

Northeast Counterdrug Training Center

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NCTC's NEW OPIOID AWARENESS COURSES

In the midst of one of the worst drug epidemics our nation has faced, NCTC has brought its efforts to the fight on opioid addiction. NCTC currently offers three separate courses that extend beyond our typical law enforcement audience and into the schools and communities throughout Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

The Opioid Awareness Seminar (OAS) is a 60 minute training that is designed for schools and other community organizations to provide them with a general overview of the opioid epidemic in their region. Opioid Threat in the Community (OTC) is a six-hour course that thoroughly breaks down and analyzes the epidemic as a whole and provides strategies to help combat the epidemic at a local level. This year, NCTC has also become an approved provider through the State of Pennsylvania to facilitate a hands-on Naloxone Administration Training (NAT).

Organizations can choose between two different one-hour trainings depending on their target audience. NCTC offers NAT for First Responders and for Potential Bystanders.



Since March of 2017, NCTC has trained more than 4,000 students from 36 different school districts, three colleges, 18 community organizations and numerous law enforcement entities on the current opioid epidemic.

Opioid Awareness Course Feedback:

"The class was very eye opening. While I know opioid use and addiction is very prevalent, the statistics are staggering. I thought the presentation was very good and the instructor was excellent!"

"This training really helped me understand the current causes for the epidemic and how this may be impacting students and their families."

"I think this training was an eye opener and very informative. Thanks!! Great job!!"

"I found this to be fascinating and enlightening."

"Very informative and powerful presentation. The presenter was knowledgeable and delivered a very educational presentation."

"Tremendous job. Learned a ton. Best in-service I've been at in my 20 years of teaching"

NCTC BY THE NUMBERS Fiscal Year 2018



11,837 Students trained



304 Course iterations of
37 different courses



25 Resident courses



105 Training supports



129 Exported courses, within
29 different states

HIGH RISK ENTRY FACILITY

The High Risk Entry Facility (HREF) is as busy as ever facilitating the training of 36 agencies and 598 law enforcement officers. Advanced Narcotic Operations (ANO) is the newest course held at the HREF. It is the next phase of training for the Tactics for Narcotic Warrants course and has become a popular course offered by NCTC. The ANO course is intended to expand and refine the tactical skills of a narcotic operator, investigator and undercover officer. With the use of the HREF and the compartment cars, the students learn tactical theories and live-fire drills in the classroom and through scenario-based training. These teachings enhance muscle memory on skills to safely adapt and respond to traffic stops, vehicle takedowns, undercover usage, and the safety of extracting an undercover agent.



TOP GUN

NCTC hosted the annual Maryland and Pennsylvania Top Gun courses in April and May. More than 200 students and 60 subject-matter-expert instructors participated in the two training events. Top Gun is a drug enforcement training program designed for the investigators and prosecutors with 0-5 years experience. The course highlights various stages of a typical drug investigation from the time the initial information is received, through the resulting search warrants. The courses are built around undercover drug investigations in a straight forward, fast-paced, fact-finding and decision making scenario. It utilizes workshop, lecture and skill building exercises to train officers.

NCTC has partnered with Massachusetts Counterdrug Joint Task Force to stand up their state's first Top Gun training to be held at Camp Edward, MA, 16-22 September 2018. NCTC would like to thank all who participated in the coordination and planning for this event to include Maryland and Pennsylvania Top Gun instructors, Massachusetts State Police and District Attorney's Office.

\$3.7 Million of Heroin & Meth Seized during Traffic Stop

After attending NCTC course Vehicle Interdiction (Commercial), four members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol conducted a traffic stop on a commercial box truck. The information learned from the NCTC course on possible criminal indicators and interview techniques were used during the traffic stop to detect deceptive behavior.



Photo: Ohio State Highway Patrol

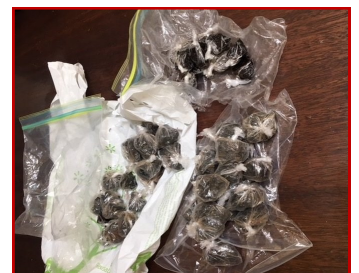
Troopers became suspicious and delved deeper into the traffic stop to question the driver. Troopers found several inconsistencies during the traffic stop and called for a K9 free air sniff. A probable cause search was warranted after the K9 alerted troopers.

Troopers seized a combined 110 pounds of heroin and methamphetamines. The drugs had a street value of nearly \$3.7 million. The suspect is charged with possession of a controlled substance and trafficking in drugs. The Drug Enforcement Administration is currently taking this case to the federal level and more arrests will be forthcoming from the investigation.

Hidden Compartment Uncovers Tar Heroin

A month after attending NCTC's Vehicle Interdiction (Passenger) course, Special Agents with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force were able to use the techniques learned from the course to uncover hidden compartments during a car search in Eureka, Ca. Agents found approximately two pounds of tar heroin packaged for sale.

"I went to work on the front seat and noticed the bolts that hold the seat down were finger tight and had lots of missing paint. We removed the seat and I could feel the back portion [by the back pocket] was hard and not soft. Then I could see grease prints around the back of the seat and a slight opening where the plastic was sealed," NCTC law enforcement student explained.



Photos: Andrew Goff

