

Police Department

LOB #204:

ORGANIZED CRIME AND NARCOTICS DIVISION

Purpose

The Organized Crime and Narcotics Division (OCN) includes the Narcotics, Street Crimes, and Money Laundering Units. These entities have the primary departmental responsibility for the investigation and enforcement of activities involving organized crime in narcotics, money laundering, gambling, prostitution, pornography and violations of the Drug Control Act.

Description

The Narcotics Section has as its primary responsibility follow-up and long-term investigations in narcotic cases. The Street Crimes Unit has as its primary responsibility combating street level narcotics, vice activity, and any crimes associated with those activities. The Money Laundering Unit's (MLU) primary mission within OCN is to target upper level illegal drug dealers, panderers, illegal gambling, and criminal organizations. The goal of MLU is to seek out and identify illicit funds and property derived by criminals and to successfully seize those illegal proceeds.

Benefits

The benefits of the various units within OCN are to conduct investigations with the purpose of arresting drug dealers and seizing assets acquired through illegal means. Investigations range from arresting street-level dealers, shutting down crack houses, identifying heroin traffickers, and arresting multi-kilogram level illegal narcotics dealers.

OCN initiates investigations based on information received from a variety of sources, including: street officers, community members, confidential informants and other law enforcement agencies.

Through education and outreach initiatives, OCN members provide these invaluable resources to other law enforcement agencies and to members of the community.

Mandates

This LOB is mandated by State Law and County Code. It is also essential for Maintaining Safe and Caring Communities, Public Safety and Illicit Drug Enforcement and Prevention.

Trends and Challenges

As with ever changing technology, members of OCN seek to improve the depth and quality of their investigations, develop a capability to investigate synthetic drugs available on the "Dark Net"; such as the 2013 "Silk Road" case, as well as illegal virtual currency also driven by the dark net. OCN resources will continue to vigorously pursue and investigate heroin related non-fatal and fatal overdoses. In order to meet the service needs of the community and Department, OCN continually strives to fully staff the division, train new personnel and improve safety practices.

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FIGURE 6: (U//FOUO) 2013 - 2014 POLICE REPORTING ON HEROIN FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA*

Jurisdiction	2013			2014		
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Total
Alexandria	2	3	5	1	2	3
Arlington County	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	6	7
Fairfax City	1	2	3	1	4	5
Fairfax County	9	32	41	17	58	75
Falls Church	0	0	0	0	1	1
Herndon	1	1	2	0	1	1
Leesburg	1	1	2	1	4	5
Loudoun County	6	12	18	11	20	31
Manassas	0	5	5	3	7	10
Manassas Park	1	0	1	2	2	4
Prince William County	2	7	9	8	25	33
Vienna	0	0	0	0	0	0

"Silk Road," an anonymous Internet marketplace for illegal drugs like heroin and cocaine and criminal activities such as murder for hire.

"Silk Road has emerged as the most sophisticated and extensive criminal marketplace on the Internet today," FBI agent Christopher Tarbell said in the criminal complaint.

The site was used by "several thousand drug dealers" to sell hundreds of kilograms of illegal drugs.

The site, which has operated since early 2011, also offered tutorials on hacking ATM machines, contact lists for black market connections and counterfeiters, and guns and hit men for sale.

Reuters – Oct 2, 2013

Resources

Category	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Adopted
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FUNDING			
Expenditures:			
Compensation	\$4,130,043	\$4,003,966	\$4,326,958
Operating Expenses	409,277	577,003	426,935
Total Expenditures	\$4,539,320	\$4,580,969	\$4,753,893
General Fund Revenue	\$135,971	\$46,581	\$0
Net Cost/(Savings) to General Fund	\$4,403,349	\$4,534,388	\$4,753,893
POSITIONS			
Authorized Positions/Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)			
Positions:			
Regular	43 / 43	43 / 43	43 / 43
Total Positions	43 / 43	43 / 43	43 / 43

Metrics

Metric Indicator	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Estimate
Heroin Related Incidents in Fairfax County	41	75	79	83	83

One of this LOBs primary objectives is to reduce/eliminate the number of fatal and non-fatal incidents involving heroin. The number of incidents increased significantly in FY 2014 and efforts continue to stabilize and eventually reduce this number.