

Prevention/Treatment Initiative

Drug Affected Neighborhoods (DAN) Initiative Update

When last featured in this column, the Drug Affected Neighborhoods (DAN) Initiative was establishing itself within the White Center-Delridge community, an area highly impacted by drug use and trafficking that includes neighborhoods located in both the City of Seattle and unincorporated King County. Implemented under the auspices of the ONDCP Major Cities Initiative, the DAN projects entail law enforcement, prevention and treatment activities designed to support local approaches that address drug use and trafficking using proven techniques, based on informative data and promoting coordination.

...DAN Initiative successes include **Reduced Crime Rates...**

Since that time, the DAN Initiative has facilitated several successes in the community, including reduced crime rates, enhanced community-based services and increased resources. And, in keeping with the original concept and design of the Initiative, such success has allowed the agencies collaborating in the DAN Initiative to consider transitioning to another drug affected neighborhood within the city. Thus, the Northwest HIDTA, in consultation with the Office of the Mayor, the Seattle Police Department and the Seattle Neighborhood Group, will in 2006 begin focusing the DAN Initiative on Seattle's Capitol Hill community.

In preparation for this transition, the Northwest HIDTA has conducted and recently distributed a Capitol Hill Threat Assessment. Among the many interesting aspects of the community, including a diverse socio-economic and ethnic environment, the report documents the presence of at least three open-air drug markets, each contributing to related criminal activity and a deterioration in civility and neighborhood cohesion. A concurrent diminishing of the retail and commercial community is also noted and, although long dominated by crack cocaine and heroin, an increase in the availability, trafficking and use of methamphetamine is cited as a primary concern.

Steps have already been taken on behalf of the DAN Initiative to address these concerns. Federal and local law enforcement resources have been devoted to the area and efforts directed at public education and mobilization are being implemented. These efforts will kick off in January with a breakfast for area retailers provided by the Washington Meth Watch program in collaboration with the Washington State Meth Initiative, the DEA, the Seattle Neighborhood Group, the Safeway Corporation and the Northwest HIDTA. This event will be followed by a series of briefing and presentations to local civic and community groups such as the Capitol Hill Community Council, the Broadway Business Improvement Association and Seattle Central Community College. And further into 2006, the DAN Initiative partner organizations will pursue resource enhancements and community-based service opportunities.

The DAN Initiative looks forward over the next several years to accomplishing goals on Capitol Hill similar to those realized for the White Center-Delridge community. The progress and achievements of the DAN Initiative will be updated in the Northwest HIDTA Newsletter and this column; for additional information on this and other Prevention/Treatment projects, Steve Freng can be contacted at 206.352.3603 and [sfreg@nw.hidta.org](mailto:sfreg@nw.hidta.org).

# Update

## 2006 Scheduled Training Classes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Location/Provider</u>
January 23-25 2006	Financial Investigative Techniques	CJTC/MCTC
February 6-8 2006	Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement	CJTC/MCTC
February 27 –March 3 2006	Interview and Interrogation	Richland PD/MCTC
March 26 2006	**Pharmaceutical Drug Investigations	TBD/MCTFT**
March 27-29 2006	Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement	Richland PD/MCTC
April 10-14 2006	Interview & Interrogation	CJTC/MCTC
May 8-10 2006	Informant Development	CJTC/MCTC
May 22-26 2006	High Risk Event Planning	Richland PD/MCTC
September 13-15 2006	Video Techniques for LE	Richland PD/MCTC
TBD	Introduction to Intelligence for LE	Cowlitz Co/MCTC
TBD	Highway Drug Investigations for Patrol	Puyallup/MCTC
TBD	Drug Unit Supervisor	TBD/MCTC
TBD	U/C Ops	TBD/MCTC
TBD	Clan Lab Investigator Certification	TBD/MCTC

## Information/Safety Bulletins

09/28/05DHS Web-based Training Opportunities	FYI
10/25/05Advanced Clandestine Lab Training	Training
10/25/05Request for Assistance - Arizona	RA
10/25/05Escapes - Oklahoma	FYI
11/02/05Liquid Meth	SB
11/16/05Concealment - Keyless Entry Remote	SB
11/16/05Concealment - Weapon Wallet	SB
12/06/05Incendiary Device - Nevada	SB
12/12/05Request for Assistance - Graffiti	RA
12/14/05Adapter for Plastic Flare Gun	SB
12/14/05Suspects in Double Homicide	FYI
12/14/05Request for Assistance – Texas AG	RA

FYI = For Your Information

TRAINING = Available Training Scheduled

RA = Request for Assistance

SB = Safety Bulletin

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