$2,265,835	\$1
2005	\$2,348,689	\$2,265,835	\$10	\$19,311,615	\$4,455,937	\$23,767,552	\$10

8. Core Table 8 – Total Return on Investment (ROI) for Drugs and Assets Removed from the Marketplace

Central Florida HIDTA Table 8: Total Return on Investment (ROI) for Drugs and Assets Removed from the Marketplace by Law Enforcement Initiatives by Year					
Year	Budget	Drugs and Assets Baseline	Targeted Total ROI	Drugs and Assets Removed from Market	Actual Total ROI
2004	\$2,060,173	\$24,755,043	\$12	\$24,755,043	\$12
2005	\$2,348,689	\$24,755,043	\$30	\$70,148,422	\$30

9. Core Table 9 – Prosecution Outputs and Outcomes by Year

Prosecution Outputs and Outcomes by Year at Central Florida HIDTA HIDTA				
Year	Investigations Baseline	Investigations Projected	Investigations Handled	% Handled
2004	0	0	0	0%
2005	0	0	0	0%

10. Core Table 10 – Value of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories Dismantled by Size for Year 2005, at Central Florida HIDTA

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Meth Cost Per Ounce		\$1,800.00	
Lab Size	ID/Targeted	Dismantled	Value of Labs Dismantled
A. Less than 2 Oz	0	0	\$0.00
B. 2 - 8 Oz	0	151	\$1,359,000.00
C. 9 - 31 Oz	0	0	\$0.00
D. 32 - 159 Oz	0	0	\$0.00
E. 10 - 20 Lbs	0	0	\$0.00
F. Over 20 Lbs	0	0	\$0.00
Total	0	151	\$1,359,000.00

11. Core Table 11- HIDTA Clandestine Laboratory Activities, 2005

Table 11: HIDTA Clandestine Laboratory Activities for Year Central Florida HIDTA, in 2005				
	Baseline	# Projected	# Identified	% Identified
Laboratory Dump Sites Seized	3	0	6	0%
Chemical/Glassware Equipment Seizures	24	0	30	0%
Children Affected	0	0	20	0%

B. Performance Measures for Goal 2

1. Core Table 12 – HIDTA Training Efficiency and Type of Training for 2005

Table 12: HIDTA Training Efficiency by Type of Training for Year 2005, at Central Florida HIDTA											
Type of Training	# Students Expected for Training		# Students Actually Trained		# Training Hours Actually Provided		Total Training Cost		Training Cost Per Hour		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	% Change 2004-2005
Analytical/Computer	54	80	54	75	457	598	\$11,094	\$4,195	\$24.28	\$7.02	-71%
Investigative/Interdiction	255	500	255	1,184	4,512	12,384	\$10,156	\$49,412	\$2.25	\$3.99	77%
Managment/Administrative	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	0%
Total	309	580	309	1,259	4,969	12,982	\$21,250	\$53,607	\$4.27	\$4.12	-4%

2. Core Table 13 – Percentage of HIDTA Initiatives Using Event and Case Deconfliction Services for 2005

Table 13: Percentage of HIDTA Initiatives Using Event and Case Deconfliction Services for Year at Central Florida HIDTA				
Year	Total HIDTA Initiatives	# Initiatives Targeted to Use Services	# Initiatives Using Services	% Initiatives Using Services
2004	10	10	10	100%
2005	10	10	8	80%
2006	10	10	0	0%

3. Core Table 14 – Percentage of Event and Case Deconflictions submitted for 2005

Table 14: Percentage of Event and Case Deconflictions Submitted for Year at Central Florida HIDTA						
Year	Baseline # Deconflictions Submitted	# Deconfliction Submissions Targeted	# Event Deconflictions Submitted	# Case/Subject Deconflictions Submitted	Total Deconflictions Submitted	% Deconflictions Submitted
2004	1491	1,491	5	1,486	1,491	100%
2005	1491	1,800	301	1,424	1,725	96%
2006	1491	2,000	105	233	338	17%

