

# U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



In June 2008, the U.S. Marshals teamed with its partners from federal, state, and local law enforcement to engage in the record-breaking Operation FALCON 2008 (Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally). This initiative represented the fifth effort in a continuing series of historically successful national fugitive apprehension missions, which have resulted in the collective capture of more than 55,800 dangerous fugitive felons.

For Operation FALCON 2008, FALCON returned to its roots as a nationwide fugitive apprehension initiative with a slight alteration to the original FALCON concept. Instead of a single, intensive week of operations across the nation, participating District and Regional Task Forces picked a week of their choosing to coordinate the best operational schedule, allowing optimal participation by local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners. The

U. S. Marshals, assisted by federal, state and local law enforcement, arrested 19,380 fugitives and cleared 25,087 warrants as part of Operation FALCON 2008. Collectively, the fugitives arrested during the operation have a history of nearly 94,000 prior arrests.

Operation FALCON 2008 brought together the talents and resources of 30 federal agencies, 162 state agencies and 1,425 sheriffs' and police departments, to again make the program a success. As in prior operations, an emphasis was placed on the capture of violent offenders, gang members and sex offenders. Nationwide, the operation arrested 161 persons wanted for murder, 388 gang members, and 1,096 sex offenders. In addition to the numerous murderers, gang members and sex offenders apprehended during FALCON 2008, 796 persons were apprehended on weapons charges and 6,252 were arrested for narcotics offenses. Authorities also seized 418 weapons, over 2,400 kg of narcotics, as well as more than 2 million dollars in seized assets. Returning FALCON to its roots accomplished a new feat for the Marshals – nearly 20,000 wanted felons, many of whom were impact players for crime in their communities, off the streets in a mere four weeks time.

FALCON proves the efficacy of the cooperative law enforcement model, which seeks to multiply the positive impact of law enforcement at all jurisdictional levels. Since its inception in 2005, Operation FALCON has made more than 55,800 arrests and cleared nearly 70,500 warrants; a record that continues to make FALCON the single most successful initiative aimed at apprehending violent fugitives in U.S. law enforcement history.

In order to provide participating agencies with broader jurisdictional authority, 4,209 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers were sworn in as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals prior to the start of FALCON 2008.



	FALCON April 4-10, 2005	FALCON II April 17-23, 2006	FALCON III Oct. 22-28, 2006	FALCON 2007 June-Sep. 2007	FALCON 2008 June 2008	TOTALS
Fugitives Arrested	10,340	9,037	10,733	6,406	19,380	55,896
Warrants Cleared	13,851	10,419	13,333	7,766	25,087	70,456
Sex Offenders Arrested	553	1,102	1,659	566	1,096	4,976
Gang Members Arrested	154	163	364	300	388	1,369
Homicide Suspects Arrested	144	73	107	73	161	558
Federal Agencies	25	25	30	22	30	-
State Agencies	206	120	103	70	162	-
Local / County Agencies	728	642	912	448	1,425	-