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Mission Statement

The mission of the Olympic Peninsula Narcotics Enforcement Team is to target drug violators that have an impact on our communities and to reduce drug availability and trafficking in Washington State and Clallam County and Jefferson County, thereby improving the quality of life in our communities.

Function

- Investigate, target, and arrest drug traffickers for maximum impact of reducing drugs imported into our community.
- Work with US immigration and Customs Enforcement on international border security issues as they relate to smuggling and Homeland Security.
- Provide experienced investigators for public appearances to inform the communities of the dangers of illicit drug use and current trends.
- Provide training to all peace officers who aspire to become investigators, not limited to narcotics.

Trends/Events

In the year 2021, OPNET opened 46 new cases and closed 48 cases. OPNET arrested, or assisted in the arrest of 23 individuals for felony drug crimes and an additional 10 individuals for other felony crimes. 100% of OPNET's completed cases were accepted for prosecution, and 100% of those cases that have finished the prosecution phase were found guilty. OPNET seized 16 firearms associated with criminal activity. OPNET seized approximately 8.3 million dollars (street value) in controlled substances in 2022. OPNET saw a clear upward trend in the sales of fentanyl pills and also assists local law enforcement with investigations pertaining to controlled substance homicide. OPNET worked with one less dedicated detective in 2022 due to the retirement of the team's WSP detective. WSP has been unable to backfill the position due to their agencies staffing needs. In addition to their everyday duties, OPNET's state law enforcement members are also assigned to the Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) that conducts investigations of police deadly force incidents and other major incidents. Societal trends depict a worsening drug problem that OPNET has been highly effective against, yet the primary grant funding source for the task force is under review with an uncertain future. A review of alternate funding sources will be a priority for continuation of this vital community service.

Goals

1. Reduce the number of drug traffickers in the communities of Clallam and Jefferson County through professional investigation, apprehension, and conviction.
2. Efficiently attack, disrupt, and prosecute individual and organized mid to upper level drug traffickers who do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries or limitations, and by doing so, impact drug trafficking organizations previously thought impregnable.
3. Enhance drug enforcement cooperation and coordination through multi-agency investigations, support, training of local jurisdictions, and the sharing of resources and information.
4. Promote Safe Communities to address these issues with the foremost consideration of safety for both law enforcement and the communities.
5. Conduct regular public appearances to acquaint and educate citizens about OPNET and drug trends in our communities.
6. Continue to seek opportunities for funding and develop new funding strategies to support continued operations of the drug task force.

Workload Indicators

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual
Intelligence Reports processed	125	59	13
Total Cases investigated	51	46	22
Public Presentations	1	3	3
Conviction Rate	100.00%	100.00%	100.0%

Grant Funding Sources

1. Washington State Department of Commerce
2. U.S. Department of Justice

Revenues

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	46,735	55,132	67,304	67,514
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	111,669	154,177	67,322	77,231
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	1,489	2,500	348	1,750
Miscellaneous Revenues	61,950	21,171	41,142	20,625
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Total	221,843	232,980	176,116	167,120

Expenditures

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	55,132	67,304	75,458	31,946

Salaries and Wages	75,417	72,465	43,967	71,626
Personnel Benefits	27,122	28,556	14,848	30,636
Supplies	4,927	12,775	14,064	6,210
Other Services and Charges	15,283	38,865	22,329	21,266
Intergovernmental Services	0	-58	5,450	0
Capital Outlays	45,609	13,074	0	0
Debt Service: Interest	0	0	0	4,800
Interfund Payments for Services	-1,647	0	0	636
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	221,843	232,980	176,116	167,120

Staffing

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	1.49	1.05	1.40	1.00