4. Core Table 15 – Percentage of Investigations Provided Analytical Support for 2005

Table 15: Percentage of Cases Provided Analytical Support for Year at Central Florida HIDTA				
Year	Baseline # Cases Receiving Analytical Support	# Cases Targeted for Analytical Support	# Cases Provided Analytical Support	% Targeted Cases Supported
2004	96	96	76	79%
2005	96	280	213	76%
2006	96	300	8	2%

5. Core Table 16 – HIDTA Initiative Cases Referred to Other HIDTAs and Other Agencies for 2005

Table 16: Percentage of HIDTA Initiative Cases Referred to Other HIDTAs and Other Agencies for Year at Central Florida HIDTA						
Year	Total HIDTA Initiative Cases	# Initiative Cases Targeted for Referral	# HIDTA Initiative Cases Referred to Other HIDTAs	# HIDTA Initiative Cases Referred to Other Agencies	Total Initiative Cases Referred	% Targeted Initiative Cases Referred
2004	847	29	9	20	29	100%
2005	1518	145	56	91	147	101%
2006	61	134	4	11	15	11%

VII. CONCLUSIONS

The Central Florida HIDTA enjoyed a very productive year in 2005. In an effort to achieve Goal 1 the Central Florida HIDTA targeted eighty-seven (87) Drug Trafficking Organizations. Thirty-six (36) of these organizations were dismantled with an additional thirty (30) being disrupted. These figures represent seventy-six percent (76%) of the Drug Trafficking Organizations identified in 2005. Approximately one third of those organizations dismantled were international in scope. In 2005 the Central Florida HIDTA seized drugs with a wholesale value exceeding forty-six (46) million dollars which produced a return of twenty (20) dollars for every dollar invested. In excess of twenty-three (23) million dollars of drug related assets were seized which reflects a ten (10) to one (1) ROI. Efforts toward accomplishing Goal 2 are reflected in Core tables 12 through 16 and the continued quarterly evaluation process of all Central Florida HIDTA Initiatives on both sides of the state. Training costs for analytical and computer courses were reduced by 71% with an increase of 38% in the number of students trained. The costs of training in the investigation and interdiction area increased by 77% but the number of students trained increased by over 300 %. This was accomplished by utilizing the enforcement initiatives to conduct training in their area of expertise. Two performance targets were not met in 2005. Only 80% of the initiatives utilized the case and event deconfliction process. This has been addressed by the Intelligence Committee and brought before the

