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# ATLANTA-CAROLINAS HIDTA PROGRAM

Designated and Funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy

# What is the HIDTA Program

- Congress initially created the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program through the *Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-690)* and permanently authorized it in the *Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-469)*.
- The HIDTA program is a grant program administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).
- Funding for the HIDTA program is by direct appropriation to the HIDTA subaccount under the ONDCP account.
- Durham became a part of HIDTA in 2007



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# Why was the HIDTA Program Created?

- Drug trafficking is a significant public health and safety threat facing the United States.
- The greatest criminal drug threat to the United States are Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs).
- The mission is to disrupt the market of illegal drugs in the U.S. by assisting federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies/departments participating in the HIDTA Program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations.



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# Initiatives Supported by HIDTA Funding

*Financial support for state, local, and tribal law enforcement in the following areas:*

- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Support activities (training/IT needs/forensics/etc.)
- Prevention – collaboration with community to reduce drug use
- Management and coordination across participating jurisdictions



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# Means of Reducing Drug Production/Trafficking

**Coordination & information sharing between agencies which includes:**

- Bolstering intelligence sharing
- Providing reliable intelligence
- Promoting coordinated law enforcement strategies



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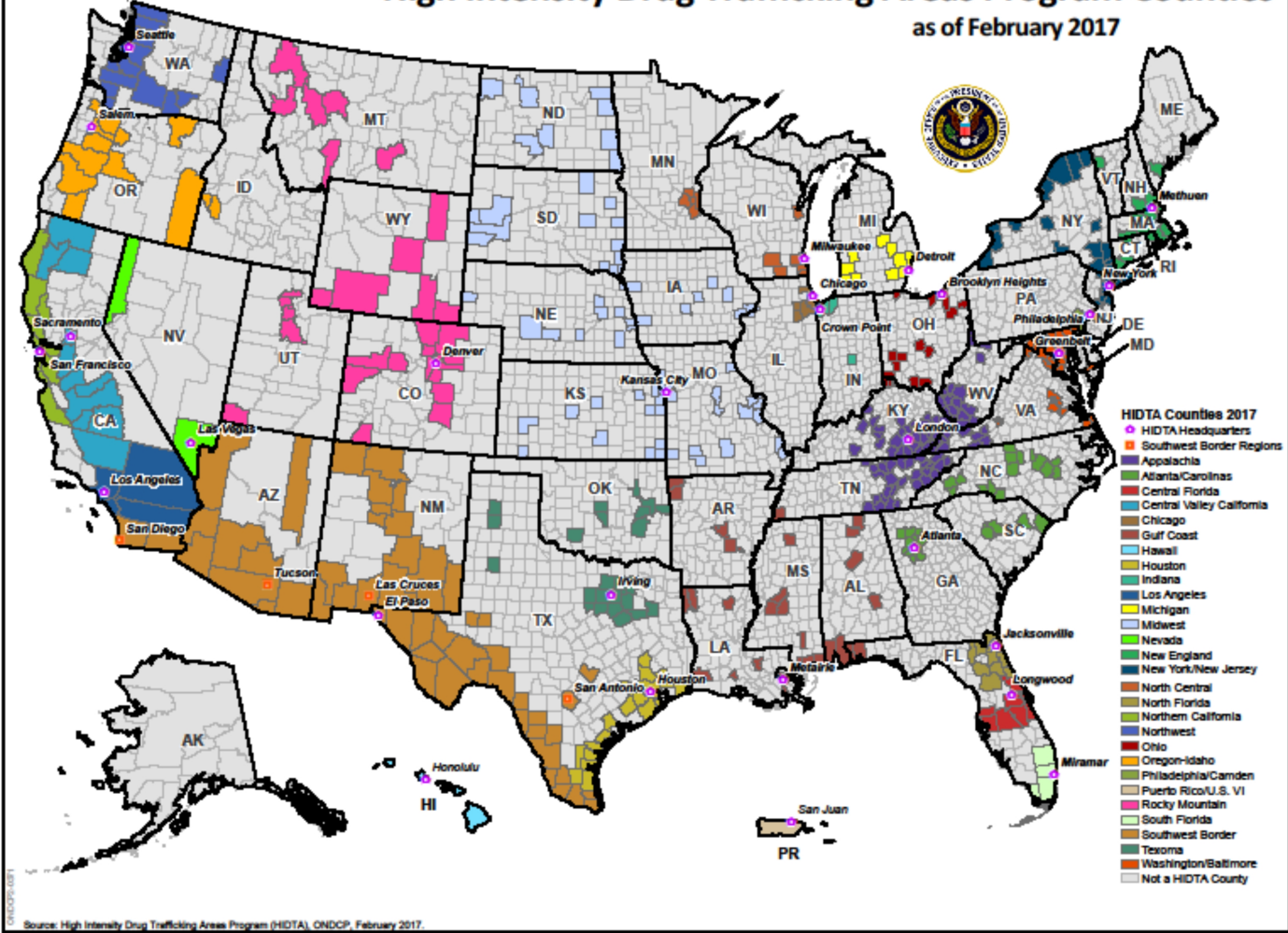
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# High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program Counties

as of February 2017



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# ATLANTA-CAROLINAS HIDTA

- Made up of 13 initiatives in three states:
  - **Georgia, North Carolina & South Carolina**
- Objective: To dismantle, disrupt, and ultimately destroy these criminal enterprises in the Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA area of responsibility
- HIDTA investigations often cross multiple criminal activities & enterprises such as human trafficking, gun trafficking, identity theft, etc.



