

FY 2019 YEAR END REPORT

US Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Justice Services

Division of Drug Enforcement



"The Honor is to Serve."

2020

A MESSAGE FROM INDIAN AFFAIRS



Tara Katuk Sweeney
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services' (OJS) Division of Drug Enforcement (DDE) and its tribal, state, local, and federal partners play a vital role in reducing and eliminating drug trafficking in Indian Country. As an integral part of the Interior Department's Opioid Reduction Task Force, established by the Secretary in 2018, the Division has built on prior achievements with impressive results. In Fiscal Year 2019, between 14 Opioid Task Force and Canine Team operations throughout Indian Country, OJS-DDE made a total of 313 arrests and seized 2,607 pounds of illegal narcotics with an estimated street value totaling \$19.6 million dollars.

Part of DDE's overall success stems from continuing the controlled substances training of BIA and tribal law enforcement that it initiated in FY 2018. In FY 2019, a total of 598 law enforcement officers were trained – a 22 percent increase over FY 2018. Hundreds of graduates of not only the BIA Indian Police Academy's Basic Police Program, but the patrol officer drug investigations program, the BIA-DEA-DOJ illicit drug trafficking program, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's (FLETC) criminal investigator training program, and DOI's investigator and street crime training programs received training in drug awareness, investigations, drug identification, evidence collection, and officer safety. This was complemented by the IPA's opioid awareness and training events that trained hundreds of tribal community members and service providers in opioid identification.

The hard work done by the men and women of the BIA-OJS and its Division of Drug Enforcement reduces and eliminates drug trafficking in Indian Country, and through their efforts, helps in mitigating the devastating effect illicit drug activities have on tribal families and communities. With its Victim Assistance Program, training for School Resource Officers who deal with tribal youth, and other public safety programs, BIA-OJS, DDE, and their partners continue to make a positive difference for Indian Country and America.



A MESSAGE FROM BIA-OJS DIRECTOR



Charles Addington

Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs - Office of Justice Services

The BIA OJS continued to see great success in our Department of the Interior Opioid Task Forces and Canine Interdiction operations, aimed at strategically combating the increasing opioid and other illegal narcotic epidemic affecting Indian Country communities across the nation.

I continue to be excited to lead such an extraordinary group of men and women within our BIA DDE as they work tirelessly to eradicate the illegal drug activity from our tribal communities. This national drug enforcement program is responsible for disrupting and dismantling drug enforcement enterprises in Indian Country.

The BIA DDE along with partners from other federal, tribal and state agencies continued to expound on their success in FY2018 by making 313 arrest and seizing over a combined total of 2,607 pounds of illegal narcotics, with an estimated street value of approximately \$19.6 million dollars in FY2019.

This year's report will highlight some of the great work of the BIA DDE over this past year (FY-2019) and the huge successes the division made through the establishment of multiple Department of the Interior Opioid Task Forces and Canine Interdiction Operations throughout Indian Country.



WHO ARE WE?



Our Mission

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The BIA OJS mission is to enhance the quality of life, to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaskan Natives.

The BIA OJS strives to uphold tribal sovereignty and customs and provide for the safety of Indian communities by ensuring the protection of life and property, enforcing laws, maintaining justice and order, and by confining American Indian offenders in safe, secure, and humane environments. OJS directly operates or funds law enforcement, tribal courts, and detention facilities on Federal Indian lands.



WHO ARE WE?

Division of Drug Enforcement

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Drug-related activity in Indian Country is a major contributor to violent crime and imposes serious health and economic difficulties on Indian communities. The BIA OJS conducts highly technical investigations on narcotics, gangs, border and human trafficking violations in Indian Country through the Division of Drug Enforcement (DDE).



DDE Special Agents work alongside DDE K-9 teams and OJS General Crimes Special Agents and uniformed police officers in Indian Country daily.

DDE Special Agents working alongside BLM and Tribal Agencies to disrupt narcotics sales and to disrupt criminal organizations who operate on Indian Lands and prey upon Indian communities.

