

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

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**FLORIDA'S DOMESTIC MARIJUANA  
ERADICATION PROGRAM**



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**2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## INTRODUCTION

Florida's warm climate and wide-ranging rural woodlands provide a fertile environment for criminals to cultivate cannabis plants (marijuana). The eradication of cannabis plants at the source immediately strikes a blow against drug dealing and abuse by reducing the availability of marijuana on the street. Eradicating marijuana before it can be cultivated also increases citizen and officer safety and reduces overall investigative costs.

Through the coordination of the Domestic Marijuana Eradication (DME) Program, federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities have found a cost effective and measurable means to prevent a sizable amount of domestically cultivated marijuana from reaching the street. This is evidenced in the statistical success of Florida's DME Program and its federal counterpart, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP). For over twenty-nine years, the combination of these two programs and the support they have received from federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities has resulted in the detection of over 30,891 illegal grow sites; eradication of over 2.54 million marijuana plants valued at approximately \$4 billion; and, the arrest of over 15,000 cultivators in Florida (historical data provided on page 4).

Since its inception in 1981, the Florida DME Program has set national standards and served as a role model for other states. In addition to being known for its progressive program, Florida's DME Program is also noted for its specialized law enforcement training in the areas of aerial detection and indoor grow investigations.

The Florida DME Program's success is due to its ability to support law enforcement efforts and adapt to the changing culture of the illicit cultivator. The initial Florida DME Program focused primarily on the outdoor cultivation of marijuana. However, due to the success of aerial detection programs and with the increase in Florida's urbanization, the illicit cultivator has expanded indoors. For this reason, the Florida DME Program now supports law enforcement efforts to eradicate both indoor and outdoor marijuana grow sites. In calendar year 2010, both programs were overseen, administered and reported on by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement (OALE).

Additionally, the Florida Legislature passed a law in 2008 which reduced the number of plants needed to be grown in an indoor grow house in order to be charged with trafficking, and strengthened the penalties for certain circumstances. This law went into effect July 1, 2008, and appears to be effective as eradication statistics reported for 2010 are showing a reduction from eradication totals reported in 2008 and 2009.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The DME 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 indoor and outdoor grow investigations. For 2010, OALE received a total of \$450,000.00 in funding for the program. This 2010 Annual Report reflects information provided by 78 different law enforcement agencies representing 57 counties, including 56 sheriff offices, and 22

municipal law enforcement agencies. Requests for reimbursements were received from 77 law enforcement agencies and totaled \$488,782.36, of which only \$440,015.02 was eligible for reimbursement (based on plant counts). Disbursements to those agencies requesting reimbursement totaled \$321,337.48, **which computes to 71% of Florida's DME funds being directly disbursed to law enforcement agencies to help offset their investigation costs.**

Utilizing the federal funds which support Florida's DME Program, OALE sponsored three (3) in-depth 24-hour Indoor Cannabis Investigations Schools, and one 32-hour Outdoor Investigations/Spotter School for law enforcement officers in 2010. A total of **205 law enforcement officers from 30 Sheriff Offices, 26 Police Departments and 2 state agencies** received valuable training at no cost to their agencies. OALE expended \$120,160.87 (**27% of DME funds**) in training-related expenses for law enforcement officers during 2010.

## 2010 GROW ACTIVITIES

In 2010, the reported seizures of marijuana from indoor grow sites continued to outpace seizures from outdoor grow sites. Indoor and outdoor cultivators continue to develop innovative techniques and schemes to avoid detection by law enforcement.

Despite these evasion efforts, county and local law enforcement agencies in 57 of Florida's 67 counties reported the detection and dismantling of 1,139 indoor and outdoor grow sites, resulting in the eradication of 51,366 marijuana plants, 1,047 arrests, and the forfeiture of \$1,180,056.95 in assets.

As in 2009, Miami-Dade continued to lead the state with indoor grow sites (319) and indoor grow plants (15,904). Orange County led the state with outdoor grow sites (41), but Santa Rosa County led the state in outdoor grow plants (847) eradicated in 2010.

