

# CITIZEN'S DISPATCH

GOLDEN TRIANGLE TRI AGENCY CPAAA

## THIS MONTHS GUEST SPEAKER

This months guest speaker is  
**DEA DRUG  
ENFORCEMENT  
R.A.C. DURISO**



**SEE YOU THERE !**

**NEXT MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21 ST  
7:00 PM**

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CAR SHOW FLYER  
REGION 1 WRITE UP

*ITS ALMOST TIME FOR THE FAIR*

**THE FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER  
MARCH 30TH THRU APRIL 9TH 2017**

# Drug Enforcement Administration

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Drug Enforcement Administration** (**DEA**) is a United States federal law enforcement agency under the U.S. Department of Justice, tasked with combating drug smuggling and use within the United States. The DEA is the lead agency for domestic enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act, sharing concurrent jurisdiction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security, and the U.S. Border Patrol. It has sole responsibility for coordinating and pursuing U.S. drug investigations both domestic, and abroad.

## History and mandate

The Drug Enforcement Administration was established on July 1, 1973, by Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1973, signed by President Richard Nixon on July 28.<sup>[2]</sup> It proposed the creation of a single federal agency to enforce the federal drug laws as well as consolidate and coordinate the government's drug control activities. Congress accepted the proposal, as they were concerned with the growing availability of drugs.<sup>[3]</sup> As a result, the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), the Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement (ODALE); approximately 600 Special Agents of the Bureau of Customs, Customs Agency Service; and, other federal offices merged to create the DEA.<sup>[4]</sup>

From the early 1970s, DEA headquarters was located at 1405 I ("Eye") Street NW in downtown Washington, D.C. With the overall growth of the agency in the 1980s (owing to the increased emphasis on federal drug law enforcement efforts) and a concurrent growth in the headquarters staff, DEA began to search for a new headquarters location; locations in Arkansas, Mississippi, and various abandoned military bases around the U.S. were considered. However, then-Attorney General Edwin Meese determined that the headquarters had to be located in close proximity to the Attorney General's office. Thus, in 1989, the headquarters relocated to 600–700 Army-Navy Drive in the Pentagon City area of Arlington, Virginia, near the Metro station with the same name.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Drug Enforcement Administration