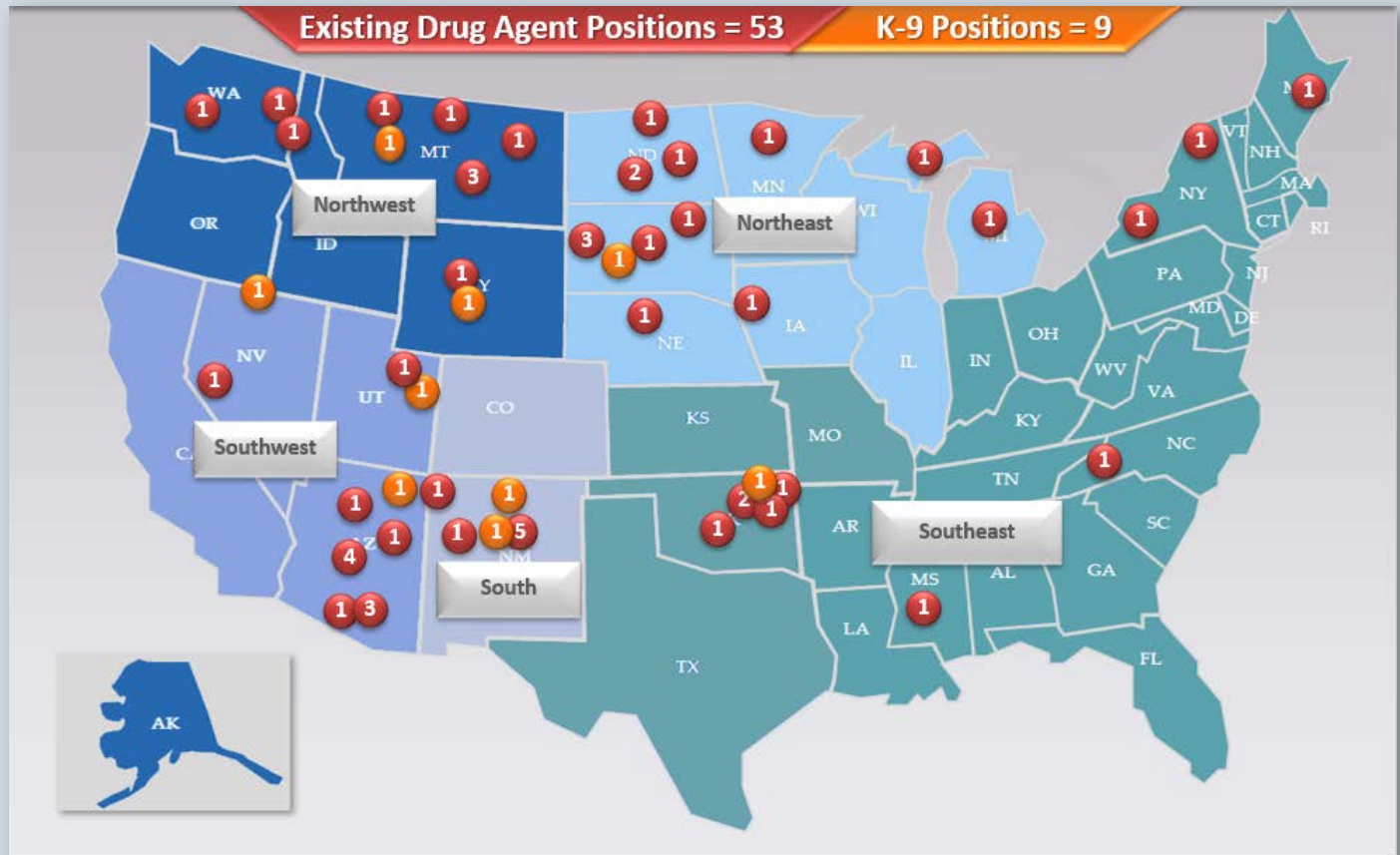


WHERE ARE WE?



Our Locations

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The BIA Division of Drug Enforcement is comprised of one (1) Associate Director, five (5) Regional Agents in Charge, forty two (47) Special Agents, seven (9) K9 teams, two (2) Program Analyst, one (1) Intelligence Analyst and one (1) Law Enforcement Specialist for a total of sixty (65) positions.

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BIA DDE provides complex narcotic investigations, as well as gang, and human trafficking investigations that focus on the disruption of drug distribution networks and criminal enterprise directly related to Indian Country and those impacting Indian Communities.

The DDE provides analytical support to track drug cases, evaluate intelligence and trend data on drug related issues that impact Indian Country. DDE also provides drug related training and technical assistance to law enforcement programs operating in Indian Country. DDE works on task forces with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Border Patrol as well as multiple state and tribal agencies across the United States.



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Opioid Reduction Task Force

In January 2018, the Secretary of the Interior tasked the OJS Director with establishing the Department of the Interior Opioid Reduction Task Force. The OJS Division of Drug Enforcement is the primary lead on the DOI task force and received operational support from other DOI law enforcement agencies. Other federal, tribal, state and local agencies have also participated in the task force efforts to disrupt illegal narcotics from being distributed to Indian Country.

In FY2019, the OJS Director worked with the OJS Division of Drug Enforcement staff to expand the Division's Canine program. The addition of Canine teams to locations throughout Indian Country has been a crucial resource that is being utilized to perform drug interdiction operations in tribal communities.



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- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service/United States Park Police



Department of Homeland Security

- Customs and Border Protection



Department of Justice

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Drug Enforcement Administration

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Opioid Reduction Task Force

National Results

2019



2019 DDE Canine Program Results

- **Methamphetamine**
57,787.50 grams (127.4 lbs.)
- **Heroin**
10,196.48 grams (22.4 lbs.)
- **Cocaine**
1,084.06 grams (2.3 lbs.)
- **Marijuana**
625,009.67 grams (1,377.9 lbs.)
- **132 Arrests**
- Estimated street value:
Approximately **\$13.6 million**

2019 TASK FORCE RESULTS

- **14 Operations**
- **313 Arrests**
- **1,077.6 pounds of Narcotics Seized**
- Estimated street value:
Approximately
\$6.0 million dollars



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Opioid Reduction Task Force

National Results

2019

Arizona

Total Arrests: 98

Total Drugs Seized: 1,009 pounds

Operations in:

- San Carlos – February 5-13, 2019
- Tohono O’Odham – March 20-28, 2019
- Fort McDowell – May 3-9, 2019

Minnesota

Total Arrests: 30

Total Drugs Seized: 1.14 pounds

Operation in:

- Leech Lake – September 9-20, 2019
- White Earth – September 9-20, 2019

Montana

Total Arrests: 3

Total Drugs Seized: .14 pounds

Operations in:

- Northern Cheyenne – August 21-28, 2019

New Mexico

Total Arrests: 16

Total Drugs Seized: 123 pounds

Operations in:

- Northern Pueblos – May 22-30, 2019
- Southern Pueblos – May 22-30, 2019

New York

Total Arrests: 13

Total Drugs Seized: .11 pounds

Operations in:

