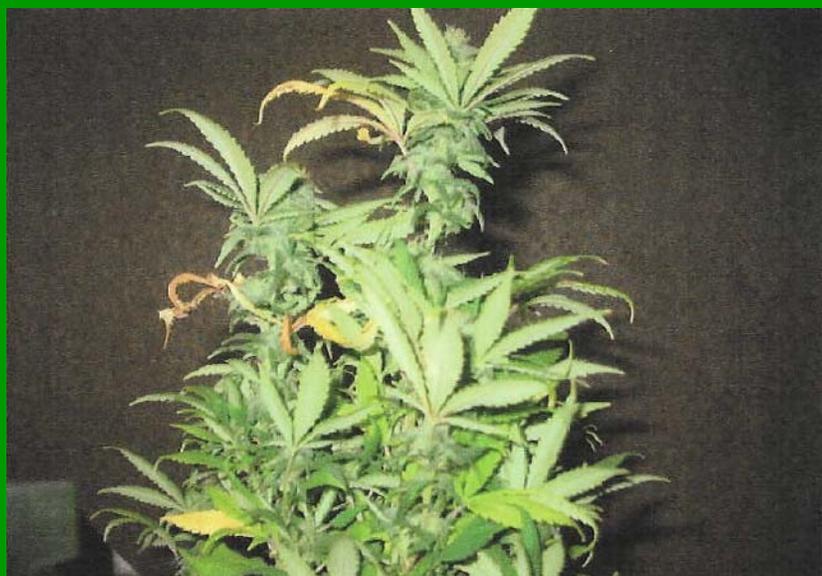


BYRNE SUPPORTED LOCAL TASK FORCES IN IDAHO



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Idaho takes a diversified approach toward the establishment of drug eradication projects within the state. Idaho focuses on three major areas to encompass a more effective approach in dealing with drugs on a local level. These project areas include: Multi-jurisdictional Task Forces, Drug Detection Canine Projects, and Gang and Drug Enforcement. Each project under these three areas attempts to deal with the unique issues their communities face. Twelve of these projects were operating during the Byrne fiscal year 2003 with the aid of \$551,320 in Byrne funds.

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:

- Adult and Juvenile Arrests
- Amount and type of material (guns, money, vehicles) seized and forfeited
- Drug/narcotics purchased by task force
- Drug/narcotics seized by task force
- Clandestine lab seizures.

