



## **METHAMPHETAMINE STRIKE FORCE Recommendations**

The following recommendations were revised in 2000 and are based on the original recommendations developed by the Methamphetamine Strike Force (Strike Force) in 1996. The revised recommendations reflect a clearer understanding of current methamphetamine problems and the need for a systematic approach to address those problems within the San Diego region.

### **PREVENTION**

1. Use a comprehensive media strategy to inform the public and policymakers.
2. Understand and match appropriate strategies for individual, family, and community risk and protective factors.
3. Reduce access to methamphetamine in key locations with clear policies, consistent sanctions, and strategic enforcement.
4. Within school districts, promote the development and enforcement of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug policies, and support education programs through collaboration with community resources.

### **INTERVENTION**

5. Expand our system's capacity to perform interventions at earlier points and in community-based settings.
6. Learn more about effective interventions, and create teams to replicate workable programs in culturally appropriate and relevant ways in new communities.
7. Develop more funding to help cities and other systems create and evaluate cost-effective intervention programs.

### **TREATMENT**

8. Educate the public and policymakers about the needs, effectiveness and cost benefits of treatment.
9. Seek permanent and stable funding to expand treatment services.
10. Improve abilities to target consumers of treatment and to assess/identify risk.
11. Develop an integrated systemic criminal justice approach with substance abusing-offenders, using screening, assessment, monitoring and treatment.

### **INTERDICTION**

12. Use the Methamphetamine Hotline as a way to engage the public.
13. Increase penalties on methamphetamine sales to equalize with heroin, cocaine, and other illicit drugs. (*Note: Judges abstained from participating in this recommendation because the California Cannons of Ethics prohibits advocacy by judges regarding sentencing laws.*)
14. Pursue stronger enforcement of the statewide ordinance on precursor chemicals and seek stiffer penalties for companies that distribute precursor and essential chemicals and equipment used to manufacture methamphetamine.
15. Expand community-policing strategies to engage the public in methamphetamine issues.

### **SYSTEMS**

16. Promote training regarding methamphetamine issues across disciplines, in a variety of user-friendly settings, for health, social service, enforcement and other professionals.
17. Encourage regional and binational cooperation on border issues in health and enforcement across the four core strategies adopted by the Methamphetamine Strike Force.