- Allegany Seneca – December 2018 – July 15, 2019

South Dakota

Total Arrests: 79

Total Drugs Seized: .9 pounds

Operations in:

- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate – November 12-16, 2019
- Standing Rock – May 6-18, 2019

Washington State

Total Arrests: 74

Total Drugs Seized: 2.9 pounds

Operations in:

- Lummi – November 5-17, 2018
- Coeur D’Alene – July 17-24, 2019
- Spokane – July 17-24, 2019
- Kalispel – July 17-24, 2019

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OJS Canine Teams Seizures

National Results

2019

Arizona

Total Arrests: 21

Total Drugs Seized: 2.1 pounds

Idaho

Total Arrests: 1

Total Drugs Seized: 3.5 grams

Minnesota

Total Arrests: 4

Total Drugs Seized: 23.89 grams

Montana

Total Arrests: 15

Total Drugs Seized: 86.64 grams

New Mexico

Total Arrests: 20

Total Drugs Seized: 1,616 pounds

Nevada

Total Arrests: 1

Total Drugs Seized: 28.2 grams

North Dakota

Total Arrests: 5

Total Drugs Seized: 18.32 grams

South Dakota

Total Arrests: 21

Total Drugs Seized: 63.51 grams

Oklahoma

Total Arrests: 1

Total Drugs Seized: 6.4 grams

Utah

Total Arrests: 21

Total Drugs Seized: 193.2 grams

Washington State

Total Arrests: 11

Total Drugs Seized: 158.68 grams

Wyoming

Total Arrests: 11

Total Drugs Seized: 100.8 grams

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

FY 2019 Performance Measures

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ONDCP Performance Measure: Increase in the amount of drugs seized

In FY 2019, Indian Country law enforcement programs reported an overall decrease of approximately 64% in total drugs seized. This overall decrease is attributed to the large seizures of marijuana plants in 2018, and the increased focus on opioids in 2019. Without the overall marijuana numbers, 2019 seizures were up by more than 176%.

Marijuana seizures were down across the board, while marijuana vape cartridges and edibles were reported as significant seizures in Indian Country.

Overall, Indian Country saw an exponential increase in other drugs such as opioid/opioid derivative. Overall seizure in this area was up from 2018 by almost 15,000 pounds.

Methamphetamine continues to increase, up 5% over 2018 and once again the most prevalent drug seized from drug operations in Indian Country. Field agents reported an increase in opioid pills and seizures of Fentanyl were up significantly, mostly in border states.

2019 All Submissions							
Increase in Amount of Drugs Seized	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
FY 2013, 14, 15,16,17, 18 achieved totals represented in pounds:	48,320	26,830	26,419	16,607	12,900	62,601.49	22147.2
Cocaine Powder	182.12	28.45	1	105.7	54.15	34.19	96.8
Cocaine Crack	9.15	0.541	0.758	0.375	0.6	110.56	1.0
Heroin	196.11	3.68	5.74	67.83 *	16.49	47.89	41.8
MDMA (Ecstasy)	130.04	1.29	0.002	29.16	0.29	0.33	7.6
Meth Crystal	98.11	19.8	64.9	64.21	56.13	248.21	72.3
Meth Powder	83.3	11.2	0	20.93	34.88	264.46	474.9
Processed Marijuana	9,535	14,883	1,725	2,173	6,223.89	19,413.62	5458.9
Prescription Drugs Seized	76.15	101.03	96.58	96.21	8	53.66	106.1
Other Drugs Seized	20.2	84.86	72.29	70.78	409	227.63	15221.1
Marijuana (# Plants = lbs)	37,990	11,697	24,453	13,979	6,097	42,201	666.6

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FY 2019 Performance Measures

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Continued:

Attached are the overall narcotics seizure numbers for Indian Country without the marijuana numbers.

Without Marijuana							
2019 All Submissions							
Increase in Amount of Drugs Seized	2013 Achieved	2014 Achieved	2015 Achieved	2016 Achieved	2017 Achieved	2018 Achieved	2019 Achieved
FY 2013, 14, 15,16,17, 18 achieved totals represented in pounds:	150.24	250.85	241.27	387.37	579.54	986.93	16,021.67
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FY 2019 Performance Measures

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ONDCP Performance Measure: Percent increase in drug cases worked

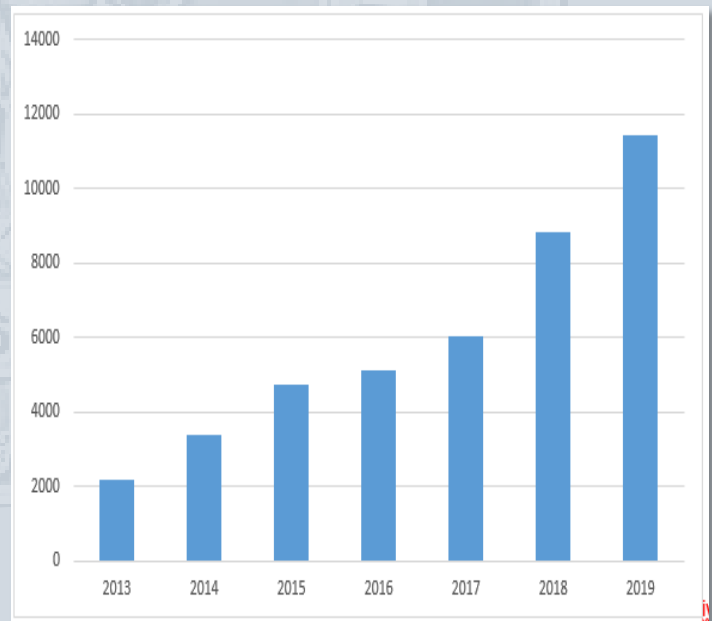
In FY 2019, there has been an overall increase of approximately 29% in the number of drug cases across all Indian Country law enforcement programs.