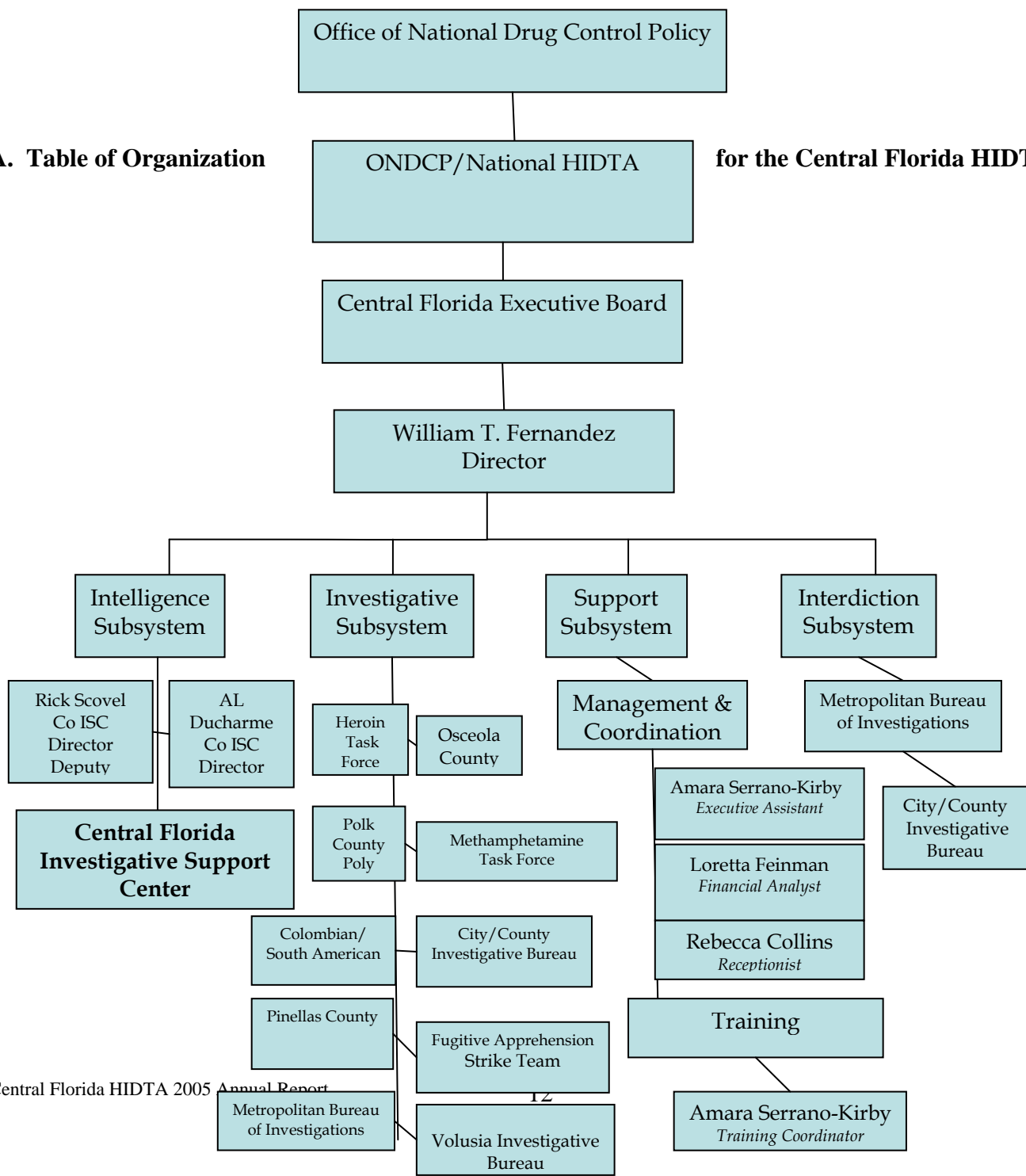
Executive Board. It is anticipated that 100% of the Central Florida HIDTA Task Forces will de-conflict in the future. The second Performance Target not met was Core Table 15 – Percentage of Cases provided Analytical Support. The Central Florida HIDTA ISC provided support to 76% of those cases requesting support. This is a result of support gaps created by National Guard personnel being called to active duty and the loss of HIDTA contract personnel seeking other employment.

VIII. APPENDICES

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A. Table of Organization

for the Central Florida HIDTA



B. Table listing composition of Executive Board showing local, state and federal affiliation

Federal Participants:

United States Marshal Service
United States Attorney's Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Drug Enforcement Administration
Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms
Internal Revenue Service
Immigrations and Customs Enforcement

State Participants:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Local Participants:

Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Winter Park Police Department (*Representing Orange County Sheriff's Office*)
Osceola County Sheriff's Office
Polk County Sheriff's Office
Tampa Police Department
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

C. List of participating agencies

Federal:

Amtrak Police
Drug Enforcement Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
United States Border Patrol
United States Marshals Service

State/Local:

Altamonte Springs Police Department
Apopka Police Department
Brevard County Sheriff's Office
Casselberry Police Department
Clearwater Police Department
Clermont Police Department
Daytona Beach Police Department
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
Florida National Guard, Counterdrug Program
Haines City Police Department
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Kissimmee Police Department
Lake County Sheriff's Office
Lake Mary Police Department

