

**UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
DOMESTIC CANNABIS ERADICATION/SUPPRESSION PROGRAM**

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**FLORIDA'S OUTDOOR DOMESTIC MARIJUANA
ERADICATION PROGRAM**



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INTRODUCTION

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP), commonly referred to and recognized as Florida's Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program (DME), is a two-part program divided into Outdoor and Indoor (Investigations) Grow Operations. The Outdoor Grow Operation is overseen, administered and reported on by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Office of Agriculture Law Enforcement (OALE). The Indoor Grow Operation is overseen, administered and reported on by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The DME Outdoor Grow Operation is a voluntary program offered to local agencies through OALE. Each year, DEA allocates funds to OALE which are then dispersed to local law enforcement agencies for training and reimbursement for outdoor grow investigations. For 2007, OALE received a grant of \$150,000 for the program. This 2007 Annual Report reflects information provided by 46 different law enforcement agencies representing 42 counties, including 38 sheriff offices, 6 municipal law enforcement agencies, and 2 federal/state agencies. Requests for reimbursements for eradication expenses were received from 37 local law enforcement agencies totaling \$117,461.81 and disbursements to those agencies totaled \$99,098.75.

In addition to its role as the Administrator of Florida's DME Outdoor Grow Operations, OALE along with DEA, FDLE and the Florida National Guard (FNG) offered seven orientation meetings to Florida law enforcement officers involved in the eradication of domestically grown marijuana. These orientations were held April 2007 in Tallahassee, Santa Rosa Beach, Gainesville, Davie, Punta Gorda, Bartow, and Winter Park.

Utilizing the federal funds which support Florida's DME Program, OALE offered an in-depth, 32 hour Outdoor Investigations/Spotter School to local and state law enforcement agencies. As a result, 32 local, state and federal law enforcement officers received valuable training at no cost to their agency. OALE expended \$37,130.16 in training-related expenses during 2007.

2007 OUTDOOR GROW ACTIVITIES

While seizures of marijuana from Outdoor Grow Operations in 2007 were less than those reported in 2006, outdoor cultivation continues to be problematic in the state.

Outdoor Grow cultivators continue to develop schemes to avoid detection by law enforcement. Local law enforcement agencies in 42 of Florida's 67 counties reported the detection and eradication of 263 Outdoor Grow sites, which resulted in the eradication of 9,116 marijuana plants. In addition, local law enforcement reported the arrest and prosecution of 107 cultivators, the seizure of 13 firearms, and asset seizures totaling \$261,071. Holmes County led the state in marijuana plants eradicated with 1,627 reported and Santa Rosa County ranked second with 1,580 plants reported.

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2007 OUTDOOR STATISTICS BY COUNTY

COUNTY*	GROW SITES	PLANTS ERADICATED	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED
ALACHUA	7	579	7	1
BAKER	4	67	1	0
BAY	7	932	2	0
BRADFORD	0	0	0	0
BREVARD*	1	110	0	0
BROWARD	1	1	1	0
CALHOUN*	2	5	0	0
CHARLOTTE*	2	0	0	0
CITRUS*	0	0	0	0
CLAY	8	21	1	0
COLLIER	0	0	0	0
COLUMBIA	2	14	1	0
DESOTO*	2	130	2	0
DIXIE*	10	226	4	0
DUVAL	33	112	8	0
ESCAMBIA	0	0	0	0
FLAGLER	0	0	0	0
FRANKLIN	6	90	1	0
GADSDEN*	1	730	1	0
GILCHRIST*	0	0	0	0
GLADES*	0	0	0	0
GULF	1	1	0	0
HAMILTON	0	0	0	0
HARDEE*	0	0	0	0
HENDRY*	1	0	0	0
HERNANDO*	1	2	1	0
HIGHLANDS*	2	17	3	0
HILLSBOROUGH*	6	611	7	0
HOLMES	14	1627	2	0
INDIAN RIVER	0	0	0	0
JACKSON	0	0	0	0
JEFFERSON*	1	0	0	0
LAFAYETTE*	0	0	0	0
LAKE	9	193	5	2
LEE*	0	0	0	0
LEON*	1	18	1	0