The number of drug cases reported and tracked is gleaned from data provided on monthly drug statistical reports provided by BIA and tribal police programs, the DOI IMARS system, and the DDE case log. Data provided by BIA and tribal police programs are maintained by OJS for monthly and annual submissions.

As the number of drug cases reported increases each year, Indian Country continues to see an increase in the use and sale of illegal narcotics on reservations throughout the nation. The following information documents the cases worked by all Indian Country law enforcement programs (BIA, DDE, and Tribal).

These figures demonstrate an overall increase of approximately 29% drug cases worked in Indian Country in FY 2019, and an increase of 6341 cases worked above the FY2016 figures, **an approximate increase of 125% in number of cases worked above FY2016.**

Year	# of Drug Cases
2013	2157
2014	3364
2015	4750
2016	5093
2017	6013
2018	8821
2019	11,434



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FY 2019 Performance Measures

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ONDCP Performance Measure: Number of Patrol Officers Receiving Drug Training.

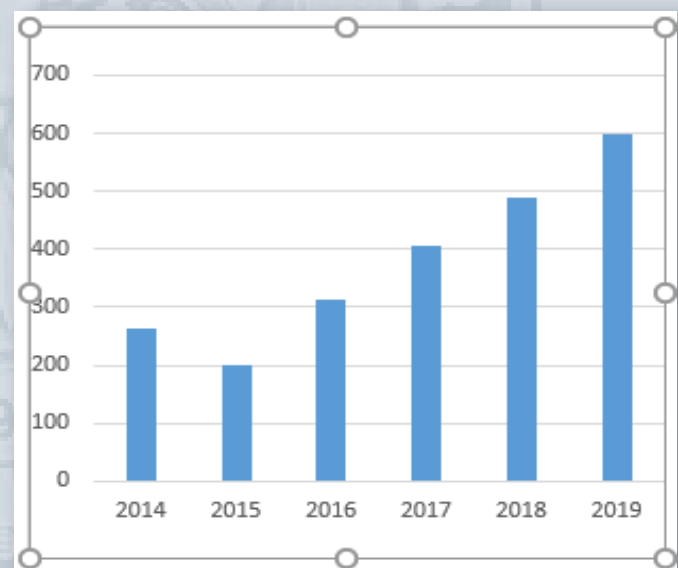
In FY 2019, the BIA Indian Police Academy reported a total of 598 law enforcement officers received drug training from BIA OJS. This is an increase of 22% over the FY18 figures.

one hundred twenty-seven (127) attended Indian Country Police Officer Training Program which includes opioid, drug identification, and investigation. Twenty eight (28) attended the FLETC Criminal Investigator Training Program and DOI-Investigator Training Program which includes opioid, drug identification and investigation. Three hundred seventy nine (379) officers attended various advanced courses which included opioid drug identification and enforcement- specifically patrol drug investigation, DEA strategic drug workshop, in-service training program, chiefs of police in-service, Indian Country criminal investigation training program, police officer bridge training program, and chiefs of police command school. Sixty-four (64) law enforcement officers attended the opioid community awareness training event.

Since 2016 the total number of law enforcement trained has increased by two hundred eighty six (286) officers, a nearly 92% increase.

An additional seven hundred and eighty three (783) community members and service providers graduated from drug training conducted in field offices.

Year	# of LEOs Trained
2014	263
2015	200
2016	312
2017	407
2018	489
2019	598



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Opioid Reduction Task Force

Arizona Operations (Tohono O’Odham, Fort McDowell, San Carlos)

February 5, 2019 through May 9, 2019

The Arizona Operations focused on the Tohono O’Odham, Fort McDowell, and San Carlos Reservations. At the conclusion of the Arizona operations, BIA Division of Drug Enforcement along with other Federal, State, and Tribal partners made ninety-eight (98) arrests related to illegal narcotics and associated crimes.

In support of the DOI Opioid Reduction Task Force, the following law enforcement agencies partnered with OJS from July 9, 2018 through July 13, 2018; Tohono O’Odham Tribal Police Department, Fort McDowell Tribal Police Department, San Carlos Tribal Police Department, Bureau of Land Management, United States Border Patrol, Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations and the NATIVE task force, Gila County Drug Task Force, Graham County Sheriff's Office, National Parks Service, and the Arizona Highway Patrol. These agencies assisted OJS with conducting criminal interdiction operations, focusing on areas of highways known for high drug trafficking into Indian Country, and covert narcotics investigations.

Total Seizure Amounts in Grams (g)	
Methamphetamine	17,263.6
Heroin	23.95
Cocaine	0
Marijuana	440,350.22
Other (pills)	67
Firearms	11
Arrests	98



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Opioid Reduction Task Force

Minnesota Operations (Leech Lake, White Earth)

September 9, 2019 to September 20, 2019



Two separate teams conducted simultaneous operations on the Leech Lake and White Earth Reservations in Minnesota. The Operations targeted drug trafficking organizations in and around Indian Country in Minnesota resulting in the arrest of thirty (30) individuals on federal, state and tribal charges. This number of arrests from such small communities results in enormous community impact and disruption of criminal networks.

