



Fact Sheet

# Fugitive Operations

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Service is the federal government’s primary agency for fugitive investigations.
- ▶ U.S. Marshals apprehend more federal fugitives than all other law enforcement agencies *combined*.
- ▶ The Service arrests 337 fugitives *every day* on average.

## Fiscal 2012 Data

<b>Total fugitives arrested by U.S. Marshals Service</b>	<b>123,006</b>
• State and local cases adopted from other agencies	86,704
• Federal fugitives	36,302
• Sex offenders *	12,451
• Gang members	5,014
• Homicide suspects	3,962
• Organized Crime Drug Enforcement fugitives	1,888
• International/foreign fugitives	963
• Adam Walsh Act violations	597
• “15 Most Wanted” fugitives	2
<b>Total warrants cleared by U.S. Marshals Service arrests</b>	<b>153,734</b>
• State and local warrants	114,311
• Federal warrants	39,423
Extraditions, deportations and expulsions	619

\*Sex offenses include sexual assault, failure to register/non-compliance with the national sex offender registry and other offenses.

## Task Forces

- ▶ U.S. Marshals task forces combine the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the most dangerous fugitives.
- ▶ Seven Congressionally-funded regional fugitive task forces are located in New York/New Jersey, Pacific Southwest, Great Lakes, Capital Area, Southeast, Gulf Coast, and Florida/Caribbean.
- ▶ Seventy-five local task forces are dedicated to violent crime reduction by locating and apprehending wanted criminals. They also serve as the central point for agencies to share information on fugitive matters.
- ▶ Task force officers are state and local police officers who receive special deputations with the U.S. Marshals. While on the task force, these officers can exercise U.S. Marshals authorities, such as being able to cross jurisdictional lines.
- ▶ The agency also leads ad-hoc fugitive task forces in special cases — such as when an inmate escapes from prison.

## ***International Fugitive Operations***

- ▶ U.S. Marshals work with the international law enforcement community to apprehend fugitives abroad as well as to seek foreign fugitives living or residing in the United States.
- ▶ The Marshals provide assistance, expertise and training on fugitive matters to federal, state, local and international agencies.
- ▶ The agency has four foreign field offices in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Mexico. U.S. Marshals work closely with law enforcement agencies along the borders of Mexico and Canada and with the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service. The agency also holds key positions at Interpol.

## ***"15 Most Wanted" Fugitive Program***

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals "15 Most Wanted" fugitive program draws attention to some of the country's most dangerous and high-profile fugitives. These fugitives tend to be career criminals with histories of violence, and they pose a significant threat to public safety.
- ▶ Generally, "15 Most Wanted" fugitives are considered the "worst of the worst" and can include murderers, sex offenders, major drug kingpins, organized crime figures and individuals wanted for high-profile financial crimes. Since the program began in 1983, 220 "15 Most Wanted" fugitives have been arrested.

## ***Sex Offender Operations***

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Service has three key missions under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006: (1) to assist state, local, tribal and territorial authorities in the location and apprehension of noncompliant sex offenders, (2) to investigate violations of the criminal provisions of the Adam Walsh Act, and (3) to identify and locate displaced sex offenders resulting from a major disaster.
- ▶ Since January 2009, the USMS has partnered with law enforcement personnel from more than 3,000 state and local agencies to coordinate and execute sex offender compliance/enforcement operations throughout the country.

## ***National Sex Offender Targeting Center***

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Service National Sex Offender Targeting Center collaborates with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Department of Justice's Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking Office to support all levels of law enforcement in pursuing unregistered and non-compliant sex offenders.
- ▶ Analysts conduct behavioral assessments and provide psychological insights into the minds of suspects and offenders to assist Marshals investigators in identifying and apprehending non-compliant sex offenders. The center also assists outside law enforcement with cold case reviews, including solved or unsolved homicides in which the murder appears to be sexually motivated.

## ***Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force***

- ▶ The Marshals Service is one of seven federal agencies that is a member of this task force, the main element of the attorney general's drug-supply reduction strategy.
- ▶ The task force targets major drug-trafficking and money-laundering organizations, works to eliminate the financial infrastructure of drug organizations and conducts nationwide investigations into all the related parts of the targeted organizations.
- ▶ When U.S. Marshals provide assistance pre-takedown, 95 percent of targets are arrested, compared to 65 percent when the Marshals are not involved.