

Budget Unit Brief

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Division of Narcotics Enforcement

History

In 1970, the Iowa General Assembly approved the establishment and funding of a new division within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to be known as the Iowa Division of Narcotics and Drug Enforcement (DNDE).¹ One of the primary functions of the DNDE was to establish cases on major drug traffickers within the state of Iowa. Another function was the seizure of illegal drugs, also known as undercover drug busts.

In 1978, the DPS was reorganized and the DNDE was moved as a bureau under the newly formed Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). However, in 1987, the DNDE was reestablished as a separate division and renamed the Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE). The DNE has since served as the lead agency for the enforcement of laws related to narcotics and controlled substances in the DPS.

Current

The DNE has approximately 35 Special Agents located throughout Iowa with a primary duty to investigate drug trafficking organizations. These agents work with local law enforcement and drug task forces throughout Iowa. There are currently 18 funded local drug task forces. The DNE agents also provide outreach and training to community organizations and local investigators.

Funding

The DNE receives a General Fund appropriation of approximately \$7.4 million for 66.5 FTE positions. Of this amount, approximately \$5.1 million and 44.5 FTEs are for the DNE (including 10.0 FTE positions funded through federal funds) and \$2.3 million and 22.0 FTE positions are for the Division of Intelligence. In addition, DNE also receives approximately \$109,000 from the General Fund for the purchase of a small amount of narcotics in an effort to build intent to deliver cases and to pay confidential informants for information related to ongoing investigations.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [80](#)
[661](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Department of Public Safety: <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/DNE/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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¹1963 Iowa Acts [ch.1047](#)