Abbreviation    DEA

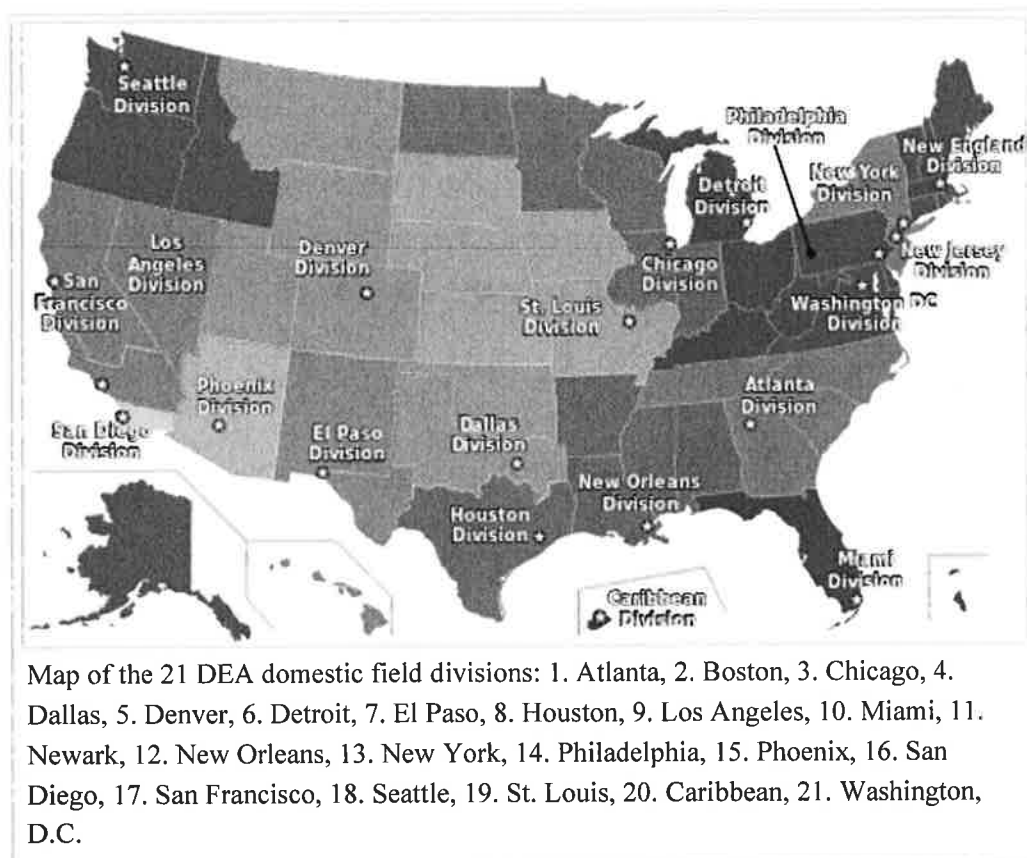


Seal of the Drug Enforcement Administration



Badge of the Drug Enforcement Administration

On April 19, 1995, Timothy McVeigh attacked the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City because it housed regional offices for the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and DEA, all of which had carried out raids that he viewed as unjustified intrusions on the rights of the people; [6] this attack caused the deaths of two DEA employees, one task force member, and two contractors



in the Oklahoma City bombing. Subsequently, the DEA headquarters complex was classified as a Level IV installation under United States federal building security standards, meaning it was to be considered a high-risk law enforcement target for terrorists.<sup>[7]</sup> Security measures include hydraulic steel roadplates to enforce standoff distance from the building, metal detectors, and guard stations.<sup>[8]</sup>

In February 2003, the DEA established a Digital Evidence Laboratory within its Office of Forensic Sciences.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Organization

The DEA is headed by an *Administrator of Drug Enforcement* appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The Administrator reports to the Attorney General through the Deputy Attorney General.<sup>[10]</sup> The Administrator is assisted by a Deputy Administrator, the Chief of Operations, the Chief Inspector, and three Assistant Administrators (for the Operations Support, Intelligence, and Human Resources Divisions). Other senior staff include the chief financial officer and the Chief Counsel. The Administrator and Deputy Administrator are the only presidentially-appointed personnel in the DEA; all other DEA officials are career government employees. DEA's headquarters is located in Arlington, Virginia across from the Pentagon. It maintains its own DEA Academy located on the United States Marine Corps base at Quantico, Virginia along with the FBI Academy. It maintains 21 domestic field divisions with 227 field offices and 86 foreign offices in 62 countries.<sup>[11]</sup> With a budget

exceeding 2 billion dollars, DEA employs over 10,800 people, including over 5,500 Special Agents and 800 Intelligence Analysts. Becoming a Special Agent or Intelligence Analyst with the DEA is a competitive process.

## Structure

- Administrator
  - Deputy Administrator
    - Human Resource Division
      - Career Board
      - Board of Professional Conduct
      - Office of Training
    - Operations Division
      - Aviation Division
      - Office of Operations Management
      - Special Operations Division
      - Office of Diversion Control
      - Office of Global Enforcement
      - Office of Financial Operations
    - Intelligence Division
      - Office of National Security Intelligence
      - Office of Strategic Intelligence
      - Office of Special Intelligence
      - El Paso Intelligence Center
      - OCDETF Fusion Center
    - Financial Management Division
      - Office of Acquisition and Relocation Management
      - Office of Finance
      - Office of Resource Management
    - Operational Support Division
      - Office of Administration
      - Office of Information System
      - Office of Forensic Science
      - Office of Investigative Technology
    - Inspection Division
      - Office of Inspections
      - Office of Professional Responsibility
      - Office of Security Programs
    - Field Divisions and Offices



Two DEA agents in a shoot house exercise.

## Special Agents

As of 2011 there were 4,890 agents employed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. DEA agents' starting salary is \$49,746–\$55,483. After four years working as an agent, the salary jumps to above \$92,592.<sup>[12]</sup>

After receiving a conditional offer of employment, recruits must then complete a 19-week rigorous training which includes lessons in firearms proficiency (including basic marksmanship), weapons safety, tactical shooting, and deadly-force decision training. In order to graduate, students must maintain an academic average of 80 percent on academic examinations, pass the firearms-qualification test, successfully demonstrate leadership and sound decision-making in practical scenarios, and pass rigorous physical-task tests. Upon graduation, recruits earn themselves the title of DEA Special Agent.

The DEA excludes from consideration job-applicants who have a history of any use of narcotics or illicit drugs. Investigation usually includes a polygraph test for special-agent, diversion-investigator, and intelligence research specialist positions.

