



**Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
(HIDTA) and Oregon Narcotics Enforcement
Association (ONEA)**

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ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Interstate or International Investigation/Interdiction Effort

Westside Interagency Narcotics Team

During 2022, the Westside Interagency Narcotics (WIN) team, concluded a yearlong investigation focusing on a transnational drug trafficking organization (DTO) operating up and down the western United States which was responsible for numerous fatal overdoses in Oregon. This DTO was identified as part of a Mexican drug cartel, dispatched out of Jalisco. WIN's comprehensive investigative collaboration involved close work and communication with three federal agencies (Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, and Customs and Border Protection), six Oregon-Idaho HIDTA initiatives, four California HIDTA initiatives and numerous state and local law enforcement agencies. September of 2022 saw this exhaustive effort culminate in the execution of search warrants on numerous locations in Oregon, Washington and California yielding 6,187 grams of fentanyl, 949 grams of heroin, 1,989 grams of methamphetamine, \$421,000 in drug proceeds, 7 firearms, body armor, silencers, and drug presses, as well as cocaine and marijuana and the dismantlement of a multi-state DTO. Over a dozen members of this DTO, including one who was wanted for murder, are currently facing federal indictments for drug trafficking with Len Bias sentence enhancements as well as federal firearms violations and immigration violations.

The Westside Interagency Narcotics (WIN) team, an Oregon-Idaho HIDTA initiative operating in and around Washington County, Oregon, conducted what would become a lengthy investigation into a transnational Drug Trafficking Organization believed to be distributing fentanyl up and down the U.S Interstate-5 (I-5) corridor which connects the Mexican and Canadian borders. This investigation began when 3 separate fatal overdoses, occurring days apart, were found to be linked to the same group of drug dealers in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. WIN team investigators established regular communication channels with other HIDTA task forces and federal law enforcement agencies working similar type investigations, and this collaboration quickly led to the identification of the drug trafficking organization (DTO) responsible as one that was travelling the entire length of I-5, originating at the California – Mexico border. The WIN team utilized Title III phone intercepts, vehicle trackers, fixed surveillance cameras, human sourced intelligence, and forensic analysis resulting in the identification of this DTO as one of the primary sources of fentanyl in the western United States.

Throughout this lengthy case, the WIN team's investigative collaboration was comprehensive, including coordination with multiple HIDTA initiatives as well as the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The collaborative effort successfully identified this international DTO, controlled out of Jalisco, Mexico, as one of the primary sources of fentanyl for the Northwestern United States. Investigators from the WIN team identified unique smuggling methods used by this DTO including the exploitation of houseless encampments as drug and money stashes and a unique coordination between remote controllers in Mexico and drug deliveries on the ground in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. Specific areas in central California were identified as major distribution hubs for this particular DTO and constant coordination with the Alameda County HIDTA played a determining role in dismantling those in conjunction with the targets in Oregon and Washington. The WIN team utilized Regional Information System Services (RISS) provided by the Western States Information Network (WSIN) and other law enforcement communication mediums to share these trends which ultimately led to numerous law enforcement entities leveraging the shared intelligence and coordinating interdictions, arrests and search warrants against the DTO.

WIN's collaborative efforts during this exhaustive investigation resulted in the dismantlement of this DTO and immediately affected the flow of fentanyl into Oregon.

Nominated by Lt. Chris Schweigert, WIN Team

Outstanding Local Impact Investigative/Interdiction Effort **Westside Interagency Narcotics Team**

In September of 2022 Deputy Nolan Hansen, with the WIN team, learned from a confidential informant (CI) of a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operating in the City of Portland. The CI told Deputy Hansen the DTO operated out of a legitimate business by selling drugs at the front counter. The WIN team learned that when drug customers entered the business, the customers would tell the front desk worker a code word to let them know their intention. The DTO members would then produce the drug menu for the customer and fulfill the order by making the drug transaction at the front desk.

During the course of September and October of 2022, the WIN team used the CI to perform a series of controlled buys from the front counter of the business. The WIN team conducted surveillance during the investigation and identified a stash house for the business at a residence. The WIN team also used surveillance efforts to positively identify members of the DTO and their respective residences.

At the end of October 2022, Deputy Hansen authored a search warrant to search the business and the stash house. During the execution of the warrant service, the WIN team seized approximately 1 pound of cocaine, 17g of LSD, 279g of Alprazolam, 872g of Adderall, 1.5 pounds of MDMA, 6.1 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, 6.5 pounds of marijuana edibles, 190g of Ketamine, \$172,453, and two firearms. The WIN team also located the menu board that contained 12 different drugs for sale, the amounts available and prices associated with the drugs, and multiple notebooks with detailed drug ledgers.

