



# COUNTER DRUG

*Making a difference through deterrence and interdiction*

## Elements

### Law Enforcement Support

In fiscal year 2008, the New York Counterdrug Program *supported* law enforcement agencies in the:

- Seizure of illegal drugs with an estimated street value over \$63 million dollars
- Seasonal Eradication flights seizing over \$22 million dollars worth of Marijuana with OH-58 helicopters
- Seizure of over \$12 million dollars worth of Cocaine
- Removal of over 475 weapons off New York's streets

### Technical Support

- IONSCAN and Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System used to locate drugs and weapons hidden in vehicles
- RC-26B and OH58 aircraft used in aerial reconnaissance

### Drug Demand Reduction

- Focuses on educating New Yorkers about the dangers of drugs; specifically teaching children and teens about making positive life choices
- Reached out to more than 47,724 youths and adults through after-school programs, summer camps, in-school and mentorship programs run by the New York National Guard

### Substance Abuse Program

- All NG members are subject to random, unannounced urinalysis testing
- Prevention Treatment and Outreach provides a resource for drug and alcohol

**Counterdrug Mission:** The National Guard Counterdrug Task Force conducts a full spectrum campaign that bridges the gap between the Department of Defense (DoD) and non-DoD institutions in the fight against illicit drugs and transnational threats to the Homeland. The Counterdrug Program is the military supporting all levels of government, including DoD, law enforcement and community-based Counterdrug operations to anticipate, prevent, deter and defeat those threats in order to enhance national security and protect our society.

**Overview:** The New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (NYNG CDTF) is part of the national drug control strategy. Initially authorized by the President and Congress in 1989, the Department of Defense provides funds on a yearly basis to state governors who submit plans specifying the usage of each state's National Guard to support drug interdiction and Counterdrug activities.

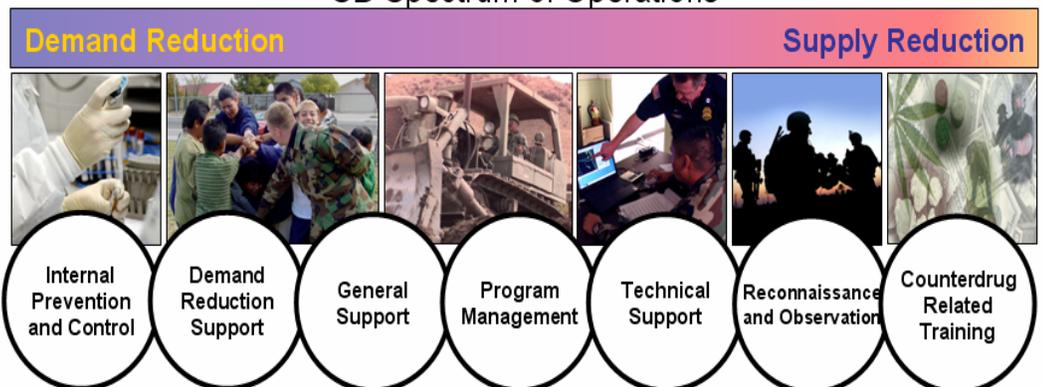
The NYNG CDTF brings three unique qualities to the Counterdrug fight - trained Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen with unique military skills and equipment, legal status as a state militia, and ties to the local communities where National Guardsmen and women live and serve.

Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen in the NYNG CDTF are some of the most highly-trained men and women in the National Guard. These dedicated Soldiers and Airmen will persist in their dedicated efforts to support their communities in the fight against drugs.

*“Trained Soldiers and Airmen with unique military skills and equipment make the National Guard an ideal leader in America’s fight against drugs.”*

*~LTG H Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau*

## CD Spectrum of Operations



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