Drug Enforcement in Vermont
Vermont Drug Enforcement Agencies

• Federal Law Enforcement
  • Drug Enforcement Administration
  • Federal Bureau of Investigation
  • Homeland Security Investigations
• Vermont State Police
• Municipal/City Police
• Sheriffs’ Offices
• Federal and State Prosecutors
Drug Task Forces

• DEA Resident Agency – Burlington
  • Part of Boston Field Office
  • DEA Task Force
  • HIDTA

• Vermont State Police
  • Four regional task forces
Vermont Heroin Traffickers/Dealers

• Tier 3
  • Addicts selling small amounts to support their own habit
  • Goal: end distribution activities; obtain intelligence; court-assisted treatment.

• Tier 2
  • Vermont-based mid-level dealers
  • Provide infrastructure for local distribution of heroin
  • May be supporting own habit and sell or facilitate sales above addictive needs
  • Supply other Tier 2 and Tier 3 dealers
  • Goal: eliminate dealer and infrastructure; obtain intelligence; advance investigation; prosecution

• Tier 1
  • Top targets
  • Responsible for 80% of opioids seized by DTF
  • Well establish out-of-state sources of supply
  • Goal: eliminate dealer and infrastructure; obtain intelligence; prosecution
Anatomy of a Drug Investigation

- CI or Intelligence Identifying Trafficker/Dealer
- Covert investigation of trafficker/dealer
- Controlled purchase(s) by CI
- Introduction of undercover agent
- Identification of source(s) of supply
- Work up the supply chain
- Take down/arrests
- Prosecution
Statistics

- **Seizure Data -- 2016**
  - 31,722 bags of heroin
  - 1,932 grams of bulk heroin
  - The street value is approximately $1,395,830

- **Interdiction Efforts**
  - Vermont State Police drug investigations increased 70% in 2016
  - Expansion of the drug task force

- **VSP Arrest Data 2017**
  - Windsor County Sweep -- 18
  - Windham County Sweep -- 9
  - Washington County Sweep -- 7
  - Orleans County Sweep -- 38
  - Rutland County Sweep -- 39
  - Bennington County Sweep -- 10
Cooperation

• Importance
• Vermont Experience
• Going Forward
Issues for Discussion

• Prescription Drug Monitoring
  • Reducing the prescribing of opioids

• Real Time OD Tracking
  • Fatal OD
  • Non-Fatal OD