

## WHAT DOES THE METH STRIKE FORCE DO?

Led by the Coordinating Committee, several work teams tackle specific issues, such as meth-specific research, prevention, media and resources.

The Meth Strike Force developed the annual Report Card to track key indicators of meth problems. This document now includes 10 years of data on health and safety indicators, including meth-related deaths and emergency room visits, arrests, lab seizures and treatment admissions. The Meth Strike Force partnership is built on a foundation of key strategies, with the agreement that no single discipline can solve meth problems alone.

## IMPACTS OF METH



**Children Exposed to Meth**



**Meth Crimes**

**Meth Paraphernalia in our Neighborhoods**



**It's Everyone's Problem.**



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Meth Strike Force Leadership  
The tri-chairs provide leadership to ensure coordination with the County Board of Supervisors and Strike Force initiatives.

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Our problems aren't over, but San Diego is better equipped to fight the Meth challenge thanks to the Meth Strike Force.

**10 Years of Action!**



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**STRIKE FORCE**

PREVENTION INTERVENTION TREATMENT INTERDICTION

## THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO METHAMPHETAMINE STRIKE FORCE

The devastation caused by Methamphetamine does not discriminate based on race, social class or economic standing. Meth has reached high school cheerleaders, biker gangs, suburban housewives, and seniors--destroying health and lives in the process.

The secondary effects can be just as dangerous--drug exposed children, violence, criminality, volatile labs, toxic waste and identity theft contribute to the damage done to communities, families and friends.

### WHAT IS THE METH STRIKE FORCE?

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of a multi-disciplinary Methamphetamine Strike Force in 1996. The Meth Strike Force is composed of approximately 70 member organizations and agencies, including local, state, and federal representatives from public health, law enforcement, judiciary, education, treatment, prevention, and intervention agencies. The Methamphetamine Strike Force uses a balanced public health/public safety approach that addresses four strategies: Prevention, Intervention, Treatment and Interdiction of meth-related issues.

## STRIKE FORCE ACTION AND APPROACH

The Meth Strike Force partnership is built on a foundation of four strategies, with the agreement that no single discipline can solve meth problems alone:

#### **PREVENTION:**

Use a comprehensive media strategy to inform the public and policymakers.

#### **INTERVENTION:**

Expand our system's capacity to perform interventions at earlier points and in community settings.

#### **TREATMENT:**

Educate the public and policymakers about the need for, and effectiveness and cost benefits of, treatment, and seek stable funding for expanded services.

#### **INTERDICTION:**

Use the Meth Hotline and expand community-policing strategies to engage the public in methamphetamine issues.

The Methamphetamine Strike Force "puts meth on the radar screen" by sponsoring:

**The Meth Web Site** - where the public can get information, report meth crime, and obtain referrals for treatment.

**Media Advocacy** - powerful news coverage about meth designed to inspire action and problem solving.

**Collaboration** - members plan, develop and implement sensible solutions and/or campaigns together.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

##### **Drug Endangered Children (DEC)**

Children found in meth homes are provided medical screening and linkages to services by local law enforcement and child welfare partners. DEC is a collaboration of agencies.

##### **Stop Meth Associated Crime (SMAC)**

Law enforcement, prevention, and treatment professionals, along with community resource agencies operate a campaign to use media to alert customers and establish safe shredding practices, upgrade mailboxes, and secure compliance with laws to remove customer information on receipts.

##### **Join the Strike Force - Or Start Your Own**

Visit our Web site and join the team. We can always do more, and your help is welcome. Our site also includes recommendations to help others in the fight against meth.

### BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

**1-877-No2Meth**  
or  
**www.No2Meth.org**

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