
**BYRNE-JAG SUPPORTED
LOCAL TASK
FORCES IN IDAHO**

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Idaho has taken a diversified approach toward drug eradication projects. The Byrne Edward Memorial Grant and the recently combined Justice Assistance Grants have historically funded three major areas to encompass a more effective approach in dealing with drugs on a local level. These project areas included: Multi-jurisdictional Task Forces, Drug Detection Canine Projects, and Gang and Drug Enforcement. However, budget cuts have forced Idaho to cut back on funding these projects. In 2005 and 2006, only four Multi-jurisdictional Task Forces were operating with the aid of \$395,756 in Byrne-JAG funding.

Each project funded contains an evaluation component. Subgrantees are required to track and maintain certain program information. This information not only provides an indication of program progress and performance, but may also identify ways to enhance the program and allows for comparison between other similar projects. Each multi-jurisdictional task force is required to submit a quarterly Drug/Narcotics Project report developed by Planning, Grants, and Research. The reports include the following indicators:

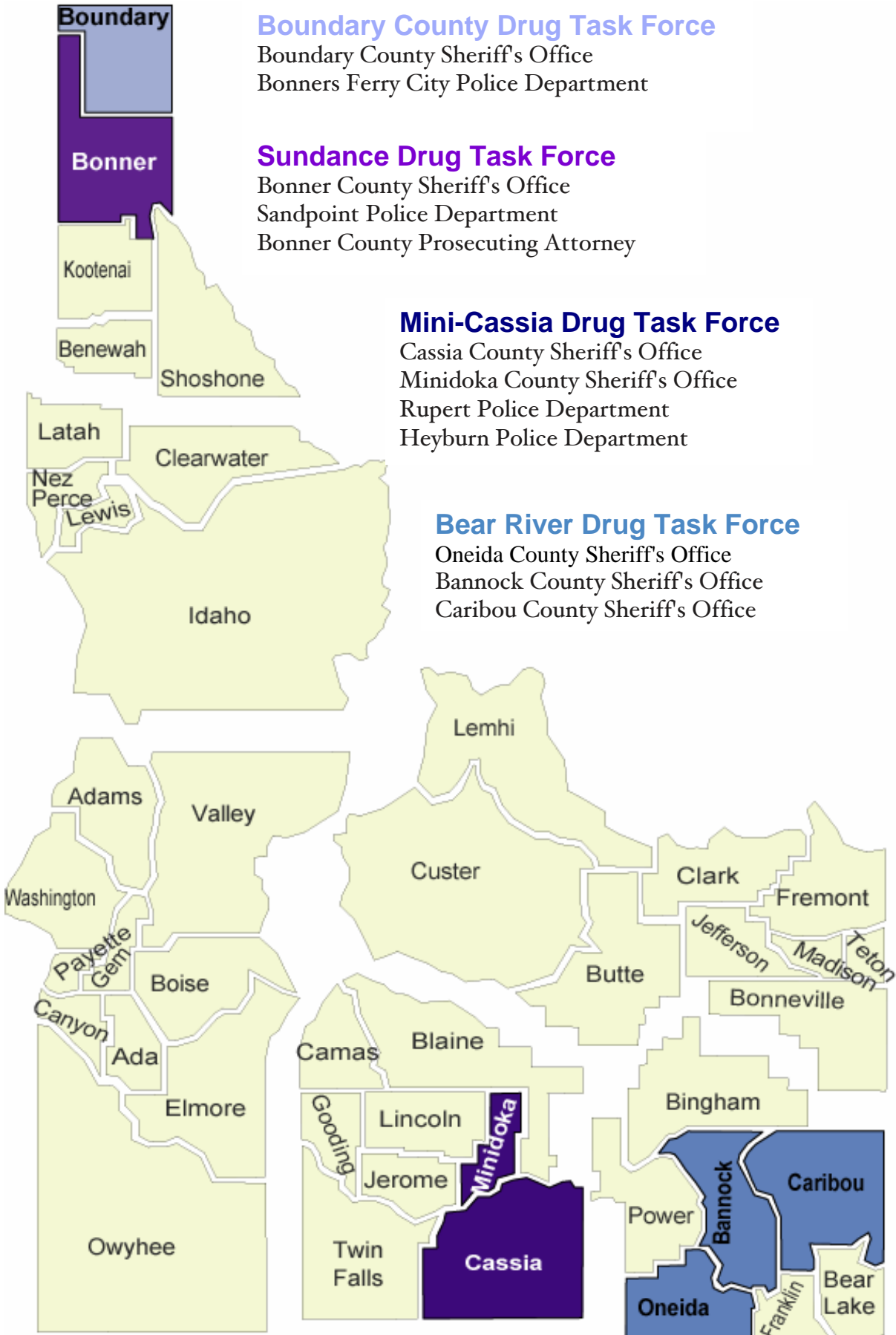
- Number of adult and juvenile arrests
- Type of arrests
- Amount and type of material (guns, money, vehicles) seized and forfeited
- Drug/narcotics purchased by the task force
- Drug/narcotics seized by the task force
- Clandestine lab seizures

Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces

Multi-jurisdictional task forces are best described as cooperative programs involving two or more separate law enforcement agencies, which have different jurisdictional responsibilities. Agencies forming these task forces have formal agreements to work together as a team to enforce drug laws, usually with a focus on street, mid or high level traffickers. In most cases, the prosecutor is integrated with the operations of a multi-jurisdictional task force.

