

National Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy: Executive Summary

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The vastness of the 5,225-mile border shared by the United States and Canada as well as ever-changing drug trafficking trends prove challenging for the law enforcement and intelligence entities operating along the Northern border. However, by building upon our strong history of partnership and shared commitment, U.S. and Canadian agencies will find success in reducing the cross-border flow of illicit drugs and drug proceeds. The *National Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy* sets forth the Administration's plan to curtail the illegal trafficking of drugs across the U.S.-Canada border and provides an overview of current efforts and planned actions that will help achieve this goal. Through integrated cross-border law enforcement efforts, the United States and Canada will build upon existing relationships, programs, and policies; will seek further opportunities to pursue national security by disrupting transnational criminal organizations; and will improve information sharing, enabling more efficient and effective use of resources to curb the flow of illicit drugs and drug proceeds across the Northern border.

Strategic Goal:

The 2014 *National Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy* is the Administration's plan to ***substantially reduce the flow of illicit drugs and drug proceeds along the Northern border.***

Strategic Objectives:

The 2014 *National Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy* sets forth strategic objectives and specific actions that support the fulfillment of the strategic goal.

1. Enhance intelligence and information-sharing capabilities and processes associated with the Northern border.
 - a. Enhance coordination of intelligence collection among U.S. Federal, state, local, tribal and Canadian law enforcement agencies with Northern border counternarcotics responsibilities.
 - b. Ensure appropriate intelligence activities in support of Northern border counternarcotics efforts, including collaboration with Canadian counterparts.
 - c. Conduct a baseline assessment of known policies for the dissemination of counternarcotics intelligence to U.S. Federal, state, local, tribal, and Canadian law enforcement officials, assess for gaps and develop mitigation strategies as warranted.
 - d. Coordinate and deconflict Northern border counternarcotics intelligence.
2. Interdict illicit drugs and illicit drug proceeds at and between the ports of entry along the Northern border.
 - a. Enhance U.S. Government capabilities at and between the POEs.
 - b. Increase the interdiction rates of narcotics and drug proceeds crossing the Northern border.
 - c. Support research and development of counter-illicit trafficking technologies for deployment.
 - d. Work toward operational fusion with Canadian law enforcement partners.
 - e. Bring border community members into the counternarcotics mission and adopt a whole-of-community approach to counternarcotics enforcement.
3. Interdict illicit drugs and illicit drug proceeds in the air and maritime domains along the Northern border.
 - a. Maintain air and maritime domain awareness and ability to respond along the Northern Border.
4. Enhance counterdrug efforts and cooperation with tribal governments along the Northern border.
 - a. Enhance coordination of intelligence and law enforcement resources among tribal, Federal, state, and local agencies.
 - b. Enhance communication between Federal law enforcement agencies and tribal governments.
 - c. Develop resources and provide training opportunities to tribal law enforcement agencies.
5. Investigate and prosecute the transnational criminal organizations operating along or exploiting the Northern border.
 - a. Increase cooperation with Canada in investigations and prosecutions.
 - b. Address the production of Canadian narcotics.
 - c. Increase investigative and task force resources.
 - d. Target the financial infrastructure of transnational criminal organizations.
 - e. Investigate and proactively address corruption involving domestic public officials along the Northern border.