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Louisiana to host Southeast regional counterdrug conference

NEW ORLEANS---The Louisiana National Guard Counter Drug Task Force is hosting the Southeast Regional Counter Drug conference in New Orleans from June 12-15.

Representatives from the states of Miss., Ala., Fla., Ga., S.C., N.C., Ken., Tenn., and Ark. will be in attendance to discuss and evaluate counter drug strategies, the current budget and overall operations of the program.

The director of the counter drug program, Col. John "Duck" Mosby along with staff members from the National Guard Bureau will be on hand to update the attendees on the state of the program and the projected future of funding.

Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau, the Adjutant General, and Maj. Pete Schneider, CDTF Coordinator will present a La. Counter Drug Task Force welcome to all in attendance.

Drug seeker not playing with full deck

SLIDELL, La. (AP) _ A man apparently wanting revenge after spending \$2,250 for fake drugs reported the incident to police, getting both himself and the dealer arrested.

The suspect called New Orleans police from his cell phone Saturday night to report that he was on the Interstate 10 bridge over Lake Pontchartrain, following a man who had just robbed him.

Police stopped the phone caller and the man he identified as the robber.

The alleged robber told two St. Tammany sheriff's deputies, who joined

in the questioning, that the other actually had attempted to buy crack cocaine from him in Slidell.

Rather than crack, he gave the guy a pack of playing cards wrapped in duct tape, smeared in mustard and coated with a layer of cellophane.

The conned individual was booked with criminal mischief for making false statements to investigators and the con artist was booked with driving with a suspended license and felony theft, police said. **Sgt 1st Class Paul Tullier and Spec. Kevin Bona** support St. Tammany PSO.

Torch Bearers

Members of the La. National Guard Counter Drug Task Force, along with 415th MI BN, state and local law enforcement, carried the official torch for the Special Olympics Torch Run through Abita Springs, Pearl River, and Slidell in May.

During the arm-raising run, stops were made at local schools where students created posters and decorations for the special event.

The schools were Abita Springs Elementary, Abita Springs Jr. High, Riverside Elementary, Pearl River Jr. High, Alton Elementary, Whisper Woods Elementary and Cedarwood Elementary.

It was a winning run for all involved. For at each stop, the runners were reinforced with the goal of being positive role models along with demonstrating their civic pride.

Personnel who participated included **1Lt. Donna Jones, 2Lt. Belinda Medina, Master Sgt. Wayne Herrin, Sgt. 1st Class Tony Icamina, Staff Sgt. Alphonso Morales, Sgt. Darren Mullen, Sgt. Jason Prieto and Spc. Charon Camarasa.** The NCOIC for the event was **Sgt. 1st Class Paul Tullier.**

Warrants Mentioning

After Kenner police obtained a signed consent to search form from a local female, 122 grams of marijuana were located in her residence. She was arrested along with a male friend. **Senior Ann. Lanitra Reed** supports Kenner PD Narcotics

Following the execution of a midnight search warrant at a local hotel, five persons were arrested by the Natchitoches Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force. Surveillance revealed alleged drug deals out of the hotel for more than three consecutive nights. Several ounces of methamphetamine were confiscated along with paraphernalia and more than five thousand dollars in cash. **Sgt. Chad McNeal** supports the Natchitoches MJDTF

SAFETY BRIEF

Did you know the leading cancer in the world is skin cancer. And did you know sun exposure is the leading cause. So with the hot summer months upon us, take these safety precautions when out in our blazing sun. Everyone is at risk, whatever their skin color. Cover up between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Antibiotics increase your sensitivity to the sun. Use SPF of 15 or greater. Sunscreen is not for children less than 6 months. Reapply sunscreen after swimming or perspiring. A suntan is an indicator of skin damage. Don't let it turn into cancer. Protect yourself. This message was brought to you by **Sgt. 1st Class Robert Leonard**, Safety NCO

Tossed cocaine leads to arrests

HAMMOND, La. --- Two California residents were arrested on drug charges at a Hammond motel while allegedly en route to sell crack cocaine.

The sheriff's office, Tri-Parish Narcotics Task Force, Hammond Police Narcotics and Drug Enforcement Agency, New Orleans Field Division, made the two arrests and seized 240 grams of cocaine powder with a street value of \$25,000.

The two were arrested as they were leaving the hotel room about 10:30 p.m. When the agents approached the two,

who were on a motel staircase, one of the men allegedly reached into his pants pocket and tossed a large white bag containing a block of cocaine into the air.

After receiving permission to search the rented hotel room, officers found more cocaine powder.

The two were booked into the Tangipahoa Parish jail.

Sgt 1st Class Paul Tullier and Spec. Kevin Bona support St. Tammandy PSO and **Staff Sgt. Ron Mays** support Hammond PD

Special attention to I-20 pays off

MONROE, La.---For a week in May, Interstate 20 received special attention from the Louisiana State Police Criminal Patrol units, LSP narcotic units, and the HIDTA Mobile Deployment Team.

The team gathered in Monroe for the highway interdiction detail. The five-day mission was patrolled by units from LSP Troops I, D, E, and G, as well as the HIDTA group.

Details included, searching for wanted persons, stolen vehicles/prop-

erty, and narcotics smugglers. Throughout the detail, Agents accumulated the following statistics: 20 dosage units of heroin, 32.25 pounds of marijuana, 34.9 pounds of cocaine and 17 arrests. LSP/HIDTA is supported by **Staff Sgt. Chris Trenticosta**, LSP North District Narcotics is supported by **Staff Sgt. Patrick Deshautelle, Sgt's. Anna Keifer and Tara McLemore.**

Flying high

RAID welcomes Spec. Chuck Carlino on joining the team this summer as a RAID mechanic for Eradication Support. Just a reminder, RAID is easy to request and is available to your agency.

Professional skills and training include day and night flying, indoor grows, marijuana eradication, vehicle surveillance, command & control, photo recons, security for search warrants at no cost to the requesting agency for use of these helicopters. Contact **Capt. Dallas Jones** through your chain of command.

Have a great summer and wonderful annual training tours!

Exercise your writes

The Louisiana Drug Guard is a forum for all members of the CDTF. Please send all submissions to Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Chaillot at Shyobro@aol.com or fax 337-262-6647. This monthly newsletter is published by the Louisiana National Guard Counter Drug Task Force through the offices of the U.S. Customs Service RAIC/LAF.