

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM

Over the past five years, the Technology Transfer Program has delivered advanced drug crime fighting technology, training and support to nearly 4,000 state and local law enforcement agencies across all fifty states. The technologies available for transfer include information technology and analytical tools, communications intercept, tracking and surveillance, and drug detection devices. A complete description of the TTP program is provided in Appendix E to this report.

Number of Requests

Since the program began in fiscal year 1998, the TTP has received more than 6,300 applications. Of these applications, approximately 75 percent came from agencies serving smaller jurisdictions of fewer than 500,000 people. These requests typically seek hand-held devices such as mini-busters, undercover surveillance systems, night-vision kits or thermal imagers.

A summary of the types of agencies receiving deliveries and the population sizes served is provided in Figure 3. Overall, police departments and sheriffs' offices received 80 percent of the deliveries. By population, agencies serving populations of 500,000 or less received 86 percent of the deliveries. Night vision kits, thermal imagers, drugwipes, mini-buster kits, and body worn transmitters comprise the predominant mix of technologies provided to police departments and sheriffs' offices in smaller jurisdictions. Task forces, police departments, and sheriffs' offices in larger jurisdictions serving populations of 500,000 or more request the more complex systems (e.g., AVTS, VoiceBox, Data Locator, and Interoperability Communications System).

The top priority items requested in the current backlog of nearly 1,800 agency applications include requests for 206 mini-busters, 263 audio surveillance systems, 617 night vision kits, 384 thermal imagers, 71 body worn transmitters and 45 small look video surveillance systems.

Figure 3. Deliveries By Agency Type / Population Size -FY 1998 - 2002

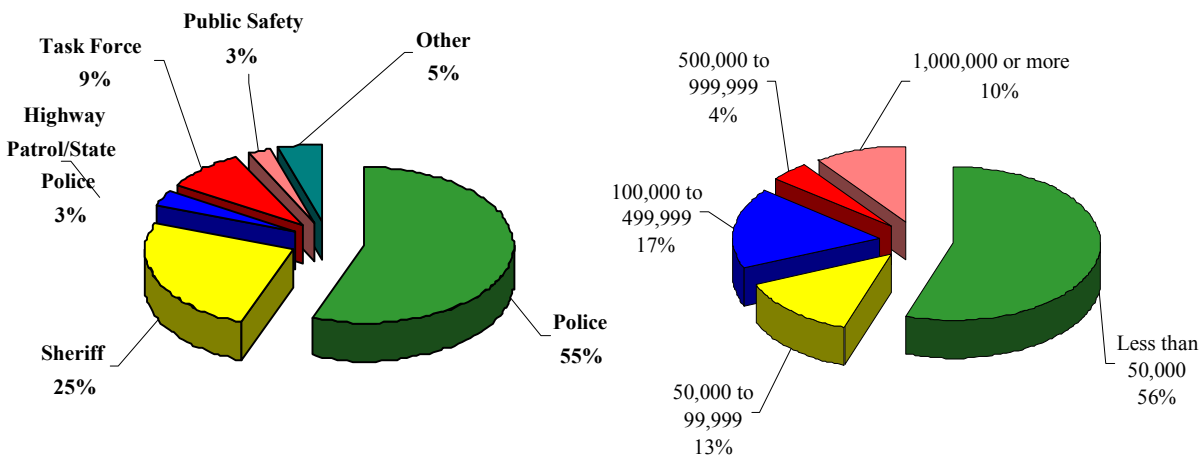


Table 1. CTAC Technology Transfer Program Appropriations

FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
\$13.0M	\$13.0M	\$13.052M	\$18.210M	\$22.236M

A summary of the funding appropriated for TTP is provided above in Table 1.

The U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground (EPG), Fort Huachuca, Arizona, has technical and administrative responsibility for program management, engineering analysis, acquisition, logistics, outreach awareness efforts, and informative publications.

Promotion Efforts to State and Local Law Enforcement

Figure 4 below provides a summary of the promotion efforts to state and local law enforcement over the past year.

Effectiveness and Interest in the Program

The TTP provides an efficient means for getting drug crime fighting technologies into the hands of LEAs serving on the front line. Over 90 percent of the TTP’s budget is used for the purchase of equipment and training. The program’s emphasis on pre-screening applicants combined with training and follow-up with those LEAs that receive equipment ensure recipient agencies make full-use of the equipment.

An additional benefit of the TTP is that as it reaches more and more LEAs nationally, it creates de facto standards in terms of state-of-the-art technologies used by officers on the street. The TTP catalog approach also leads to significant economies in terms of reduced training and retraining costs.

Figure 4. TTP Outreach Activities and Promotion Efforts

2002 Workshops, Meetings, Conferences and Demos		
Dates	Event	Location
February 15	Leadership Meeting Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett	Frederick, MD
April 8	Leadership Meeting Congressman Mike Souder	Kendallville, IN
April 16-18	Workshop	Pittsburgh, PA
April 22	Leadership Meeting Congressman Ed Pastor	Phoenix, AZ
April 30	Senate Law Enforcement Technology Day	Washington, DC
May 29	Leadership Meeting Congressman Bennie G. Thompson	Lexington, MS
May 30	Leadership Meeting Congressman John Shimkus	Mount Vernon, IL
June 22-26	National Sheriff's Association (NSA)	Tulsa, OK
July 8-10	ONDPC Symposium	Cambridge, MA
July 21	Gordon Research Conference on Illicit Substance Detection: Drugs	Oxford, England
August 7	Leadership Meeting Congresswoman Karen Thurman	Inverness, FL
August 12	Leadership Meeting Congressman Bart Stupak	Sault Ste. Marie, MI
August 20	ICS Demonstration & Specialized Workshop	Castle Rock, CO
August 21-23	Sources Sought Evaluations	Denver, CO
August 27	Leadership Meeting Senator Max Baucus	Billings, MT
August 28	Leadership Meeting Congressman Brian Baird	Vancouver, WA
August 29	Leadership Meeting Congresswoman Shelley Berkley	Las Vegas, NV
October 5-9	International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)	Minneapolis, MN
November 13	Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET)	Ottawa, Canada
November 15	Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport	Dulles, VA
December 11-13	HIDTA Annual Conference	Washington, DC

2002 Training Sessions		
Dates	Location	Attendees
March 25-29	Orlando, FL	800
June 4-5	Phoenix, Arizona	164
December 16-20	Atlanta, Georgia	392