

Counterdrug Training

In addition to intelligence products and document exploitation, NDIC provides training to the law enforcement and intelligence communities. NDIC funds and coordinates the Multiagency Course, an intensive 1-week, entry-level drug intelligence analysis course with instructor support from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), National Guard, National Security Agency (NSA), and Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). This course provides an overview of counterdrug intelligence analysis, introduces students to basic analytical tools and techniques, and allows students to apply newly acquired skills to a comprehensive practical exercise involving charting, analysis, and presentation.

Our Customers

NDIC supports the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), a component of the Executive Office of the President, by preparing assessments and providing briefs addressing drug issues of national concern. NDIC also provides analytical support to the ONDCP-designated HIDTAs to assist the HIDTAs in preparing their regional drug threat assessments.

NDIC has prepared assessments, provided briefings, and conducted document and computer exploitation missions for the Director of National Intelligence, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, FBI, DEA, U.S. Attorneys Offices, and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

Our People

Our workforce includes more than 120 analysts with extensive education, training, and experience. They are assisted by detailees from the Department of Defense, DEA, FBI, and Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). Our analysts represent diverse fields of study with a number having foreign language capabilities; most have at least a baccalaureate degree, and more than a quarter have advanced degrees.

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About NDIC

The National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) was established by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1993 (Public Law 102-396) signed into law on October 6, 1992. Placed under the direction and control of the Attorney General, NDIC was established to “coordinate and consolidate drug intelligence from all national security and law enforcement agencies, and produce information regarding the structure, membership, finances, communications, and activities of drug trafficking organizations.”

Initially staffed and administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), NDIC opened its doors in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on August 9, 1993. In February 1998 NDIC became an independent component of the U.S. Department of Justice and now employs more than 340 federal employees and contract personnel. NDIC is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the U.S. Attorney General. The current Director of NDIC is Michael F. Walther.

Our Mission

The mission of NDIC is to provide strategic drug-related intelligence, document and computer exploitation support, and training assistance to the drug control, public health, law enforcement, and intelligence communities of the United States in order to reduce the adverse effects of drug trafficking, drug abuse, and other drug-related criminal activity.

Our Work

NDIC supports national-level policymakers and the Intelligence Community by preparing strategic analytical studies on the trafficking of illegal drugs and on related illegal activities that pose a threat to the national security of the United States. In addition, NDIC partners with the Department of Homeland Security Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement to provide critical intelligence to identify, track, and sever the nexus between drug trafficking and terrorism. NDIC also produces strategic money laundering reports that help policymakers and senior law enforcement decisionmakers implement national-level

anti-money laundering initiatives. NDIC reports address the methods wholesale-level traffickers use to launder drug proceeds. NDIC supports the National Money Laundering Threat Assessment and the National Money Laundering Strategy—interagency projects that enhance the nation’s ability to counter international money laundering.

NDIC studies feature our ability to identify, collect, organize, and analyze large amounts of information and intelligence. To accomplish this, NDIC accesses commercial and governmental databases and uses available technology to search for and extract useful information. NDIC also uses technology developed in-house to reveal patterns in the information contained in records seized by law enforcement agencies during drug investigations and subsequent prosecutions.

The preparation of analytical studies would not be possible without securing the most basic of raw materials used in the analytical process—information. NDIC obtains information from a diverse array of activities that include directly surveying local and state law enforcement agencies; obtaining information from other federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies; and extracting information from documents and electronic media seized by law enforcement agencies and prosecutors. NDIC also uses open-source information from news providers and public health agencies.

Intelligence Products

NDIC intelligence reports provide policymakers and counterdrug executives with timely, predictive reports of the threat posed by illicit drugs in the United States. These products address policymaker needs at the national, state, local, and tribal levels. To view current unclassified publications produced by NDIC, visit our Internet web site, www.usdoj.gov/ndic/products.htm.

The **National Drug Threat Assessment** is a comprehensive annual report on national drug trafficking and abuse trends within the United States. This interagency assessment provides a strategic overview and predictive outlook of the threat to the United States

from the illicit trafficking and use of cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, heroin, pharmaceutical drugs, and other dangerous drugs.

Regional Drug Threat Assessments provide strategic overviews of the drug situations in Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) regions.

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Drug Market Analyses provide strategic overviews of the illicit drug situation in the HIDTAs, highlighting significant trends and law enforcement concerns relating to the trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs.

Information Bulletins address specific drug-related threats identified through our contacts with local, state, regional, and federal agencies.

Situation Reports inform law enforcement personnel about significant findings regarding the trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs.

The Counternarcotics Publications Quarterly is an index that provides titles and abstracts of reports, papers, and studies of interest to the counterdrug community.

Document and Media Exploitation (DOMEX)

NDIC provides real-time support to the law enforcement and intelligence communities by conducting document and media exploitation of materials associated with counterdrug and counterterrorism investigations. NDIC has developed a unique methodology that allows analysts to quickly organize and assimilate important information in documents and electronic media seized during drug raids. By using this methodology and the Real-time Analytical Intelligence Database (RAID) and HashKeeper software, which were developed in-house, our analysts can organize and assimilate significant amounts of evidence to reveal associations, assets, and methods of drug traffickers to assist criminal investigations and prosecutions. The information is also used to help NDIC analysts better understand the trafficking of drugs in the United States.