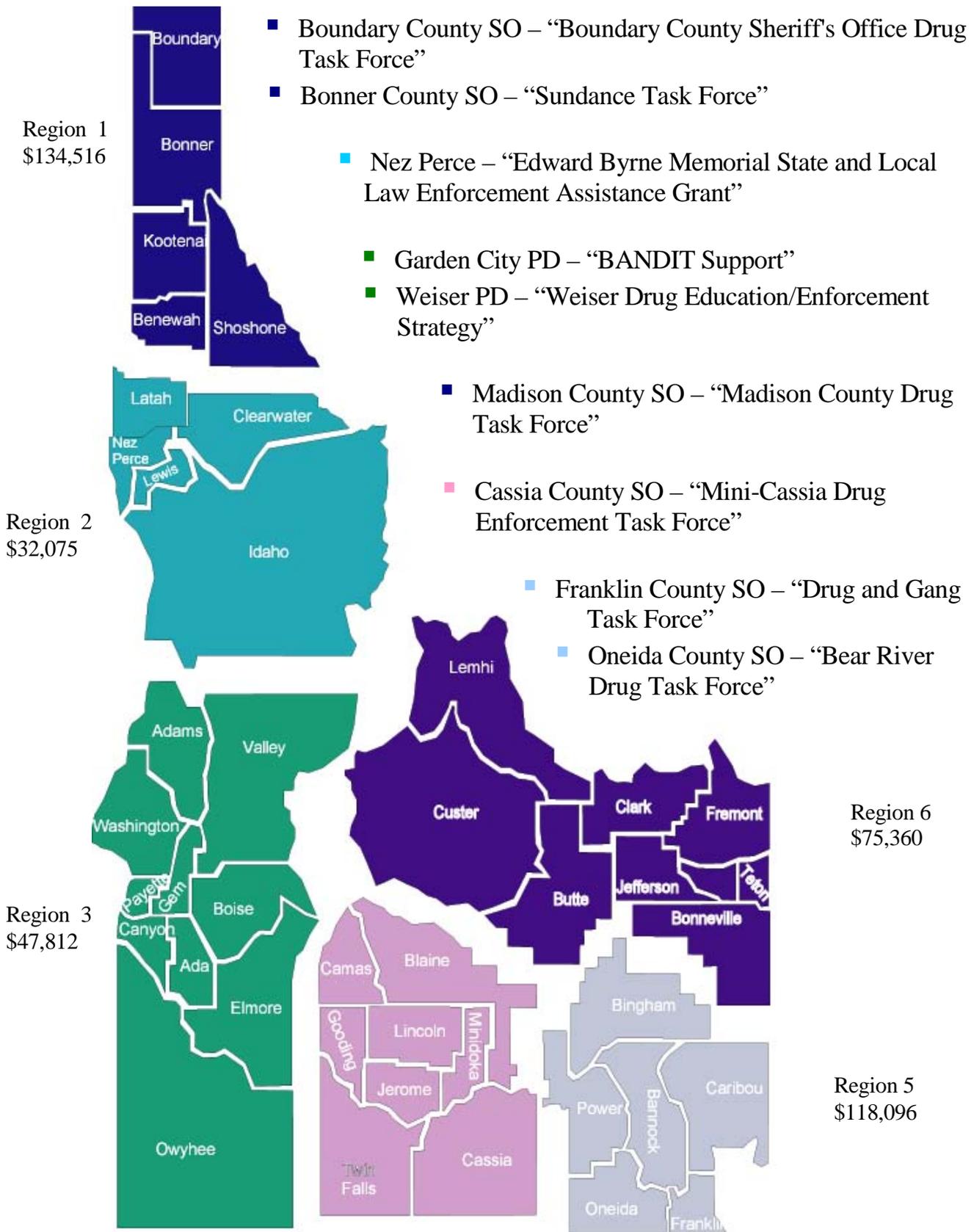
Drug Detection Canine Projects

Drug detection canines have proven to be a useful tool for task forces and law enforcement agencies. Canines are not only used as an attempt to deter and detect crime but are also an integral part of the community policing movement. Canines often act as liaisons between the community and law enforcement through their introduction into schools, businesses and their aid in presentations to the general public.

Each project attempts to deal with issues directly involving their communities from drug eradication programs to school and community education. Byrne funded two drug detection canine projects for FFY03. These projects are the Madison County K-9 project and the Montpelier Police K-9 Project. These two projects received funds totaling \$29,505.

The use of canines has greatly enhanced law enforcement's abilities to seize illegal substances and apprehend drug dealers. Canines are used to search vehicles, buildings, residences, school lockers, and track suspects. They are an important resource for law enforcement, allowing greater access to search items and increasing community relations.

BYRNE Funded Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces



Gang and Drug Enforcement Units/Task Forces

These Units/Task Forces are created to institute activities that will significantly reduce criminal gang and narcotics activity in local communities. A gang and drug unit/task force implements comprehensive plans to patrol neighborhoods; track, document, disseminate information throughout neighboring communities; and provide training on gang awareness to schools, civic groups, law enforcement and the general public.

During the Byrne Grant funding year of 2003, one Gang and Drug Unit/Task force was funded. This Task force was the Franklin County Sheriff's Office's "Drug and Gang Task Force." Franklin County didn't report any gang activity information for this reporting period. Their reported drug enforcement activities are discussed later under Multi-jurisdictional task forces.

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 clearly integrated with the operations of a multi-jurisdictional task force.

Idaho had nine grant funded multi-jurisdictional task force projects operating during the fiscal year 2003. These task forces and agencies are displayed on page 2. Combined, these multi-jurisdictional task forces received \$521,815 from the Byrne Grant. The Byrne Grant funds only one drug task force officer for the Garden City Police Department.