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## HISTORICAL DATA

YEAR	GROW SITES	PLANTS ERADICATED	ARRESTS	ESTIMATED VALUE
1981	No Record	48,206	61	\$18.0 Million
1982	341	43,500	149	\$16.3 Million
1983	903	139,707	286	\$52.3 Million
1984	769	106,645	426	\$40.0 Million
1985	1,272	104,281	329	\$39.0 Million
1986	1,332	97,408	333	\$36.5 Million
1987	1,498	96,842	335	\$36.3 Million
1988	1,568	134,794	358	\$50.4 Million
1989	1,153	79,176	259	\$79.1 Million
1990	1,148	92,901	330	\$92.9 Million
1991	1,801	105,066	690	\$105.1 Million
1992	1,893	243,452	784	\$243.4 Million
1993	2,033	145,384	696	\$145.3 Million
1994	1,406	99,862	501	\$99.8 Million
1995	1,260	102,075	437	\$102.0 Million
1996	1,059	96,661	362	\$96.6 Million
1997	1,144	108,178	477	\$108.1 Million
1998	604	55,311	404	\$55.3 Million
1999	573	56,838	466	\$56.8 Million
2000	611	32,219	408	\$32.2 Million
2001	551	28,206	325	\$28.2 Million
2002	550	37,897	347	\$37.8 Million
2003	622	39,427	409	\$39.4 Million
2004	488	28,006	334	\$28.4 Million
2005	668	74,863	498	\$74.8 Million
2006	819	47,665	639	* \$138.6 Million
2007	1,207	83,814	1,078	* \$268.5 Million
2008	1,321	94,700	1,223	* \$287.2 Million
2009	1,158	65,488	1,086	* \$200.9 Million
2010	1,139	51,366	1,047	* \$160.8 Million
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>30,891</b>	<b>2,539,938</b>	<b>15,077</b>	<b>\$4.0 Billion</b>

\*Figures compiled using a base of \$3,500 average per pound for domestic indoor grown marijuana; \$775 average per pound for outdoor grown marijuana, based on average wholesale amounts published in the USDOJ *National Illicit Drug Prices Bulletin - June 2008*.

# 2010 STATISTICS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	INDOOR GROWS				OUTDOOR GROWS			
	SITES	PLANTS	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED	SITES	PLANTS	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED
ALACHUA	9	298	11	0	13	529	12	0
BAKER	0	0	0	0	7	86	4	0
BAY	1	34	2	0	7	159	1	0
BRADFORD	1	71	2	0	3	8	3	0
BREVARD	33	1,545	47	8	2	19	1	0
BROWARD	50	2,616	52	28	2	12	2	0
CALHOUN	0	0	0	0	5	47	0	0
CHARLOTTE	2	247	3	0	0	0	0	0
CITRUS	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAY	13	279	13	8	5	20	2	0
COLLIER	18	1,247	36	6	0	0	0	0
COLUMBIA	3	63	3	0	4	32	3	0
DADE	319	15,904	319	37	1	3	1	0
DESOTO	1	64	2	3	1	1	0	0
DIXIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUVAL	31	2,393	29	5	2	31	1	0
ESCAMBIA	9	205	9	0	7	55	4	0
FLAGLER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRANKLIN	0	0	0	0	2	15	1	0
GADSDEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GILCHRIST	3	24	3	2	3	116	1	0
GLADES	1	84	1	1	0	0	0	0
GULF	2	31	1	0	4	13	0	0
HAMILTON	1	219	1	0	3	29	3	0
HARDEE	6	607	9	3	1	27	0	0
HENDRY	2	248	5	5	0	0	0	0
HERNANDO	23	1,554	30	5	10	190	5	0
HIGHLANDS	1	40	1	0	1	112	0	0
HILLSBOROUGH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOLMES	0	0	0	0	1	200	1	0
INDIAN RIVER	4	390	4	0	5	557	5	0
JACKSON	0	0	0	0	8	76	0	0
JEFFERSON	0	0	0	0	4	68	3	0
LAFAYETTE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKE	10	729	9	3	14	187	7	0