BIA Division of Drug Enforcement was assisted by the White Earth Tribal Police Department, the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department, the Cass County Sheriff's Office, Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force, Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Total Seizure Amounts in Grams (g)	
Methamphetamine	412.59
Heroin	103.35
Cocaine	0
Marijuana	4.1
Other (pills)	0
Firearms	0
MDMA (Ecstasy)	0
Arrests	30

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Opioid Reduction Task Force

Montana Operation (Northern Cheyenne)

August 21, 2019 to August 28, 2019

On May 15, 2019 through May 26, 2019, the Department of the Interior (DOI) Opioid Reduction Task Force conducted an opioid reduction operation on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

The Operation focused on highways known for being high drug trafficking routes into and through Indian Country, and on covert investigative operations. The approach focused efforts on conducting high visibility enforcement with specialized drug interdiction teams, as well as on making controlled purchases of illegal narcotics for identified targets. The operation netted the seizure of a small quantity of illegal narcotics and arrests. Even though the seizure results were low, agents were able to make purchases for 6 separate targets. These purchases will result in the eventual prosecution of these targets and the disruption of the distribution networks they support.

The DOI Task Force operation consisted of Special Agents from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Division of Drug Enforcement and BIA K-9 uniformed officers, The DOI Opioid Task Force operations were supported and requested by the Tribal leadership, the Tribal Law and Order Committees, and the tribal members within the communities.

Total Seizure Amounts in Grams (g)	
Methamphetamine	5.5
Heroin	0
Cocaine	1.7
Marijuana	58.3
Fentanyl	0
Other (pills)	0
Firearms	0
Arrests	3



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Opioid Reduction Task Force

New Mexico Operation

May 22, 2019 to May 30, 2019

On May 22, 2019 through May 30, 2019, the Department of the Interior (DOI) Opioid Reduction Task Force consisting of Special Agents from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Division of Drug Enforcement (DDE) and BIA K-9 uniformed officers, Homeland Security Investigations –New Mexico State Police, Sandoval County Sheriff’s Office, City of Milan, New Mexico, Isleta Tribal Police, and Pojoaque Tribal Police conducted a Criminal Interdiction Operation focusing on areas of highway known for high drug trafficking into and around Indian Country. Criminal Interdiction for this operation consisted of high-volume traffic stops, based upon identifiable traffic infractions or motor vehicle operation violations. A large amount of marijuana was seized during the operation with an approximate street value of \$244,143.67

This interdiction operation was conducted on and around the following Indian Country locations:

Laguna Pueblo	Sandia Pueblo	Cochiti Pueblo	San Ildefonso Pueblo	Santa Ana Pueblo
Santa Clara Pueblo	Picuris Pueblo	Santo Domingo	Pojoaque Pueblo	Nambe Pueblo
San Felipe	Tesuque Pueblo	Ohkay Owengah Pueblo		

Total Seizure Amounts in Grams (g)

Methamphetamine	217.55
Heroin	129.19
Cocaine	60.93
Marijuana E-cig Cartridges Marijuana Cigars	27,462.73
MDMA	251
Arrests	16



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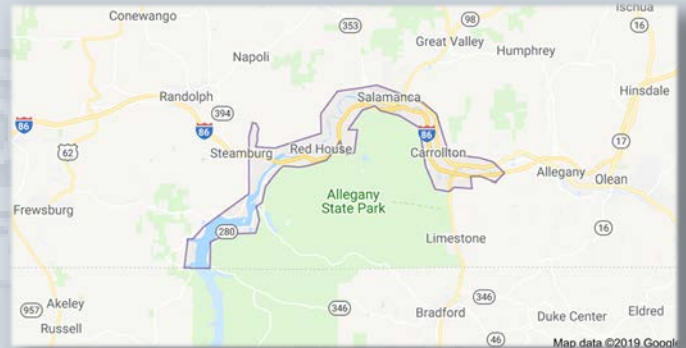
Opioid Reduction Task Force

New York

Between the dates of October, 2018 through July 15, 2019

Beginning in the fall of 2018, special agents of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Division of Drug Enforcement (DDE) in Buffalo, NY initiated a long term narcotics investigation on the Allegany Seneca Indian Reservation in partnership with the DEA Buffalo Resident Office (BRO) and the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force (STRDTF). The overall objective of the operation was to identify traffickers distributing opioid base narcotics on the reservation and make small controlled purchases of narcotics from these traffickers, utilizing confidential sources, for the purposes of state and federal prosecution. During the course of the investigation, agents identified suppliers of heroin/fentanyl/butyryl fentanyl and crack cocaine on the reservation.

On July 15, 2019, agents of the BIA Division of Drug Enforcement, DEA, Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force (STRDTF), Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office and Salamanca Police Department met at the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office to make preparations for the execution of three federal and seven state arrest warrants on the Allegany Seneca Indian Reservation in Salamanca, NY.



