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Mission Statement

The mission of the Olympic Peninsula Narcotics Enforcement Team is to target drug violators that have an impact on our communities and to reduce drug availability and trafficking in Washington State and Clallam County and Jefferson County, thereby improving the quality of life in our communities.

Function

- Conduct strategic investigations aimed at identifying, targeting, and apprehending drug traffickers whose operations have the greatest impact on the flow of illicit substances into Clallam and Jefferson Counties.
- Focus enforcement efforts on high-value targets to maximize the disruption of trafficking routes, distribution networks, and local availability of illegal drugs.
- Partner with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal agencies to address international and cross-border smuggling operations while supporting homeland security initiatives by identifying and mitigating drug-related threats linked to border vulnerabilities and transnational criminal activity.
- Deploy skilled and experienced investigators to speak at community events, schools, and public forums to raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drug use, emerging narcotics trends, and local enforcement efforts; thereby fostering public trust and collaboration through transparency and education.
- Offer comprehensive training opportunities for peace officers aspiring to advance into investigative roles, with an emphasis not only on narcotics enforcement but on broader investigative competencies.
- Promote a culture of excellence, ethical standards, and ongoing skill development within law enforcement ranks.

Trends/Events

In the year 2024, OPNET opened 39 new cases and closed 38 cases. OPNET seized 16 firearms associated with criminal activity and arrested, or assisted in the arrest of 19 individuals for felony drug crimes and an additional 16 individuals for other felony crimes. 96% of OPNET's completed cases were accepted for prosecution, and 100% of those cases that have finished the prosecution phase were found guilty. OPNET detectives provided 4 drug safety and awareness presentations to schools and parents, 5 presentations on drug recognition to local groups, and 5 training sessions for local law enforcement on investigating controlled substance homicides. After years of seeking funding sources for an armored response vehicle for our regional use, OPNET was able to purchase an IAG Sentinel in 2024, which has already provided life-saving defensive capabilities for responding law enforcement. While societal trends depict a worsening drug problem that OPNET has been highly effective against, the state's reprioritization of the grant funding previously supporting task forces has made the future of the task force uncertain. New funding sources continue to be researched or applied for as we become aware of the opportunities.

Goals

1. Proactively reduce the presence of drug traffickers in Clallam and Jefferson Counties through targeted, professional investigations leading to successful apprehension and prosecution.
2. Prioritize mid- to upper-level individual and organized traffickers whose operations cross jurisdictional boundaries, with the objective of destabilizing and dismantling networks once considered impervious to law enforcement efforts.
3. Strengthen regional drug enforcement capabilities through coordinated multi-agency investigations, joint training initiatives, and the efficient sharing of intelligence and operational resources.
4. Foster trust and operational synergy among federal, state, tribal, and local agencies to ensure unified, effective responses to complex drug-related threats.
5. Conduct ongoing community outreach through public forums, educational events, and media engagement to inform residents about current drug trends and the mission of OPNET.
6. Empower citizens with knowledge and resources to foster safer, drug-free neighborhoods.
7. Actively pursue diverse funding sources and innovative financial strategies to support the long-term sustainability and growth of the task force.

Workload Indicators

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual
Street Value of seized Drugs	\$91,839	\$96,513	\$257,921
Felony Arrests made	36	25	5
Cases Closed	45	38	9
Conviction Rate	100%	96%	

Grant Funding Sources

1. Washington State Department of Commerce
2. U.S. Department of Justice

Revenues

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	67,304	45,089	428,760	69,247
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	113,118	232,281	63,142	0
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	3,183	482	86	1,750
Miscellaneous Revenues	53,161	341,286	6,055	20,650
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Total	236,766	619,138	498,043	91,647

Expenditures

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	45,089	428,760	53,347	51,253
Salaries and Wages	85,594	74,265	36,599	0
Personnel Benefits	30,941	29,073	14,327	0
Supplies	20,751	7,447	3,738	13,120
Other Services and Charges	44,116	59,264	16,244	26,738
Intergovernmental Services	10,274	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	9,932	373,521	0
Leases	0	9,860	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	536	266	536
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	236,766	619,137	498,043	91,647

Staffing

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	1.40	1.00	1.00	0.00