
OPNET Drug Fund

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Olympic Peninsula Narcotics Enforcement Team is to target drug violators that have an impact on our communities and to reduce drug availability and trafficking in Washington State and Clallam County and Jefferson County, thereby improving the quality of life in our area of responsibility.

Functions:

- Identify, target, investigate and arrest drug traffickers for maximum impact of reducing drugs imported into our community.
- Respond to the needs of policy board member agencies not limited to drug investigations. Although our focus is narcotics and organized crime investigations, OPNET can and will provide equipment, technical assistance and experienced investigators to assist in the investigation of any major crime to those who request it.
- Maintain communication with all law enforcement agencies within our geographic area by providing a central intelligence collection location for drug trafficking and other crime incident information.
- Provide training to all peace officers who aspire to become investigators not limited to narcotics.
- Work with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement on international border security issues as they relate to smuggling and Homeland Security.
- Provide experienced investigators for public appearances to inform the community of the dangers of illicit drugs with an emphasis on clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

Long Term Goals:

- Investigate, dismantle and prosecute drug trafficking organizations operating in our area of responsibility.
- Work with our communities to make them aware of OPNET and its mission through public presentations, presentations, successful completion of high profile cases and being available to assist all local agencies with major investigations.
- Assist local agencies and their officers in drug related investigations through training of street officers, making OPNET detectives available for assistance and by providing technical equipment to help with surveillance or other matters.
- Continue to enhance the safety of officers and investigators assigned to this unit by providing regular training.
- Increase the safety of our community by reducing drug-related crime and violence through proactive narcotics enforcement cases.
- Work with Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies to protect our shores from the introduction of illegal drugs from other nations.
- Identify sources of funding that are sustainable for the continuation of the program.

Short Term Objectives:

- Successful prosecution of pending cases.
- Continue the established communication with member agencies including Jefferson County, Clallam County, Port Angeles Police, Sequim Police, and the Washington State Patrol and extend this communication to non-participatory jurisdictions.
- Make special efforts to impact drug availability to area Native American Communities.
- Conduct regular public appearances to acquaint citizens with the OPNET presence and the important role it plays in area law enforcement services.
- Identify the structure of drug trafficking organizations in Clallam and Jefferson Counties through intelligence reports received from officers and citizens in those communities for analytical direction and the identification of legitimate targets.
- Establish monthly in-service training in a variety of subject matters not limited to tactical issues.
- Continue development of a public accessible web page for citizens to visit to learn about the OPNET program and receive information about illegal drugs in our neighborhoods.
- Aggressively apply for funding to continue the OPNET program.
- Increase the number of intelligence report submission from patrol divisions of participating agencies.

Accomplishments in 2008:

- OPNET continued to work with local tribal entities to investigate drug cases influencing tribal lands.
- Added an investigator from the United States Border Patrol. This full time position has served to maintain a close and efficient relationship between this federal agency and OPNET and, in turn local jurisdictions.
- The OPNET Policy Board established regular productive business meetings. Sequim Police Chief Bob Spinks, chair of the OPNET policy board, stepped down due to an influx of duties received while acting as Sequim City Manager. Clallam County Sheriff Bill Benedict was elected as chair to take Chief Spinks' vacancy.
- Agents of OPNET attended Project Northstar, a multi national conference of drug investigators representing federal and local agencies from the United States and Canada.
- Continued to make regular public presentations, educating public and law enforcement alike in trends in drug abuse and the OPNET mission.

Major Events in 2007

- In June of 2007, OPNET, working with numerous interstate and federal agencies, dismantled a significant marijuana grow drug trafficking organization operating in several areas of Washington and Oregon. This investigation resulted in several federal arrests and real property seizures with intended forfeitures.
- In August of 2007, OPNET, working with numerous local, state and federal agencies dismantled a major methamphetamine drug trafficking organization. The arrests and culmination of this case resulted in a significant reduction in meth availability in Thurston, Grays Harbor, Clallam and Jefferson Counties. The case also resulted in the seizure of several pounds of meth, a vehicle, almost \$40,000 in cash and a house.
- In 2008, OPNET successfully forfeited a seized residence, valued at \$750,000 currently on the market.

- OPNET, working with the Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, created a more efficient system to track and hold forfeiture proceedings to ensure these cases are conducted in a timely manner.
- In July of 2008, OPNET established monthly training with a tactical class given by Washington State Patrol SWAT personnel. This training was a keystone for 30 area officers representing eight agencies from Clallam and Jefferson Counties.
- Re-established the 80 hour cross training program where officers of area agencies may participate as OPNET detectives following an intense on-the-job curriculum. During this period the officer is subjected to detective skills and duties such as surveillance, informant handling, major case presentation, search warrant authoring and service, technical equipment and more. At least 8 personnel were trained in the first half of 2008.

Performance Indicators:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Goals
Arrests	19	59	21	45
Convictions	7	19	17	25
Pending Prosecution	49	39	2	-0-
Conviction Rate	63%	87.6%	85.5%	90%

Workload Indicators:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Estimated
Intelligence Reports Processed	448	556	396	500
Total Cases Investigated included other agency assists and unfounded crimes	22	43	17	60
Public Presentations	20	24	6	30

Staffing Level:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	2.50	2	2	1

Operating Budget

Revenues:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	331,422	164,802	168,709	471,822
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	113,171	228,204	48,094	100,626
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	67,636	145,160	72,933	95,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	12,412	9,499	7,894	110,300
Nonrevenues	6,858	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$531,499	\$547,665	\$297,630	\$777,748

Expenditures:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Budget
Salaries and Wages	100,889	100,738	34,398	36,220
Personnel Benefits	18,441	32,722	12,468	14,316
Supplies	12,085	22,825	8,712	25,500
Other Services and Charges	55,805	69,442	42,750	86,550
Intergovernmental Services	98,642	98,882	69,232	87,652
Interfund Payments for Services	80,837	66,799	38,608	259,779
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	5,500
Ending Fund Balance	164,800	156,257	91,462	262,231
TOTAL	\$531,499	\$547,665	\$297,630	\$777,748

Agency Structure:

OPNET is led by a policy board made up of local law enforcement division heads. This includes Chiefs, Sheriffs and Prosecutors from each jurisdiction in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Included in the policy board, is representation from area Native American Reservations, Washington State Patrol, and Dept. of Homeland Security. The Policy Board meets to make business decisions, budget recommendations and policy making determinations.

Below the Policy Board is the OPNET Task Force Commander. The Commander is the liaison between the OPNET staff and the Policy Board and is responsible for grant coordination / writing and other administrative duties.

OPNET is currently supervised by a Det. Sgt. from the Port Angeles Police Dept. He supervises the assigned detectives of this narcotics unit which are supplied by Sequim Police, Washington State Patrol, Clallam County Sheriff and the Lower Elwha Tribal Police Dept. Other participating agencies on a periodic basis are the US Coast Guard Investigative Service, National Park Service, Forks Police Department, Jefferson Co. Sheriff, and the Port Townsend Police Department. Many Federal agencies also participate in the program including the U.S. Border Patrol who has a full time presence in the program as of 2008.