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# HIDTA Designations

## Designated by the Office of National Drug Control Policy

1. The area is a significant center of illegal drug production, manufacturing, importation, or distribution
2. Law enforcement agencies have committed to respond to the problem
3. Drug related activities in the area are having a significant harmful impact on the local community
4. A need for increase in allocation of Federal resources (*funding, equipment, training, technical assistance, etc.*) is necessary to respond adequately to drug related activities in the area



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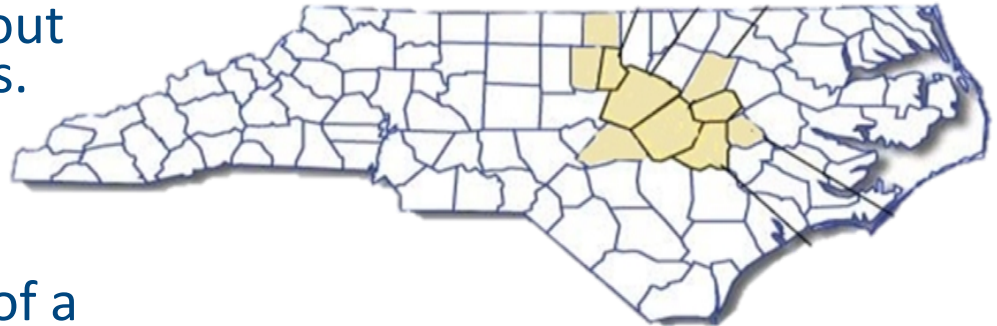




# How Did Durham Become a HIDTA

## NC Triangle Initiative (Durham)

- This area of North Carolina was designated as a HIDTA for its notable distribution hub for illicit drugs both within the HIDTA area and throughout the Eastern United States.
- Designation determined through the completion of a threat assessment, which must be conducted and submitted to ONDCP yearly.



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# NC Triangle Initiative Budget

## Total Budget FY18 – \$296, 376

- Overtime: \$201,375
- Travel/Training: \$10,000
- Services: \$30,301
- Supplies: \$6,700
- Other: \$48,000
  
- Prevention Specialist  
– *(This is a new position)*

## Overtime Breakdown per agency:

- Harnett \$13,000
- Wayne \$10,000
- Raleigh \$27,000
- Durham \$39,375
- Greenville \$3,000
- Wake \$17,000
- Cary \$17,000
- NCSBI \$24,000
- Person \$6,000
- Johnston \$7,000
- NCSHP \$9,000
- Orange \$14,000
- Nash \$15,000



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# Administrative Reporting Requirements

- **Annual Report:** A summary of the year's activities
- **Threat Assessment:** Analysts review cases and collect information to enhance HIDTA efforts
- **Regional Strategy:** Describes how the HIDTA plans to address the region's drug threats; resource utilization, and performance expectations



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# HIDTA Strategy and Goals

The National HIDTA Program's strategy is designed to achieve two goals:

- (1) To disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and their associated money laundering organizations (MLOs)
- (2) To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA initiatives

*The Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA Executive Board sets the priorities for Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA initiatives; and provides a forum for sharing emerging trends in drug trafficking activities that impact the Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA region, and for collaborative development of the annual strategy and budget.*



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# What are the benefits of HIDTA?

- The following slides illustrate just a small fraction of the cases and outcomes of the Triangle HIDTA group, which includes Durham. All of the cases illustrated are Durham cases; however, this is not an all-inclusive listing of the Durham cases.



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# April 2016

Durham, NC: 5 kilograms (11 pounds) cocaine; two arrests; \$786,000 U.S. Currency, three vehicles, and 2 handguns.



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# November 2016

Durham, NC: 62 kilograms (136.4 pounds) of cocaine seized from hidden compartment in tractor trailer; 3 suspects arrested.



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# March 2017

Durham, NC: Pursuant to a search warrant - 25 kilograms of cocaine (55 pounds), two arrests, 9 weapons and approximately \$500,000 U.S. Currency.



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# March 2017

Durham, NC: 17 kilograms (37.4 pounds) cocaine and 8.5 kilograms (18.7 pounds) heroin, 1.5 kilograms fentanyl (3.3 pounds), \$238,426 U.S. currency, 2 arrests, 1 handgun.



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# April 2017

127 kilograms (279.4 pounds) cocaine seized enroute to off-load site in Durham, NC



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# January 2018

Durham, NC: 95 kilograms (209 pounds) cocaine, 20 kilograms (44 pounds marijuana), \$300,000 U.S. Currency, 38 weapons destined for Mexican based cartel members, and 2 tactical vests - 4 arrests



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# April 2018

Durham, NC: 5 kilograms (11 pounds) heroin seized while enroute to off-load site in Durham - 1 arrest



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# April 2018

Durham, NC: 26 kilograms (57.2 pounds) cocaine seized enroute to off-load site in Durham, NC



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