Applicants who are found, through investigation or personal admission, to have experimented with or used narcotics or dangerous drugs, except those medically prescribed, will not be considered for employment with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Exceptions to this policy may be made for applicants who admit to limited youthful and experimental use of marijuana. Such applicants may be considered for employment if there is no evidence of regular, confirmed usage and the full-field background investigation and results of the other steps in the process are otherwise favorable.<sup>[13]</sup>

The DEA's relatively firm stance on this issue contrasts with that of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which in 2005 considered relaxing its hiring policy relevant to individual drug-use history.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Aviation Division

The DEA Aviation Division or Office of Aviation Operations (OA) (formerly Aviation Section) is an airborne division based in Fort Worth Alliance Airport, Texas. The current OA fleet consists of 106 aircraft and 124 DEA pilots.<sup>[15]</sup>

The DEA shares a communications system with the Department of Defense for communication with state and regional enforcement independent of the Department of Justice and police information systems and is coordinated by an information command center called the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) near El Paso, Texas.

## Rapid Response Teams and Special Response Teams



DEA agents escort Colombian drug lord Miguel Rodríguez Orejuela after being extradited to the United States in 2005



DEA Aviation Division logo

Rapid Response Teams (RRT) (Previously known as Foreign-Deployed Advisory and Support Teams (FAST)) are full-time operators and one of the two tactical enforcement arm of the DEA's Drug Flow Attack Strategy.<sup>[16]</sup> Their stated mission is to "plan and conduct special enforcement operations; train, mentor, and advise foreign narcotics law enforcement units; collect and assess evidence and intelligence in support of U.S. and bilateral investigations."<sup>[17]</sup>

As of October 2016, RRT fields four teams. The four teams are stationed at Stafford, Virginia. RRT originally was created to solely conduct missions in Afghanistan in 2008 to disrupt the Afghan opium trade<sup>[18]</sup> but has evolved into a global action arm for the U.S. Department of Justice and DEA.



DEA agents burning hashish seized in Operation Albatross in Afghanistan, 2008.

Selection for RRT is extremely difficult; attrition rates are usually above 50%. Selection is rumored to last 8 weeks where events such as timed runs, timed rucksack marches, obstacle courses, land navigation and many other events are conducted daily. Once selection is complete, advanced training begins with emphasis in small unit tactics, and close quarters battle. To prevent candidates from pacing themselves and ensuring they give a maximum effort, candidates attending RRT selection are not informed of the standards for each event, only whether they have passed or failed. RRTs are DEA full-time tactical teams.

DEA recently created its Special Response Team (SRT) program to address higher risk tactical operations in the field. DEA mandates that each major domestic office maintain an operational Special Response Team. The SRT Certification Course (SCC) consists of 11 days of SRT Basic and 5 days of SRT Advanced at U.S. Army Base Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The SCC cadre are operators from the DEA RRTs best and most seasoned agents. The course trains SRT candidates in team movement, high risk entry, tactical weapons proficiency, and principles of dynamic operations.

Some of the SRT missions consist of High-risk arrests, Vehicle assault, Specialized Surveillance, Custody of High-Profile Individuals, Dignitary and Witness Protection, Tactical Surveillance and Interdiction, Advance Breaching, Tactical Training to other police units, Urban and Rural Fugitive Searches.

In the past, DEA had other tactical teams like the Mobile Enforcement Teams (MET), Regional Enforcement Teams (RET), High Risk and Arrest Team (HEAT) and Operation Snowcap Teams (Predecessor of FAST).

## **Special Operations Division**

The DEA Special Operations Division (SOD) is a division within the DEA, which forwards information from wiretaps, intercepts and databases from various sources to federal agents and local law enforcement officials. The SOD came under scrutiny following the 2013 mass surveillance disclosures.

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**Bringing Back the Memories  
Car Show Benefit  
Saturday, March 11  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Beaumont Police Station  
and City Hall Parking Lot  
255 College @ Main Street  
Beaumont, TX**

**Take a free  
tour of the  
BPD Police  
Museum!**

Come see some great cars with Beaumont Police Officers!

No entry fee for spectators.

Games and amusements for the kids!

*All proceeds benefit the BPD Cops & Kids Program.*





## **William Gordon Teel**

**1939 - 2017**

Funeral services for William Gordon 'Tommy' Teel, 77, of Lumberton will be 10:00 am Friday, January 13, 2017 at Farmer Funeral Home with interment following in Knuppel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Teel died January 10, 2017 at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont.

