

TACTICAL NARCOTICS TEAMS AND TACTICAL PATROL UNITS

Tactical Narcotics Teams (TNT) and Tactical Patrol Units (TPU) are deployed in each of the Department's four patrol districts. The Tactical Narcotics Teams focus primarily on all adult/juvenile street-level narcotics traffickers, responding quickly to district drug complaints through street-level investigations. The Tactical Patrol Units operate within each district at the direction of the district commander to conduct criminal investigations and to interdict criminal activity. The Tactical Patrol Units also participated in many illegal drug investigations within their respective districts conducting independent investigations or assisting the Tactical Narcotics Teams.

In 2003, the combined efforts of the four patrol districts' Tactical Narcotics Teams and the Tactical Patrol Units netted \$191,683 in the street level value of drugs seized, in addition to \$42,816 in cash, 23 vehicles seized, and 24 guns seized. The Tactical Narcotics Teams, in conjunction with the Tactical Patrol Units, were responsible for making 1,050 arrests throughout the year, stemming from 220 cases assigned, of which 193 were cleared by arrest for an 88% case clearance rate.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TASK FORCE AND HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA

Two detectives from the Narcotics Section comprise the DEA/HIDTA Task Force through placement on the *Mass Transportation Initiative* (MTI) and the *Violent Traffickers Initiative* (VTI). Members of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Maryland State Police, Baltimore City Police, Baltimore County Police, Natural Resources Police, and the Mass Transportation Authority, as well as Anne Arundel County Police, participate in these initiatives. A thorough examination of these Task Force Initiatives is conducted every quarter and it has been determined that the Anne Arundel County Police Department should continue to provide support by allotting the appropriate personnel for participation in both groups.

- **Mass Transportation Initiative (MTI)**

The Mass Transportation Initiative primarily focuses on the shipment of drugs and/or proceeds pertaining to the sale of such drugs, as they are being transported through the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Essentially, the MTI confronts potential drug couriers who may be utilizing various means of transportation for the movement of illegal drugs. The Mass Transportation Initiative focuses the majority of their investigative efforts on targeting large-scale drug couriers and distributors who utilize the Greater Baltimore region to facilitate the movement of illegal drugs. As part of the State and Local Task Force Agreement, the Anne Arundel County Police Department shares 16.6% of the assets seized in this initiative.