Deputy Hansen consulted with the Portland Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) office for the analysis of cellphones and computers recovered from the search warrant service. The WIN team and HSI were able to identify that the primary suspect, and owner of the business, was involved in the sourcing of narcotics from the darknet marketplace.

The WIN team also located evidence of the darknet transactions being facilitated by using the United States Postal Service, and that the US Customs and Border Protection agency had seized an earlier shipment of controlled substances associated with the primary suspect. The primary suspect was indicted federally and is awaiting trial.

Nominated by Sergeant James Humphrey, WIN Team

Outstanding Drug Enforcement Team or Task Force **Clackamas County Interagency Task Force**

The Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF) works to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations and is comprised of members from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Canby Police Department, Oregon State Police, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the FBI. Together, CCITF works to reduce illegal drugs and related crimes in our community.

In 2022 CCITF investigated 46 overdose deaths including 5 involving juveniles. During this same time period CCITF identified and disrupted or dismantled two Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO'S) as well as disrupting or dismantling four additional DTO's that were identified in previous years.

In addition, CCITF had the following accomplishments for 2022:

- The seizure of 39 firearms
- The seizure of 12.57 pounds of cocaine
- The seizure of 19.18 pounds of heroin
- The seizure of 297.12 pounds of methamphetamine
- The seizure of 333,365 fentanyl pills and 22.6 pounds of fentanyl powder -- including one investigation that led to the arrest of four major drug traffickers and a state record fentanyl seizure.

Following weeks of tireless investigation, Task-Force members worked with Special Agents from Homeland Security Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to arrest four drug traffickers operating within Clackamas County on March 1, 2022. Ranging in ages between 24 and 36 years, the traffickers were part of a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operating out of Mexico. All four of those individuals are currently facing criminal charges for conspiring to move large quantities of fentanyl manufactured in Mexico and elsewhere, for distribution and sale in Clackamas County and the Portland metropolitan area.

CCITF's arrest of the aforementioned suspects resulted in an astonishing fentanyl seizure, the largest in Oregon history -- approximately 150,000 counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl and over 20 pounds of suspected bulk powder fentanyl. The seized drugs had an estimated street value of approximately \$4 million dollars.

As you are aware, fentanyl is an incredibly powerful synthetic opioid and has become a monumental problem in Clackamas County and the surrounding areas. As large as the seizure was, the March 2022 haul was only a portion of the team's total seizures that year. CCITF's 2022 seizures resulted in a total of 333,365 pills containing fentanyl and an additional 22.6 pounds of fentanyl powder. These seizures were more than four times the number of pills CCITF seized in 2021 (76,249) and over 22 times the amount of fentanyl powder seized in 2021 (0.992 pounds).

It's frightening to imagine the sheer destruction 150,000 pills and 20 pounds of bulk fentanyl could do to our community. The CCITF has been honored many times for its work to take drugs off the street and bring traffickers to justice; most recently by the Western States Information Network as their 2021 Agency of the Year for Oregon Region 1.

Nominated by Captain Marc Wold, CCITF

Award for Excellence
Detective Drew Hubel – Pendleton Police Department
Blue Mountain Narcotics Enforcement Team

As you are aware this award was designed to recognize an individual who is assigned to an interagency drug enforcement team and has shown the propensity to utilize the fundamental drug enforcement principles and demonstrates coalition building, leadership, direction, and collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries to achieve outstanding results. I have typically submitted nominations for team awards, steering away from individual accolades. However, after reading the criteria, this year Detective Drew Hubel had a year that exceeded the core principles of drug work and the criteria of the ONEA Award for Excellence.

Detective Hubel has worked as a Detective for the Pendleton Police Department assigned to the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT) for over five years. BENT is a multi-agency/interagency drug enforcement team working in and about Eastern Oregon. Because of our drug climate/trends over the past year(s), as well as to ensure that we make an impact on Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO'S), it is essential for us to work collaboratively with the State of Washington and respective law enforcement/prosecutorial entities.

Detective Hubel has excelled over the past few years in doing so, learning from his training, experience, and relationships with law enforcement in the northwest. Over the past year, Detective Hubel has excelled in navigating complex cases, such as cases that cross multiple jurisdictional and prosecutorial boundaries. Detective Hubel's decisions on case strategy and unequivocal refusal to let Oregon/Washington State drug laws thwart his enthusiasm in holding offenders accountable has been remarkable. While operating in a team environment, Detective Hubel continues with his individual evolution as a detective, and his efforts to tailor his informal leadership style amongst his peers. Detective Hubel's "1000 foot" investigator's mindset has him constantly looking at the "bigger picture," with the ultimate goal of working with this team and others outside of BENT to hold the criminal element accountable.