COUNTY*	GROW SITES	PLANTS ERADICATED	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED
LEVY*	13	251	9	2
LIBERTY*	1	0	0	0
MADISON	0	0	0	0
MANATEE*	0	0	0	0
MARION*	3	152	3	0
MARTIN	2	23	1	0
MIAMI-DADE	0	0	0	0
MONROE	0	0	0	0
NASSAU	9	91	4	0
OKALOOSA*	9	141	4	2
OKEECHOBEE*	1	4	0	0
ORANGE	0	0	0	0
OSCEOLA*	1	57	1	0
PALM BEACH	0	0	0	0
PASCO*	0	0	0	0
PINELLAS*	13	28	2	0
POLK*	1	0	0	0
PUTNAM	16	127	7	0
ST. JOHNS	0	0	0	0
ST. LUCIE*	0	0	0	0
SANTA ROSA	16	1580	8	2
SARASOTA*	2	2	0	0
SEMINOLE	0	0	0	0
SUMTER*	0	0	0	0
SUWANNEE	3	43	3	0
TAYLOR*	8	38	0	0
UNION	0	0	0	0
VOLUSIA*	10	231	7	0
WAKULLA	2	45	0	0
WALTON	14	488	5	0
WASHINGTON	17	329	5	4
TOTAL	263	9,116	107	13

* Agency was contacted and/or participated in OALE Regional Eradication Missions

2007 REIMBURSEMENT STATISTICS

AGENCY	COUNTY	REIMBURSEMENTS REQUESTED	REIMBURSEMENTS APPROVED
ALACHUA CSO	ALACHUA	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
BAKER CSO	BAKER	\$750.00	\$750.00
BAY CSO	BAY	\$4,150.00	\$4,150.00
BREVARD CSO	BREVARD	\$1,002.00	\$1,002.00
BROWARD CSO	BROWARD	\$230.00	\$230.00
CALHOUN CSO	CALHOUN	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
CHARLOTTE CSO	CHARLOTTE	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
CHIPLEY PD	WASHINGTON	\$250.00	\$250.00
CLAY CSO	CLAY	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
DESOTO CSO	DESOTO	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
DIXIE CSO	DIXIE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
FRANKLIN CSO	FRANKLIN	\$4,712.46	\$2,141.75
GADSDEN CSO	GADSDEN	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
GULF CSO	GULF	\$250.00	\$250.00
HIGHLANDS CSO	HIGHLANDS	\$500.00	\$500.00
HOLMES CSO	HOLMES	\$8,045.00	\$7,795.00
JACKSONVILLE SO	DUVAL	\$8,000.00	\$4,750.00
LAKE CSO	LAKE	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
LEVY CSO	LEVY	\$4,750.00	\$3,500.00
NASSAU CSO	NASSAU	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
NEW SMYRNA BEACH PD	VOLUSIA	\$250.00	\$250.00
OKALOOSA CSO	OKALOOSA	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
OSCEOLA CSO	OSCEOLA	\$7,500.00	\$4,700.00
PINELLAS CSO	PINELLAS	\$500.00	\$500.00
POLK CSO	POLK	\$2,170.00	\$2,170.00
PORT ORANGE PD	VOLUSIA	\$500.00	\$500.00
PUTNAM CSO	PUTNAM	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
SANTA ROSA CSO	SANTA ROSA	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00
SARASOTA CSO	SARASOTA	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00
SUWANNEE CSO	SUWANNEE	\$750.00	\$750.00
TALLAHASSEE PD	LEON	\$250.00	\$250.00
TAYLOR CSO	TAYLOR	\$250.00	\$250.00
WALTON CSO	WALTON	\$13,412.85	\$8,640.00
WASHINGTON CSO	WASHINGTON	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00
FDLE*		\$2,415.00	\$2,415.00
FWCC*		\$15,304.50	\$13,335.00
TOTALS:		\$117,461.81	\$99,098.75

* Reimbursements made to FDLE and FWCC for mission-related helicopter expenses.