

**Highlights: National Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy**  
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The vast 5,225-mile border and evolving drug trafficking trends provide numerous challenges for law enforcement and intelligence entities operating along the Northern border under differing authorities, protocols, and expertise. By enhancing the strong history of partnerships among Federal, state, local, tribal, and Canadian counterparts and building on current effective programs and operations, the United States and Canada will find success in reducing the cross-border flow of illicit drugs. This *National Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy* provides an overview of current efforts and broad supporting actions aimed at achieving this goal. Above all, through integrated cross-border law enforcement, the United States and Canada will build upon existing relationships, programs and policies; seek further opportunities to pursue national security by disrupting transnational criminal organizations; and improve our information sharing, allowing us to use our resources more efficiently and effectively to curb the flow of illicit drugs and drug proceeds across the Northern border.

**Strategic Goal**

Substantially reduce the flow of illicit drugs and drug proceeds along the Northern border.

**Strategic Objectives**

**Enhance intelligence and information-sharing capabilities and processes associated with the Northern border;**

- Enhance coordination of intelligence collection among the U.S. Federal, state, local, tribal and Canadian law enforcement agencies with Northern border counternarcotics responsibilities.
- Ensure appropriate intelligence activities in support of Northern border counternarcotics efforts, including collaboration with Canadian counterparts.
- 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.
- Coordinate and deconflict Northern border counternarcotics intelligence.

**Interdict illicit drugs and illicit drug proceeds at and between the ports of entry along the Northern border;**

- Enhance U.S. Government capabilities at and between the POEs.
- Increase the interdiction rates of narcotics and drug proceeds crossing the Northern border.
- Support research and development of counterdrug technologies for deployment at and between POEs.
- Work toward operational fusion with our Canadian law enforcement partners.
- Bring border community members into the counternarcotics mission and adopt a whole of community approach to counternarcotics enforcement.

**Interdict illicit drugs and illicit drug proceeds in the air and maritime domains along the Northern border;**

- Enhance Air and Maritime domain awareness and ability to respond along the Northern border.

**Enhance counterdrug efforts and cooperation with tribal governments along the Northern border; and**

- Enhance coordination of intelligence and law enforcement resources between tribal, Federal, state, local, and Canadian agencies.
- Enhance consultation between Federal law enforcement agencies and tribal governments.
- Develop resources and provide training opportunities to tribal law enforcement agencies.

**Disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal organizations operating along the Northern border.**

- Increase judicial cooperation with Canada.
- Address the production of Canadian narcotics.
- Increase investigative and task force resources.
- Target the financial infrastructure of Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs).