



2024 Oregon-Idaho HIDTA & ONEA Awards Categories and Criteria

1. Team/Task Force Awards

Team/task force awards are designed to recognize drug enforcement teams/task forces that have achieved outstanding success(es) while adhering to the main tenets of interagency cooperation; that is, multiple law enforcement agencies coming together and achieving success through a cooperative effort.

Team/task force award nominations will be accepted for the following categories:

Outstanding Interstate or International Impact Investigative Effort

Outstanding Local Impact Investigative Effort

Outstanding Drug Enforcement Team or Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force

A. Outstanding Interstate or International Impact Investigative/Interdiction Effort:

In nominating the team or task force, the main criterion is the investigation's and/or interdiction effort in the disruption/dismantlement of a major interstate or international drug trafficking organization and/or success in using interdiction as an effective counter-drug measure on an interstate or international level.

B. Outstanding Local Impact Investigative/Interdiction Effort:

In nominating the team or task force, the main criterion is the investigation's disruption/dismantlement of a local drug trafficking organization and/or success in using interdiction as an effective counter-drug measure on a local level.

C. Outstanding Drug Enforcement Team or Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force:

This award is presented to an outstanding drug enforcement team or multi-agency drug enforcement task force that has demonstrated the values of partnership, innovation, leadership and excellence in its existence, operations, and results.

2. Individual Awards

Individual awards are designed to recognize drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force participants that have achieved outstanding success(es) in pursuit of disrupting the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations; and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of drug enforcement teams or interagency drug enforcement task forces.

Individual award nominations will be accepted for the following categories:

Award for Excellence
Sharon L. Aberle Memorial Outstanding Administrator Award
Outstanding Supervisor or Commander
Julie A. Sutton Memorial Outstanding Criminal Intelligence Analyst
Outstanding Prosecutor

A. Award for Excellence:

This award is designed to recognize an individual assigned to a drug enforcement team interagency drug enforcement task force who has utilized the fundamental drug enforcement principles and demonstrated coalition building, leadership, direction and collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries to achieve outstanding results.

B. Sharon L. Aberle Memorial Outstanding Administrator Award:

This award is dedicated to the memory of Washington County Sheriff's Office Special Deputy Sharon L. Aberle who served as the Westside Interagency Narcotic (WIN) Team's Law Enforcement Research Technician for nearly 20 years. Special Deputy Sharon Aberle, who passed away unexpectedly on October 21, 2011, exemplified professionalism and selfless dedication and commitment to public service.

This award is designed to recognize outstanding Administrative and Administrative Support Personnel including Administrative Assistants, Secretaries, Information Technology Specialists, Financial Management Officers, etc. It will be awarded to a deserving administrative support employee or volunteer who has consistently developed and utilized an innovative and/or unique approach that was of exceptional benefit to the management of their team/task force/agency/program. Nominee contributions should be material to the overall operational success of their team/task force/agency/program. Administrative personnel who have demonstrated outstanding commitment through the independent research, development and application of programs and mechanisms that ensure effective and efficient operation of their team/task force/agency/program are sought for recognition.

C. Outstanding Supervisor or Commander Award:

This award is designed to focus on the non-administrative functions of a drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force commander or supervisor. It is designed to recognize the commander or supervisor that has stressed a firm commitment to the cooperative nature of drug enforcement, mainly through the use of the interagency drug enforcement team or interagency drug enforcement task force approach in addressing a crime threat. A commander's or supervisor's ability to develop and utilize innovative and unique concepts to investigations is sought for recognition.

D. Julie A Sutton Memorial Outstanding Criminal Intelligence Analyst Award:

This award is dedicated to the memory of Oregon Department of Justice Research Analyst Julie A. Sutton who served as the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA strategic intelligence analyst. Ms. Sutton researched and authored the HIDTA's annual threat assessment, annual report and various other products that were used to inform counterdrug strategies in the region. Ms. Sutton, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on November 1, 2020, exemplified professionalism and selfless dedication and commitment to the HIDTA program and its many partners law enforcement agencies.

This award is designed to recognize the criminal intelligence analyst who has consistently developed and utilized an innovative and/or unique approach to case support for drug enforcement teams, interagency drug enforcement task forces and/or law enforcement agencies. Additionally, a criminal intelligence analyst who has committed himself/herself to the cooperative spirit of drug enforcement, mainly through the development and application of reciprocal intelligence sharing, is sought for recognition.

E. Outstanding Prosecutor Award:

This award is designed to recognize the prosecutor who has consistently developed and utilized an innovative and/or unique prosecutorial approach to drug related case support for drug enforcement teams, interagency drug enforcement task forces or law enforcement agencies. Nominations for this award should discuss, demonstrate and quantify how the prosecutor has committed himself/herself to the cooperative spirit of drug enforcement; mainly through the timely development and application of legal tools and how he/she has played an integral role in the arrest, prosecution and conviction of individuals engaged in illegal drug activities.