

# U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



In June 2009, the U.S. Marshals teamed with its partners from federal, state, and local law enforcement to engage in the record-breaking Operation FALCON 2009 (Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally). This initiative represented the sixth effort in a continuing series of historically successful national fugitive apprehension missions, which have resulted in the collective capture of more than 91,000 dangerous fugitive felons.

Over a four-week period, the USMS and its federal, state, county, and local law enforcement partners arrested 35,190 fugitives and cleared 47,418 warrants, resulting in the most successful fugitive apprehension initiative in Marshals Service history. Collectively, the fugitives arrested during the operation have a history of 138,220 prior arrests.

As in previous years, Operation FALCON 2009 was a nationwide fugitive apprehension initiative. Participating District and Regional Task Forces were able to schedule their operations throughout the month of June, thus allowing optimal participation by their federal, state, county, and local law enforcement partners.

Operation FALCON 2009 brought together the talents and resources of 42 federal agencies, 209 state agencies and 1,973 sheriffs' and police departments, to again make the program an unqualified success. As in prior operations, an emphasis was placed on the capture of violent offenders, gang members and sex offenders. Nationwide, the operation arrested 433 persons wanted for murder, 900 gang members, and 2,356 sex offenders. In addition to these violent offenders, 1,677 persons were apprehended on weapons charges and 10,525 were arrested for narcotics offenses. Authorities also seized 582 weapons, over 2,200 kg of narcotics, and more than \$342,000 in cash and other assets.

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 91,000 arrests and cleared nearly 117,900 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, 5,007 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers were sworn in as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals prior to the start of FALCON 2009.



	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	FALCON 2009 June 2009	TOTALS
Fugitives Arrested	10,340	9,037	10,733	6,406	19,380	35,190	91,086
Warrants Cleared	13,851	10,419	13,333	7,766	25,087	47,418	117,874
Sex Offenders Arrested	533	1,102	1,659	566	1,096	2,356	7,312
Gang Members Arrested	154	163	364	300	388	900	2,269
Homicide Suspects Arrested	144	73	107	73	161	433	991
Federal Agencies	25	25	30	22	30	42	-
State Agencies	206	120	103	70	162	209	-
Local/County Agencies	728	642	912	448	1,425	1,973	-