



DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE
JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS WISCONSIN
WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD
2400 WRIGHT STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 8111
MADISON WISCONSIN 53708-8111

January 18, 2011

Dear Stakeholder:

Over the past 17 years, the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program (DCP) has been proud to partner with you in the continuing struggle against illegal drugs. Working with you, we have dedicated our efforts to training, education and reducing the demand for, and supply of, illegal drugs. Through the DCP Leadership Education Adventure Program (LEAP) and Stay on Track (SOT) program, the DCP educated over 3,200 Wisconsin youth about the negative effects of alcohol and illegal drugs in 2010, and since 1995 has reached over 147,000 Wisconsin youth. In addition, the DCP's cooperation with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies resulted in over 2,540 drug-related arrests and more than \$75 million in drug-related seizures in 2010.

The Pennsylvania National Guard established the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC) in October 1998 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania to provide no-cost counterdrug training and education in the Northeastern United States. Because of increased demand for counterdrug training, the Wisconsin National Guard collaborated with the Pennsylvania National Guard and opened a satellite campus at Volk Field, near Camp Douglas, Wisconsin in March 2001 to serve the western states in the Northeast Region. The Wisconsin NCTC campus provides the same no-cost training and education to law enforcement agencies, military units, and community organizations. In 2010, the Wisconsin NCTC conducted 156 no-cost training events, encompassing more than 5,400 individuals.

As you know, Congress has not approved a 2011 federal budget. Congress and the President have authorized the federal government to continue operations at the 2010 funding level through March 4, 2011. However, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) has informed us that for the Counter Drug program, we can only execute at the level of funding authorized by the President's Budget as submitted in 2010, which was considerably less than the final authorization signed into law. Given this guidance, we must make changes to the DCP program.

We have been informed by the Pennsylvania National Guard that the NCTC will cease training and operations on February 1, 2011. In addition, the Wisconsin National Guard DCP will reduce full-time staff supporting drug interdiction and drug prevention by 42 percent starting January 31, 2011. These cutbacks will limit drug control resources to law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and schools.

I assure you that the Wisconsin National Guard remains committed to the DCP and we are actively working with the National Guard Bureau and policy makers to secure future funding for this important mission. We hope this will be a temporary situation and are prepared to adjust our level of participation when the budget is resolved by Congress. In the interim, we will continue to work in partnership with Wisconsin drug enforcement agencies to reduce the demand for drugs in Wisconsin with our remaining personnel and assets.

The Wisconsin National Guard greatly appreciates the dedication and commitment of our staff, and we take great pride in taking care of our Soldiers, Airmen, and their families. Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing this important mission for Wisconsin. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program office at 608-242-3540.

Very truly,



Donald P. Dunbar
Brigadier General (WI)
Wisconsin National Guard
The Adjutant General