Idaho had four grant funded multi-jurisdictional task force projects operating during the fiscal years 2005 and 2006. The four multi-jurisdictional task forces and their representative agencies are displayed on page 2. Combined, the four multi-jurisdictional drug task forces received \$395,756 from the Byrne Grant and the Byrne-JAG grants.

BYRNE-JAG Funded Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces



Drug Task Force Arrests

A comparison with state arrest data (IBRS) indicates that drug task forces arrest a higher percent of high level drug offenders. Referring to Table 1, the four task forces together arrested a larger portion of people for transporting, buying, and selling drugs than what was reported by all police agencies in Idaho. For example, these Byrne-JAG funded drug task forces reported 11% of all their arrests were for drug distribution or selling, compared to 7% of all arrests reported in the State of Idaho.

**Table 1: Drug Related Arrests
Task Force vs. IBRS
(7-1-05 to 6-30-07)**

	IBRS*			Drug Task Force	
Possession	9,634	91	%	288	1 %
Buying/Receiving	78	1		19	0
Distribute/Selling	750	7		40	0
Transporting	116	1		11	0
Total	10,578	100		358	1

*IBRS data is from 7-1-05 to 12-31-06

Table 2 describes the types of cases the four drug task forces handled from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. In all, the four drug task forces initiated 688 drug investigations, served 88 search warrants, and assisted other agencies in 263 cases. In addition, the four drug task forces arrested 615 adults and 33 juveniles for drug related charges. The Sundance and Bear River drug task forces initiated 296 methamphetamine related investigations and 570 marijuana related investigations.

Table 2: Drug Task Force Cases

Task Force	Cases Initiated	Assists	Search Warrants	Adults Arrested	Juveniles Arrested	Meth cases	Marijuana Cases	Other Drug Cases
Boundary ^a	149	17	0	51	9	-	-	-
Sundance	176	27	22	63	0	134	80	16
Mini-Cassia	130	6	0	148	6	-	-	-
Bear River	233	213	66	353	18	162	490	21
	688	263	88	615	33	296	570	37

a. July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. Boundary and Mini-cassia did not report what drug was related to the case.

Drug Task Force Seizures

Table 3 displays the amount of property and forfeitures each task force acquired from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. The drug task forces brought in a combined \$64,961.94 in forfeitures and a potential of \$74,650.51 in seizures for the agencies they operate under. These funds can be used to sustain task force activities after grant funds have expired.

Table 3: Drug Task Force Property Seizures

Task Force	Seized Funds	Forfeited Funds	Value of Seized Vehicles	Forfeited Vehicles	Seized Weapons	Value of Seized Weapons	Forfeited Weapons
Boundary ^a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,230.00	\$23,995.00	1	\$900.00	\$0.00
Sundance	\$41,528.07	\$60,905.28	\$143,500.00	\$0.00	22	\$4,350.00	\$0.00
Mini-Cassia	\$13,977.78	\$1,411.00	\$75,150.00	\$9,100.00	18	\$4,150.00	\$0.00
Bear River	\$19,144.66	\$2,645.66	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	7	\$300.00	\$100.00
	\$74,650.51	\$64,961.94	\$258,180.00	\$36,395.00	48	\$9,700.00	\$100.00

a. July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006

Table 4 displays each task force's drug seizures. The total reported street value represents local market value and includes all drugs seized by Byrne-JAG funded task forces. Local market value is highly subjective and set by the local agency based on several factors such as quality, types, size of plants, etc. The range of street market value of marijuana in grams is about \$2 to \$12, with \$7 being the average cost per gram. The street market value of marijuana plants ranges from \$100 to \$2,500, with an average cost per plant of \$1,394. Methamphetamine ranges in street value from \$10 a gram to \$294 a gram, with an average cost per gram of \$149.

Table 4: Drug Task Force Drug Seizures

Task Force	Marijuana Amount Seized (g)	Marijuana Street Value	Marijuana Plants Seized	Marijuana Plant Street Value	Meth Amount Seized (g)	Meth Street Value	Meth Labs
Boundary ^a	191	\$120.00	0	\$0.00	34	600.00	0
Sundance	1,588	\$9,500.00	478	\$809,500.00	136	2,775.00	9
Mini-Cassia	9,917	\$83,087.00	315	\$315,000.00	541	138,680.00	0
Bear River	3,129	\$33,205.00	15	\$1,550.00	713	71,423.00	0
	14,825	\$125,912.00 ^b	808	\$1,126,050.00	1,424	\$213,478.00 ^c	9

a. July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. b. Street value for 182.6 grams seized is unknown. c. Street value for 22.6 grams seized is unknown.

Other drugs seized by the task forces included cocaine, mushrooms, other stimulants, and prescription drugs. Combined the task forces seized: 210 grams of cocaine, 41 grams of mushrooms, 18 grams of other stimulants, and 1,531 pills. Furthermore, these task forces seized 334 items of paraphernalia.

Table 5: Other Drug Seizures

Drug	Amount
Cocaine	210 grams
Mushrooms	41 grams
Other stimulant	18 grams
Prescription drugs	1,531 pills
Paraphernalia	334 items

Pills: 1,277 depressants, 7 hydrocodine, 241 opiates, 6 unknown