COUNTY	INDOOR GROWS				OUTDOOR GROWS			
	SITES	PLANTS	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED	SITES	PLANTS	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED
LEE	10	437	16	0	1	4	1	0
LEON	9	272	8	8	1	23	1	0
LEVY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIBERTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MADISON	2	176	3	0	3	33	0	0
MANATEE	2	42	1	0	4	42	0	0
MARION	14	969	22	0	5	203	6	7
MARTIN	4	181	6	0	4	57	1	0
MONROE	3	63	5	0	1	4	0	0
NASSAU	8	188	9	2	11	64	3	0
OKALOOSA	0	0	0	0	6	214	6	0
OKEECHOBEE	1	130	2	0	4	139	5	0
ORANGE	12	214	16	5	41	356	14	2
OSCEOLA	12	720	10	0	0	0	0	0
PALM BEACH	40	1,842	43	14	6	96	5	0
PASCO	17	940	19	16	1	56	1	0
PINELLAS	54	2,191	54	42	6	42	1	0
POLK	26	1,725	31	5	4	69	4	0
PUTNAM	7	98	6	0	22	326	9	0
ST. JOHNS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ST. LUCIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SANTA ROSA	8	179	11	0	24	847	11	0
SARASOTA	3	126	4	0	6	113	7	0
SEMINOLE	10	435	8	0	4	28	1	0
SUMTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUWANNEE	8	449	10	2	4	99	3	0
TAYLOR	1	20	1	14	8	90	1	0
UNION	0	0	0	0	2	49	1	0
VOLUSIA	19	2,220	14	5	9	467	5	1
WAKULLA	0	0	0	0	3	47	1	0
WALTON	1	36	0	0	4	144	1	7
WASHINGTON	3	2,255	5	6	22	318	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>44,844</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>18</b>

# 2010 REIMBURSEMENT STATISTICS

AGENCY	COUNTY	REQUESTED	ELIGIBLE	REIMBURSED	%
ALACHUA CSO	ALACHUA	\$7,250.00	\$7,250.00	\$5,250.00	72%
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS PD	SEMINOLE	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	100%
BAKER CSO	BAKER	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	100%
BAY CSO* **	BAY	\$32,739.00	\$28,250.00	\$27,750.00	98%
BOYNTON BEACH PD	PALM BEACH	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	100%
BRADFORD CSO	BRADFORD	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	50%
BREVARD CSO	BREVARD	\$12,750.00	\$12,750.00	\$10,250.00	80%
BROWARD CSO	BROWARD	\$17,500.00	\$17,250.00	\$14,000.00	81%
CALHOUN CSO**	CALHOUN	\$3,750.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00	100%
CAPE CORAL PD	LEE	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	100%
CARRABELLE PD	FRANKLIN	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
CHARLOTTE CSO**	CHARLOTTE	\$1,205.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	100%
CHIPLEY PD	WASHINGTON	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
CITRUS CSO	CITRUS	\$900.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
CLAY CSO	CLAY	\$4,750.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,250.00	81%
COLLIER CSO	COLLIER	\$30,467.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,750.00	77%
COLUMBIA CSO	COLUMBIA	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	100%
DELRAY BEACH PD	PALM BEACH	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	100%
DESOTO CSO	DESOTO	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	100%
ESCAMBIA CSO**	ESCAMBIA	\$6,358.24	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	100%
FELLSMERE PD	INDIAN RIVER	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
FRANKLIN CSO**	FRANKLIN	\$557.75	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	100%
GILCHRIST CSO	GILCHRIST	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	100%
GLADES CSO	GLADES	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	100%
GULF CSO	GULF	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100%
HAMILTON CSO	HAMILTON	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	100%
HARDEE CSO	HARDEE	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	100%
HENDRY CSO	HENDRY	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	100%
HERNANDO CSO	HERNANDO	\$14,309.20	\$13,500.00	\$10,500.00	78%
HIALEAH PD	DADE	\$4,750.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,500.00	56%
HIGHLANDS CSO	HIGHLANDS	\$1,534.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100%
HOLLYWOOD PD	BROWARD	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	100%
HOLMES CSO	HOLMES	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	100%
HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS PD	LAKE	\$740.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	50%
INDIAN RIVER CSO	INDIAN RIVER	\$3,380.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	100%
JACKSON CSO**	JACKSON	\$7,647.48	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100%
JACKSONVILLE SO	DUVAL	\$14,000.00	\$14,250.00	\$10,000.00	70%
JEFFERSON CSO	JEFFERSON	\$1,085.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100%
LAKE ALFRED PD	POLK	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%