Drug Task Force Seizures

Referring to Table 1, one can see that the nine task forces brought in a combined potential of \$206,817 dollars to the agencies they operate under. If the seizures reported by the task forces became forfeited, then that is a considerable investment per grant dollar. Total Byrne Grant funds for these ten agencies amounts to \$521,815. Thus, for every Byrne Grant dollar spent, these agencies potentially brought in \$0.42. These funds can be used to sustain task force activities after grant funds have expired. In addition, these task forces eradicated a potential street market value of \$8,430,934 in marijuana and methamphetamine.

Table 1: Drug Task Force Arrests and Property Seizures

Agency	Cases Initiated	Adults Arrested	Juveniles Arrested	Seized Funds	Forfeited Funds	Estimated Value of Seized Vehicles	Seized Weapons	Estimated Value of Seized Weapons
Franklin CSO ^a	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weiser PD	9	33	1	-	-	-	-	-
Garden City PD	63	40	-	\$4,521.00	-	-	-	-
Madison CSO	23	9	2	-	\$1,564.00	-	-	-
Oneida CSO	58	86	13	\$3,559.00	-	\$3,000.00	21	\$2,410.00
Cassia CSO	79	59	5	\$7,539.10	-	\$59,300.00	30	\$8,800.00
Boundary CSO	45	19	1	\$761.00	-	\$103,000.00	7	\$1,150.00
Bonner CSO	135	55	-	\$3,077.00	\$2,961.08	\$9,500.00	1	\$100.00
Nez Perce CSO	38	11	-	-	-	-	1	\$100.00
	458	320	22	\$19,457.10	\$4,525.08	\$174,800.00	60	\$12,560.00

a. July 1, 2003 to Dec. 31, 2003.

*Arrests reported by task forces may not represent actual arrests for which the task force can actually take credit, but may represent their participation or assistance in other agencies' drug cases.

Table 2 displays each task forces' drug seizures. The total reported street value represents local market value and includes all drugs seized by Byrne 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 \$1.76 to \$32.52 with an average per gram of \$6.55. The street market value of marijuana plants ranges from \$75.00 to \$2,500 with an average cost per plant of \$2,340.80. The range of street market value of methamphetamine in grams is \$5.00 to \$143.43 with an average cost per gram of \$81.97. Other drugs seized by the task forces included cocaine, mushrooms, heroin, and pills. Combined the task forces seized: 111.98 grams of cocaine, 59.1 grams of mushrooms, 7.71 grams of heroin, and 100 pills.

Table 2: Drug Task Force Drug Seizures

Agency	Marijuana Amount Seized (g)	Marijuana Street Value	Marijuana Plants Seized	Marijuana Plant Street value	Meth Amount seized (g)	Meth Street value	Meth Labs
Franklin CSO ^a	283.5	\$200.00	5	\$0.00	12.00	\$800.00	0
Weiser PD	102.1	\$725.00	0	\$0.00	9.00	\$60.00	0
Garden City PD	3,431.1	\$34,319.00	14	\$28,000.00	322.70	\$32,300.00	2
Madison CSO	0.0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	43.13	\$0.00	0
Oneida CSO	3,767.2	\$9,945.00	32	\$10,150.00	120.55	\$12,450.00	1
Cassia CSO	707.6	\$1,940.00	0	\$0.00	183.20	\$12,660.00	0
Boundary CSO	153,649.0	\$1,608,350.00	18	\$30,000.00	0.00	\$0.00	0
Bonner CSO	328,833.9	\$1,557,755.00	2,157	\$5,149,500.00	44.53	\$1,900.00	10
Nez Perce CSO	6.0	\$50.00	3	\$0.00	4.40	\$350.00	0
	490,780	\$3,213,284.00^b	2,229	\$5,217,650^c	740	\$60,520^d	13

a. Only includes information from July 1, 2003 to Dec.31, 2003

b. Street value for 176.6 grams seized is unknown.

c. Street value for 3 plants is unknown.

d. Street value for 47.1 grams seized is unknown.

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This year's task forces were very productive in their seizures of marijuana, as compared to the last reporting period (see Chart 1). However, the amount of marijuana seized between July 2003 and June 2004 is largely attributable to the Boundary and Bonner County Sheriff's Offices. The amount of methamphetamine and clandestine labs seized has steadily decreased every year.