As is evident with the example I will go into below, Detective Hubel continues to foster and hold in high regard relationships, not only with law enforcement agencies throughout the northwest, but also with each prosecutorial office involved, including but not limited to the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office, the Morrow County District Attorney's Office, the Oregon Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office (Eastern District of Washington, respectively).

Each jurisdiction is different and has slightly different process/procedures/case law or what we in law enforcement call "hurdles". Each courthouse is different and has different expectations/opinions based on their experiences. Within the prosecuting offices, each division sees things differently. This can easily make investigators feel as though we are fighting an uphill battle, not only with public perception/support but amongst ourselves (law enforcement) and with our own prosecutorial entities. Detective Hubel has in the past, and continues to do, an admirable job working with all stakeholders. Detective Hubel consistently maintains a positive attitude and displays a willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done. I have spoken with representatives/attorneys from the District of Oregon USAO Office and the Eastern District of Washington USAO Office, as well as the Umatilla County and Morrow County District Attorney's Offices, all of whom have told me that they hold Detective Hubel in the highest regard.

As an example of Detective Hubel's tenacity and ability to bring forces together collaboratively across jurisdictional boundaries, I present the following: through the course of several years and subsequent narcotic investigations, Detective Hubel identified a source of supply (SOS) and subsequent Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) leader responsible for supplying illicit narcotics to Eastern Oregon. The SOS/DTO leader was based out of the Tri Cities, Washington area. The DTO leader was unknown to the two major investigative groups operating in that area of Washington. Over the next two years, Detective Hubel tirelessly continued his pursuit of the DTO's leader. From the start, this case was difficult to say the least. All Detective Hubel had to go on was old telephone numbers that continually changed. Detective Hubel continued to write affidavit after affidavit and spent countless hours analyzing telephone records attempting to identify the leader, his runners, his vehicles, and his residences. It was common for Detective Hubel to be at the office long after he should have been home, pouring over telephone records and connecting common numbers with the goal of ascertaining the number most recently used by the DTO leader. The difficulty of this case was compounded by the fact that each time we (BENT) would take down a mid-level drug dealer in the Eastern Oregon area who had ties to the DTO leaders' organization, the DTO leader would effectively cut ties with that person. Therefore, our ability to flip cooperators was hampered, to say the least, based on this practice and the DTO leader's reputation.

After close to 3 years of tenaciously pursuing this investigation, in early 2022 Detective Hubel identified the leader of this organization, hereafter referred to as the Source of Supply (SOS) of fentanyl-laced tablets in the District of Oregon and the Eastern District of Washington for the aforementioned DTO. Detective Hubel and his teammates determined, over the course of this investigation, that the SOS was utilizing multiple telephone numbers, as well as several different cellular digital devices to conduct his DTO business activities. The DTO leader had several persons who BENT determined to be downline fentanyl-laced tablet distributors for his DTO, many of whom were conducting their illicit activities relating to the DTO within Eastern Oregon.

On November 2, 2022, BENT, with the assistance of over 22 different law enforcement agencies from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, as well as multiple prosecutorial entities from the respective jurisdictions, concluded the over two-year-long investigation with the arrest of the leader of a DTO operating in Eastern Oregon and the Southeast District of Washington.

In the course of this case, Detective Hubel authored 34 search warrants and over 10 Pen Register Trap and Traces orders. In total, BENT seized 25.7 grams of methamphetamine, .5 grams of cocaine, over 31,000 fentanyl pills, one handgun, and over \$500,440 in bulk U.S. currency. The DTO leader was arrested and is currently in custody awaiting trial. Aspects of this case are being prosecuted in the Eastern District of Washington U.S. Attorney's Office and the District of Oregon (Portland Office) US Attorney's Office. It is the collective opinion of law enforcement involved in this investigation that without Detective Hubel's tenacity, focus, drive and leadership the head of this DTO would not be held accountable. This case represents the largest cash seizure BENT has had in over 40 years. Detective Hubel put in the all the work of a Title III investigation without having the benefit of listening to communications and was still successful with the mission.

Further, in the course of this case, Detective Hubel demonstrated coalition building, leadership, and collaboration amongst and across multiple jurisdictional boundaries by orchestrating relationships between the FBI-Oregon, the FBI-Washington, two US Attorney's Offices (Eastern District of Washington and the District of Oregon), both of the FBI Street Crimes Units in the Tri Cities, as well as the two major Tri Cities Metro Drug Enforcement teams.