AGENCY	COUNTY	REQUESTED	ELIGIBLE	REIMBURSED	%
LAKE CSO	LAKE	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$3,750.00	56%
LAKELAND PD	POLK	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
LARGO PD	PINELLAS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100%
LEE CSO	LEE	\$2,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	100%
LEON CSO	LEON	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	100%
MADISON CSO	MADISON	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	100%
MANATEE CSO	MANATEE	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	100%
MARION CSO	MARION	\$7,250.00	\$6,750.00	\$4,750.00	70%
MARTIN CSO	MARTIN	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	80%
MELBOURNE PD	BREVARD	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
MIAMI-DADE PD	DADE	\$111,306.90	\$110,500.00	\$72,500.00	66%
MONROE CSO	MONROE	\$1,550.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100%
NASSAU CSO	NASSAU	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	100%
OKALOOSA CSO	OKALOOSA	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	100%
OKEECHOBEE CSO	OKEECHOBEE	\$5,875.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	100%
ORANGE CSO	ORANGE	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	100%
OSCEOLA CSO	OSCEOLA	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	100%
OVIEDO PD	OVIEDO	\$232.72	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
PALM BEACH CSO**	PALM BEACH	\$21,250.00	\$16,000.00	\$9,500.00	59%
PASCO CSO	PASCO	\$7,250.00	\$7,250.00	\$4,500.00	62%
PEMBROKE PINES PD	BROWARD	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	100%
PINELLAS CSO	PINELLAS	\$17,750.00	\$17,750.00	\$10,250.00	58%
POLK CSO	POLK	\$12,477.08	\$11,250.00	\$10,500.00	93%
PORT ORANGE PD	PORT ORANGE	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0%
PUTNAM CSO	PUTNAM	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	\$4,250.00	52%
SANTA ROSA CSO	SANTA ROSA	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$7,500.00	65%
SARASOTA CSO**	SARASOTA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	90%
SOUTH DAYTONA PD	VOLUSIA	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	100%
ST. PETE PD	PINELLAS	\$1,843.75	\$1,843.75	\$1,843.75	100%
SUWANNEE CSO	SUWANNEE	\$9,239.03	\$4,500.00	\$3,750.00	83%
TALLAHASSEE PD	LEON	\$1,990.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,250.00	63%
TAYLOR CSO	TAYLOR	\$5,300.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	100%
UNION CSO	UNION	\$4,174.11	\$778.75	\$778.75	100%
VOLUSIA CSO	VOLUSIA	\$11,128.58	\$13,750.00	\$11,250.00	82%
WAKULLA CSO	WAKULLA	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	100%
WALTON CSO	WALTON	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	100%
WASHINGTON CSO	WASHINGTON	\$7,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	100%
DACS/DOF*		\$13,692.52	\$13,692.52	\$13,692.52	100%
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$488,782.36</b>	<b>\$440,015.02</b>	<b>\$345,015.02</b>	

\* Reimbursements were made to DACS/DOF and Bay CSO for the 2011 Outdoor Investigations/Spotter School and mission-related helicopter expenses.

\*\* Portions of reimbursements were made to these counties for outdoor mission air support expenses.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Florida's 2010 Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program concluded with impressive statistics in all categories as reported to the DEA.

An evaluation of the training program revealed that training in aerial detection methods and indoor grow investigations must continue to keep pace with the marijuana cultivation activity.

With the coordinated efforts of Florida's law enforcement communities, the mission to suppress this internal drug problem was a success in 2010. With Florida's continued commitment by local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as the continued participation of the Florida National Guard, 2011 will prove to have a substantial impact on domestically cultivated marijuana.

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