Total Seizure Amounts in Grams (g)	
Methamphetamine	.18
Heroin	22.6
Cocaine	18.2
Marijuana	10
Other (pills)	40
Arrests	13



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Opioid Reduction Task Force

South Dakota (Sisseton Wahpeton, Standing Rock)

Between the dates of November 12-16, 2018 and May 6 – 18, 2019

The South Dakota Operations focused on the Sisseton Wahpeton and Standing Rock Reservations. Beginning in the fall of 2018, and closing out the final operation on May 18, 2019 special agents of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Division of Drug Enforcement (DDE) BIA/OJS/DDE K-9 uniformed officers, the BIA/OJS Standing Rock Department of Public Safety (SRDPS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), members of the Bismarck ND Metro Area Narcotics Task Force (MANTF), Sioux County Sheriff's Office, and Corson County Sheriff's Office, conducted an Impact Plus Opioid Operation. An Impact Plus operation consists of covert investigations along with high visibility traffic enforcement with the overall objective to identify traffickers distributing opioid base narcotics on the reservation and make small controlled purchases of narcotics from these traffickers, utilizing confidential sources, for the purposes of tribal, state, and federal prosecution. During the course of the investigation, agents identified suppliers of heroin, and methamphetamine on the reservation.

Total Seizure Amounts in Grams (g)	
Methamphetamine	198.7
Heroin	50
Marijuana	21.4
Other (pills)	140
Arrests	79



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Opioid Reduction Task Force

Washington State Operation

Between the dates of November 5, 2018 – July 24, 2019

The DOI Opioid Task Force conducted Criminal Interdiction Operations on the Lummi, Coeur D’Alene, Spokane, and Kalispel Reservations located in Washington State. These operations were conducted by BIA Division of Drug Enforcement Special Agents (SA) and Police Officers / K-9’s, Kalispel Tribal Police Department (KTPD) in conjunction and cooperation from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), US Border Patrol (USBP), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the United States Attorney’s Office Eastern District of Washington (USAO-EDW), Pend Oreille County Sheriff’s Office, Spokane County Sheriff’s Office, and the Airway Heights Police Department

The operation focused on rural and major highway drug interdiction operations, coupled with controlled buys targeting known and newly identified sources of supply..

The overall results of the operation was viewed very favorably by the Tribal Chairpersons and the general communities. The operations netted significant seizures and resulted in huge community impact with 74 total arrests of targets dealing and possessing narcotics in and around Indian Country.

The Lummi tribe issued the below statement in a press release:

“Today the Lummi Nation is declaring a Public Health Crisis to end illegal drug use on our reservation. This action draws upon strength of our grandparents who never wanted this crisis for our people. This drug epidemic is devastating our families, putting our children at risk and endangering our people. As a sovereign nation we have the responsibility to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all our people. It is urgent for us to work together, as a strong community, to develop a community action plan to stop illicit drug use and begin to help heal our people. The council, by unanimous vote, is fully committed to addressing this crisis as its number one priority. We believe we can do this together; community, administration and council. We are looking to our elders for wisdom and guidance through this fight, and request prayer from everyone.”

Total Seizure Amounts in Grams (g)	
Methamphetamine	270.36
Heroin	110
Cocaine	10.5
Pills	213
Marijuana	707 (1.5 pounds)
Arrests	74



SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES (2019)

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On August 16th, 2019 a BIA K-9 Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, traveling eastbound on the Laguna Pueblo on Interstate 40, for a moving violation. A subsequent search of the vehicle led to the seizure of a large amount of methamphetamine, heroin and THC cigarettes.

The following narcotics were seized;

37,578.75 grams (82.8 lbs..) of methamphetamine with a street value of \$3,795,453.75

1,110.58 grams (2.4 lbs..) of heroin with a street value of \$162,144.68

2,000 THC Concentrate cigarette cartridges with a retail value of \$100,000.00



On September 18th, 2019 while patrolling on the Laguna Pueblos a BIA K-9 Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on a pickup truck, traveling eastbound on Interstate 40, for a moving violation. A subsequent search based on the odor of marijuana led to the seizure of a large amount of marijuana located in the vehicle.

The following was seized:

60,720.00 grams (133.86 lbs..) of marijuana with a street value of \$ 514,905.60;
\$ 4,199.20 in United States Currency;



ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES (2019)

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On January 29th, 2019 BIA-DDE Agents and the NATIVE Task Force conducted the third controlled buy related to an active DDE case. An Undercover Agent (UC) successfully purchased 7,000 fentanyl pills for \$40,000 from a residence in Phoenix AZ. The street value of the seizure is estimated at \$280,000.



On February 28th, 2019 DDE Agents and the NATIVE Task Force conducted a buy/bust related to a DDE case. An Undercover Agent (UC) successfully purchased approximately 30,000 fentanyl pills after showing a large flash roll of cash. After the buy, three subjects were taken into custody without incident. One subject was found to be in possession of a pistol during the incident. The total weight of fentanyl pills seized at the time of the incident was approximately 3107 grams. The incident occurred in Phoenix AZ and has a street value is \$1,200,000.00.



ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES (2019)

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SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES	
Methamphetamine	157 pounds of Methamphetamine seized in thirteen (13) separate seizures with an estimated street value of \$7,192,157.48
Heroin	13.3 pounds of Heroin was seized in seven (7) separate seizures with an estimated street value of \$885,490
Fentanyl	Approximately 37,000 pills with an estimated street value of \$1,480,000 in two (2) separate seizures both related to the Tohono O'ODham Reservation and border crossing.
Marijuana, edibles, wax, and plants	1,412 pounds of marijuana, edibles, wax, and plants were seized in eleven (11) separate seizures with a combined street value of approximately \$5,431, 177.80
THC Oil	74,035 grams of Liquid THC seized in seven (7) separate seizures with a combined street value of approximately \$2.900,000.
Total Seizure:	1,745 pounds of illegal narcotics and approximately 37,000 fentanyl pills with a total street value of approximately \$17,888,825.30



ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES (2019)

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IN THE NEWS:

US Department of the Interior

Opioid Reduction Task Force

30,000 Fentanyl pills trafficked by Mexican drug cartel seized by Interior Department Law Enforcement Task Force on Opioids

March 15, 2019

WASHINGTON – Today, Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior David Bernhardt announced the Department’s Joint Task Force on Opioid Reduction seized approximately 30,000 fentanyl pills and more than a hundred thousand dollars’ worth of other illegal drugs during a recent operation in Arizona. This operation was related to a Bureau of Indian Affairs Drug Enforcement joint investigation into large amounts of fentanyl pills from a Mexican drug trafficking organization being transported into the U.S. through Points of Entry located on the Tohono O’odham Nation.