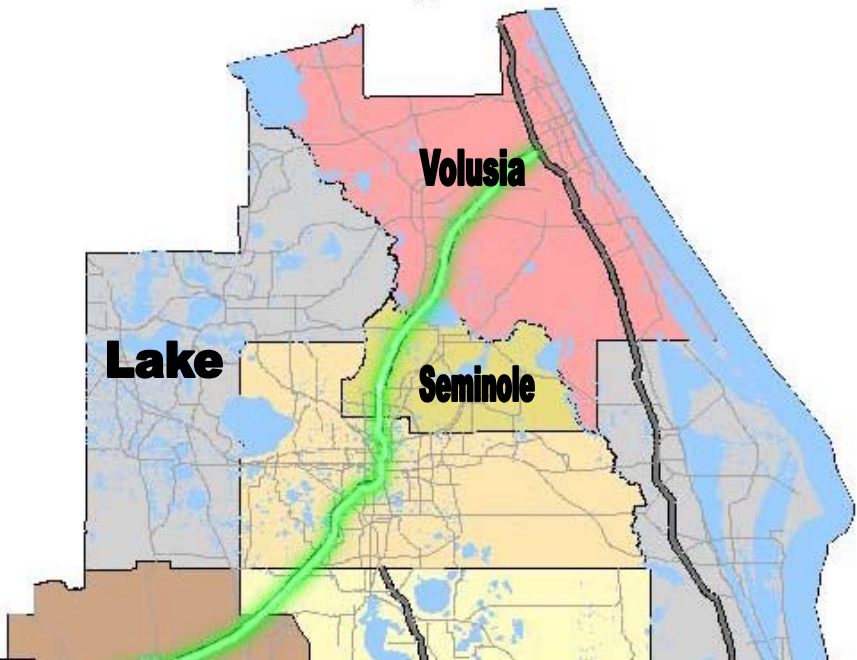
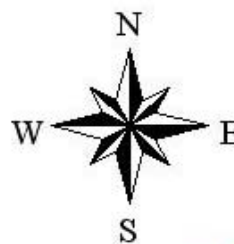
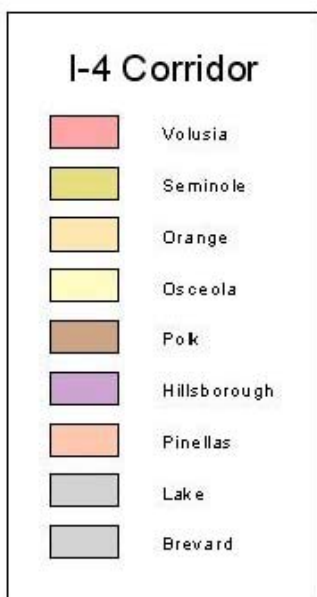
Winter Park Police Department
Winter Springs Police Department

- Lakeland Police Department
- New Smyrna Beach Police Department
- Ocoee Police Department
- Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Orlando Police Department
- Osceola County Sheriff's Office
- Oviedo Police Department
- Pasco County Sheriff's Office
- Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- Polk County Sheriff's Office
- Port Orange Police Department
- Sanford Police Department
- Seminole County Sheriff's Office
- St. Cloud Police Department
- St. Petersburg Police Department
- State Attorney's Office
- Tampa Police Department
- Volusia County Sheriff's Office
- Winter Haven Police Department

D. List of counties participating in the HIDTA

Seven (7) counties located in central Florida:

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Polk County | Hillsborough County |
| Pinellas County | Osceola County |
| Orange County | Seminole County |
| Volusia County | Lake County* |
| | Brevard County* |



Orange

Brevard

Osceola

Pinellas **Hillsborough** **Polk**

*** Participating but not designated as part of the CFHIDTA.**

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