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Goal 1: Enhance collaboration and information-sharing to combat illicit opioids

Goal 2: Produce actionable intelligence on illicit opioids

Goal 3: Target the opioid supply chain

Goal 4: Protect CBP personnel from exposure to opioids

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) plays a critical role in the Nation's efforts to keep dangerous drugs from harming the American public. The CBP Strategy to Combat Opioids serves as an action plan identifying what CBP will accomplish with our partners in aggressively identifying and disrupting the illicit opioid supply chain.

America is in the midst of a national health emergency caused by the dramatic increase in demand for opioids across the country. This has led to unprecedented levels of opioid misuse, addiction, and overdose that place a significant strain on law enforcement, healthcare, and social service providers.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opioids killed more than 49,000 people in 2019, and this health crisis faces growing challenges with the influx of illicit fentanyl, its analogues, and other opioids.

The safety of the American people is of utmost importance, and CBP is committed to dedicating its resources to thwart illicit opioid supply chains and networks. CBP is uniquely positioned to help thwart illicit narcotics from entering the country through our air, land, and sea ports of entry.

CBP's success in implementing the CBP Strategy to Combat Opioids relies on the hard work, vigilance, and dedication of CBP's agents, officers, scientists, and other support personnel on a daily basis. It also recognizes and incorporates the critical role that CBP's local, state, federal, tribal, territorial, and international partners have in combating this national and international problem.

Together, CBP and its partners are focused on enhancing collaboration and information-sharing to reduce the number of illicit opioids that cross the land, sea, and air borders, while ensuring the safety of our personnel and canines, to prevent the loss of life from this tragic epidemic that is devastating communities and families across the country.



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