The collaboration that took place to get work this case was a feat to say the least, culminating with over 100 law enforcement officer/agents working together. This is particularly significant in light of how very complicated it can be for an Oregon officer to work a case that crosses into the state of Washington. Historically, prosecution/enforcement of these crimes, and the subsequent apprehension of criminals that have moved between the two states, has gone largely unchecked, purely based on the jurisdictional hurdle that is physically embodied by the Columbia River. This case, and the relationships Detective Hubel and his partners made and continue to make and foster, are imperative to our mission of working together with one common goal, regardless of jurisdictional/individual agency policy restrictions. That goal being, of course, to fight the good fight as one.

Nominated by Rick Jackson, Blue Mountain Narcotics Enforcement Team

Outstanding Prosecutor Award
Deputy District Attorney Andrew Doyle
Deschutes County District Attorney's Office
Central Oregon Drug Enforcement

CODE / Deschutes County DDA Andrew Doyle's dedication to justice and the citizens of central Oregon has removed hundreds of violent and dangerous offenders from the central Oregon community.

Deschutes County Deputy District Attorney Andrew Doyle, assigned to the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team, has been supporting the CODE team through his exemplary prosecution of state drug cases.

His aggressive and diligent work has resulted in successful prosecutions of numerous drug traffickers and resulted in lengthy prison sentences. Despite his overwhelming primary caseload and home agency commitments, DDA Doyle maintains the highest standards of ethics, integrity, law, and justice. His efforts have directly contributed to a safer Central Oregon community.

DDA Doyle has a mastery of Oregon drug laws. He is constantly trying to improve himself and often attends ONEA training conferences and other law enforcement training conferences around the US where he networks and collaborates with other HIDTA affiliated prosecutors. He understands and strives to learn about drug enforcement and the work HIDTA does.

Recently, DDA Doyle volunteered to assist the Klamath County District Attorney's Office with a significant drug trafficking prosecution due to the understaffing at the Klamath County District Attorney's Office. That led to a conviction and significant prison sentences. Did I mention he volunteered?

In addition, DDA Doyle makes himself available to CODE team members 24/7 for any search and seizure questions, search warrant reviews, on scene evidence reviews, case law research and participates in weekly team meetings. He is the only prosecutor CODE has seen at 3AM, standing side by side, with Detectives while they prepare a search warrants and ensures affidavits are thorough and complete to the court's standards.

Last year, over 90% of DDA Doyle's cases from CODE resulted in DOC prison sentences. DDA Doyle's dedication to justice and the citizens of central Oregon has removed hundreds of violent and dangerous offenders from the central Oregon community.

Retired CODE Lt Ken Mannix summarized it best when he said, "His (DDA Doyle's) work for CODE has been nothing less than amazing."

Nominated by Sergeant Kent Vander Kamp, CODE Team

Julie A. Sutton Memorial Outstanding Criminal Intelligence Analyst Award

**Staff Sergeant Joseph “Dutch” Duchscherer
Oregon National Guard
Westside Interagency Narcotics Team**

SSgt. Joseph "Dutch" Duchscherer has set himself apart from other analysts by consistently developing and utilizing innovative and unique approaches in supporting the counterdrug mission of his task force (WIN) and other drug teams. "Dutch" has committed himself to the cooperative spirit of drug enforcement, mainly through the development and application of reciprocal intelligence sharing between his team (WIN) and the other teams in the region.

Since initially being assigned to the Westside Interagency Narcotics (WIN) team in 2020, SSgt. Joseph "Dutch" Duchscherer has continued to excel at identifying and clarifying actionable intelligence for the team's counterdrug mission. Dutch quickly acclimated to the team's fast pace and made himself available for real time assistance during after-hours missions. Dutch has become the go-to expert for WIN in the realm of social media data mining suspects and drug trafficking organizations. He accommodates the team's need for information vetting during field operations by monitoring our communications and filtering all data through numerous databases in real time while the team is on target, rather than having to wait until the next business day. Dutch has developed methodologies that enable proactive strategies for the investigators in the field and which encourage information sharing with other HIDTA task forces and drug teams in the region. Dutch has taken a leadership role among the group of counterdrug analysts assigned from the Oregon National Guard, and he holds the group to very high standards. Dutch has mentored other intelligence analysts in our office and brought in analysts from other areas to help them get trained up for this specialized work. SSgt. Duchscherer is an invaluable member of the WIN team and of the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA region.

Nominated by Lt. Chris Schweigert, Washington County Sheriff's Office - WIN Team