A native of Silsbee, Tommy was a long time resident of Lumberton. He was a retired pipefitter and worked out of Local # 130 in Tulsa OK. Mr. Teel was a member of Crestwood Baptist Church, Texas Baptist Men, Beaumont Citizen's On Patrol and the Silsbee Masonic Lodge # 927.

Survivors include his wife Linda Joyce Felts Teel of Lumberton; daughters Marina Harvey and husband Cliff of Indianapolis IN, Cheryl Teel of Channelview and Gloria Burks and husband Rocky of Warren; grandchildren Amber Oltmann of Robinson, Tiffany Gray of Highlands, Harley Whitten of Crosby, Nolan Kaylor, Keith Harvey and Katelyn Harvey, all of Indianapolis IN, Josh Burks and Jamie Burks, both of Warren; and great grandchildren Carolee Oltmann, Bernadette Oltmann, Olyvia Cardona, Sophia Cardona and Emberlynn Whitten. He is also survived by nephews Matt Teel Sr and wife Angela of Lumberton and Michael Teel of Woodville; nieces Lisa Reid of Pearland, and Janis Harvey of Jasper; great nephews Allen Reid of Alvin, Jude Colter of Jasper, Christopher Lozo of Seattle WA, Justin Lozo of San Diego CA, and Stephen Teel Jr of Lumberton; and great niece Destiny Teel of Groves.



Mr. Teel will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



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TO VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE  
OR  
VISIT OUR  
FACEBOOK  
PAGE**

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

*Ready or not its time for SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR*

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*I know most of us have already signed up but if you want to help there is still time to sign up and we will find a place for you .*

*Remember the Cops N Kids car show is coming up Saturday March 11th . The Gold CPAAA shirts are the uniform of the day .*

*Cindy will be here on Tuesday to bring us up to date on the event .*

*This months guest speaker is D.E.A. Resident Agent In Charge Duriso . He will be talking about how DEA and BPD work to bring drug suspects to justice. And to give us an inside look at how DEA works .*

*We will be doing our first Cooking for Cops on Feb 22. This will be an early morning event and we expect to serve about 70-80 people . This is the first one this year and we plan to do about 1 each quarter or so if we can . Its just our way of letting our police officers know that we appreciate what they do every day . Be sure to thank our officers when you see them on the street .These events let them know who we are as an organization as well . The officers always enjoy being able to sit down with their fellow officers and have a hot meal .*

*Danny will be talking to us about an event coming up on June 7th . Emergency management will be having a city and statewide exercise for hurricane preparedness . The event will be at the civic center in Beaumont from 8-5 . Lunch will be provided . We will need as many volunteers as we can get for this event . You will be role playing and some people will be bused to a location off site and then returned the same day . We need a list of volunteers turned in by March 31st , So if you are able to help we need you .*

*We started something new last month . We will have hot water in a carafe for those who would prefer to have tea instead of coffee . You have to bring your own tea as I dont know anything about tea .Let us know if you like the idea .*

*See you on the 21st*

*Roy Mc Grath President*

## WHAT THE TRI AGENCY VOLUNTEERS ARE DOING

On Saturday, February 11, 2017, Rita Foster, Brenda Bean and Sheri Baden attended the Texas Citizens Police Alumni Assoc. Region 1 meeting in Galveston, at Taylor Justice Center. The program was on Mardi Gras security. Officers from Galveston PD's Mounted Patrol, SWAT and SRG divisions spoke on each division's responsibility for crowd control/containment during the Mardi Gras celebration. They even have a "rolling" jail that looks like an open air train car which they use to gather disruptive and unruly Mardi Gras revelers, and take them to the "brick and mortar" jail facility.

During the business part of the meeting, each CPAAA gave reports on what events/activities are planned. Rita reported for Tri Agency.

Region 1 now has a committee that is in the process of coming up with guidelines for LODD (Line of Duty Death) situations where each CPAAA can help each other out when called upon—which we always hope is never, but we want to be prepared.

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Rita Foster, Mike Bass, Carolyn Oster and Dennis Weyant volunteered for the BHMF ( Brian Hebert Memorial Foundation) fundraiser at IBEW Hall. Rita says they remained busy the entire evening, were tired when it was over, but all enjoyed themselves volunteering . . .and the band Shinyribs was great entertainment.

**THANK YOU**

**JOHN BELLOT**

**JOHN SECURED A GRANT FROM  
EXXON MOBIL FOR THE CPAAA**

**THANK YOU  
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