THE ISSUE: Drug-Related Problems

Drug-related issues—i.e., drug dealing, drug abuse, drug manufacturing, and drug trafficking—were among the top 10 public safety problems identified by recipients of the 2011 COPS Hiring Program. Drug-related problems are acknowledged by grantees and by communities and businesses across the United States as having a negative impact on the economy. An important component in achieving the COPS Office's mission is to provide quality knowledge resources that address key public safety issues. Featured here is a sample of the resources that can be used to directly support your efforts—they can be shared with staff, your community, or used for training purposes. Please visit the COPS Office website to order and download a complete listing of drug-related publications.

Knowledge Resources



The Methamphetamine Summit: A Process in Collaboration and Decision Making (2011)

With an emphasis on cross-disciplinary research, the Summit approach is a case study providing improved solutions and suggestions to complex drug problems in communities across the country.



Crime Prevention Research Reviews No. 1: Disrupting Street Level Drug Markets (2007)

Did you know that strategic crime-control partnerships, with a range of third parties, are more effective at disrupting street level drug problems than law enforcement-only approaches? Order this publication to learn more.



Drugs and Crime CD-ROM (2007)

There are many resources available to help support law enforcement address drug-related crimes. This CD-ROM contains more than 50 such publications and resource links related to crime, violence, drug, and alcohol issues, as well as sexual assault and stalking.



Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs (2006)

If your community is plagued with meth labs and needs assistance addressing this issue, this guide will help both the law enforcement agency and the community analyze and develop responses to their local clandestine methamphetamine lab problem.



High Point Drug Market Intervention Strategy (2009)

The High Point (North Carolina) Police Department tried a different tactic against the drug problem and succeeded in eliminating the city's most notorious drug markets in a little over 3 years.



Drug Dealing in Open-Air Markets (2011)

Different types of drug dealings occur in many communities across the nation. Findings of in-depth research studies provide questions for consideration when conducting an analysis of open-air drug market problems as well as offering a review of responses to the problems.



Drug Dealing in Privately Owned Apartment Complexes (2006)

This problem-oriented guide for police focuses on drug dealing in privately owned apartment complexes. It clearly distinguishes between open- and closed-drug markets, provides information on what is known about each market type, and offers questions to ask when analyzing each market. It also proposes various responses designed to closed-drug markets and provides a full range of problem-specific measures to determine the effectiveness of those responses.



Drunk Driving (2006)

Alcohol impairment is the primary factor in traffic fatalities in the United States. This guide begins by describing the very common problem of drunk driving and reviews the factors that increase its risks. It then identifies a series of questions that can help law enforcement analyze the local problem. Finally, it provides an overview of responses and examines what is known about the effectiveness of these responses from research and police practice..

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