“President Trump is committed to combating the opioid crisis and making America’s border communities safer, and our first-of-its-kind joint Task Force is delivering on that commitment,” **said Acting Secretary Bernhardt.** “The law enforcement officers of the Joint Task Force, led by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is doing incredible work to keep Tribal communities safe from the deadly and illegal drugs pouring in from Mexico. I commend them all for their hard work and for putting themselves in harm’s way to keep others safe.”



(Continued) The Joint Task Force to Combat Opioids in Indian Country netted \$700,000 in illegal and controlled substances in operations in four Border States

“The Joint Task Force has enabled the Department and Indian Affairs to fulfill one of our primary missions, to insure safe and healthy Indian communities,” **said Tara Sweeney, the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.** “These criminals endanger our children and families, and I am very proud of the hard and dangerous work that our Office of Justice Services agents are doing as part of the Task Force.”

The operation was conducted by BIA Drug Agents and the NATIVE Task Force, along with Department of Security Investigations Special Response Team and Arizona Department of Public Safety. They conducted a buy/bust operation related to a BIA Drug Enforcement joint investigation where an undercover operative successfully purchased approximately 30,000 fentanyl pills (opioids) from the drug organization. This operation was related to a joint drug investigation that began along the southwest border on the Tohono O'odham reservation. During the operation, three non-Indian subjects were taken into custody without incident. One subject was found to be in possession of a pistol during the incident.

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Opioid Reduction Task Force

Interior Department Law Enforcement Seizes \$2.3 Million in Illegal Drugs on Southern Border

4/10/2019

WASHINGTON – From March 20, 2019 through March 28, 2019, the Department of the Interior (DOI) Opioid Reduction Task Force conducted a Criminal Interdiction Operation focusing on areas of highway known for high drug trafficking into and around Indian Country. The operation yielded an estimated \$2.3 million in federally illegal drugs.

The operation occurred on the Tohono O’odham Reservation, located in Arizona on the Southern Border of the United States. The results of the Operation are below.

50 Total Arrests:

Controlled substances seized (Total combined street value: \$2.3 million):

31.15 grams of Methamphetamine (approx. .06 pounds)

480,239.19 grams of Marijuana (approx. 1,058 pounds)

0.2 grams of Heroin

The Opioid Reduction Task Force consists of Special Agents from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Division of Drug Enforcement (DDE), BIA K-9 uniformed officers, the Tohono O’odham Police Department (TOPD), the Native American Targeted Investigations of Violent Enterprises (NATIVE) Task Force, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security of Investigations (HSI), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Parks Service (NPS), the United States Border Patrol (USBP) and Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS).

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Interior's Law Enforcement K-9 Unit Apprehends Heroin Traffickers and \$559,000 in Heroin in New Mexico

6/12/2019

LAGUNA PUEBLO, NM— The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) Officer Nicholas "Nick" Jackson and his K-9 Kofi seized 4.3 Kilos (9.4 pounds) of heroin, which has an estimated street value of approximately \$559,000.00, on the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico last week.

"I commend BIA-OJS Officer Jackson and his K-9 partner Kofi for their vigilance to get this poison out of Indian Country and off the streets," **said Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "President Trump and I are committed to working alongside our Native communities to end the scourge of these drugs, which stems from supporting the work of our law enforcement officers who are the first line of defense in keeping citizens safe."

"We are so proud of BIA-OJS Officer Jackson and K-9 Kofi for another big seizure," **said Assistant Secretary of the Interior Tara Sweeney**. "The BIA is committed to its ongoing efforts to protect tribal communities from the opioid crisis."

On June 5th, Officer Jackson and K-9 Kofi were assigned to traffic enforcement on Interstate 40, within the exterior boundaries of the on the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico. BIA-OJS Officer Jackson observed two rental vehicles traveling in tandem and attempted to catch up to one of the vehicles for the traffic violation. The other vehicle began to drive erratically in an attempt to draw Officer Jackson's attention away from the first vehicle as the first vehicle accelerated in an attempt to flee.



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The driver threw two white-colored bags out of the rear passenger window. Once the vehicle came to a stop, the driver exited the vehicle and began to flee on foot. After several commands to stop and surrender, K-9 Kofi apprehended the driver and was taken into custody by Officer Jackson.

A New Mexico State Police Officer arrived at the scene where Officer Jackson provided a briefing of events, including the driver discarding the white bags on the interstate. The state officer searched the area around mile marker 126 and located the white-colored grocery bags containing what later field-tested positive for the presence of heroin.

The investigation is ongoing by BIA-OJS DDE and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).



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Interior's Law Enforcement K-9 Unit Seizes More Than \$4 Million Dollars of Narcotics in Indian Country

82.8 pounds of methamphetamine, 2.4 pounds of heroin, and 2,000 THC Concentrate cigarette cartridges seized

8/30/2019

WASHINGTON - Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt highlighted another successful seizure of narcotics. While on patrol near the exterior boundaries of the Laguna Indian Reservation in New Mexico, a Bureau of Indian Affairs K-9 police unit arrested an individual and seized 85 pounds of narcotics worth more than \$4 million dollars.

The K-9 police unit seized:

82.8 pounds (37,578.75 grams) of methamphetamine with a street value of \$3,795,454;

2.44 pounds (1,110.58 grams) of heroin with a street value of \$162,145; and

2,000 THC Concentrate cigarette cartridges with a retail value of \$90,000

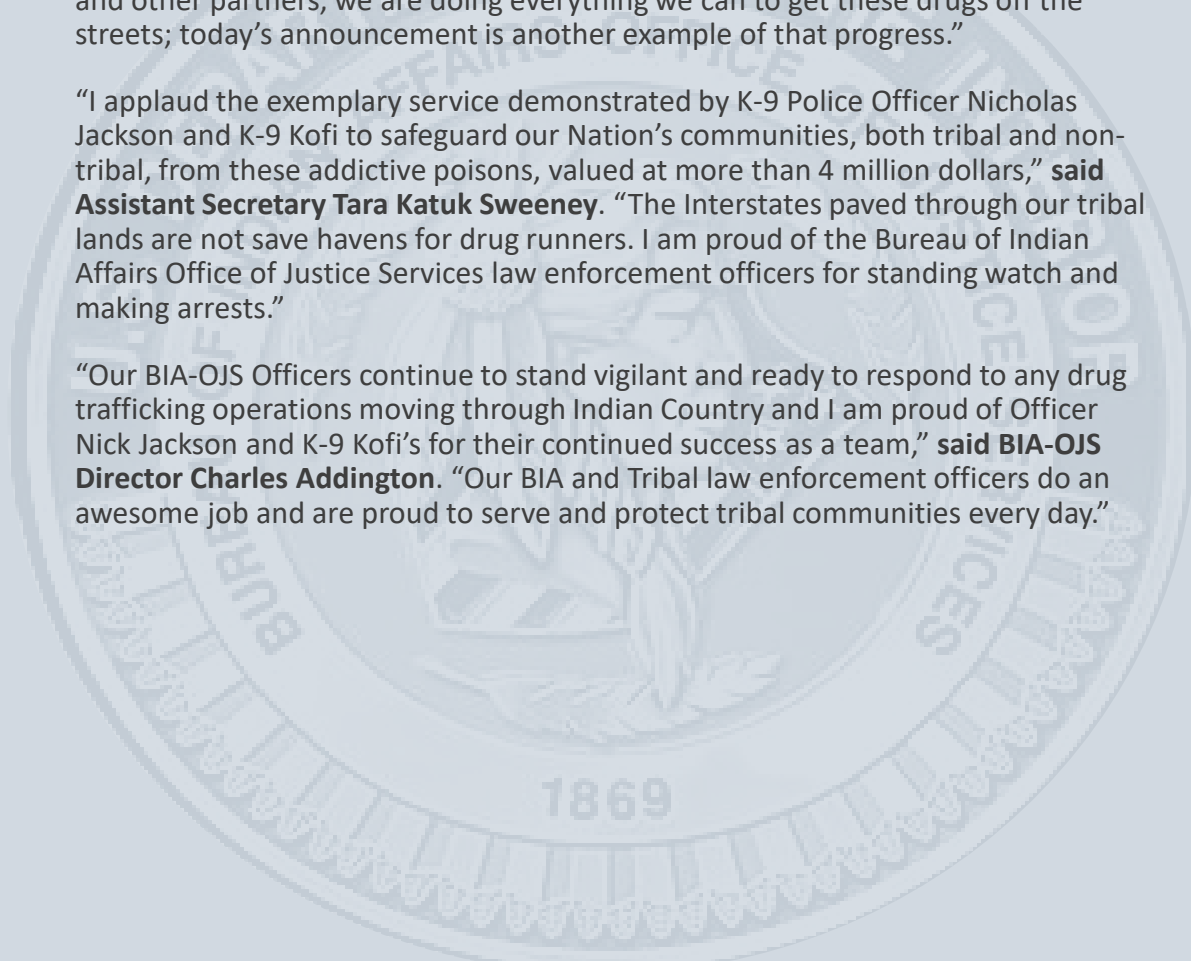


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"I commend the Bureau of Indian Affairs' law enforcement team and all of the dedicated men and women in uniform who protect Indian Country," said **Secretary Bernhardt**. "The President has made it a priority to keep our communities safe and drug free. By working alongside our Native communities and other partners, we are doing everything we can to get these drugs off the streets; today's announcement is another example of that progress."

"I applaud the exemplary service demonstrated by K-9 Police Officer Nicholas Jackson and K-9 Kofi to safeguard our Nation's communities, both tribal and non-tribal, from these addictive poisons, valued at more than 4 million dollars," said **Assistant Secretary Tara Katuk Sweeney**. "The Interstates paved through our tribal lands are not save havens for drug runners. I am proud of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services law enforcement officers for standing watch and making arrests."

"Our BIA-OJS Officers continue to stand vigilant and ready to respond to any drug trafficking operations moving through Indian Country and I am proud of Officer Nick Jackson and K-9 Kofi's for their continued success as a team," said **BIA-OJS Director Charles Addington**. "Our BIA and Tribal law enforcement officers do an awesome job and are proud to serve and protect tribal communities every day."





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