

DEA's New England Field Division announces record number of arrests, narcotics and cash seizures in 2-week surge

NEFD Announce 645 Arrests and Seizure of 17.9 Kilograms of Fentanyl, 7,800 Illicit Fentanyl Pills, 13.9 Kilograms of Cocaine, 3.1 Kilograms of Heroin, 51 Firearms and \$1.2 Million in Cash During Two-Week New England Surge.

Drug overdoses are the leading cause of injury-related deaths in the United States and every day we see the impact that drug abuse has on our neighborhoods. This crisis is destroying communities throughout New England and our Nation.

In an effort to address this epidemic, the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) New England Field Division's (NEFD) during a two-week surge operation made 645 arrests and seized 17.9 kilograms of fentanyl, 7,800 illicit fentanyl pills, 13.9 kilograms of cocaine, 3.1 kilograms of heroin, 2.5 kilograms of methamphetamine, 38.1 kilograms of marijuana, 51 firearms and \$1.2 million in cash, announced Special Agent in Charge Brian D. Boyle.

"DEA's top priority is to aggressively pursue anyone who distributes these deadly drugs," said SAC Boyle. "Those arrested need to be held accountable for their actions because they have chosen to distribute this poison and profit from the misery they spread."

The NEFD would like to thank our many great local, state and federal law enforcement partners who assisted during this two-week operation and for their strong commitment to drug law

enforcement in New England. These enforcement actions show what happens when law enforcement works together.

“Illegal drug distribution ravages the very foundations of our families and communities,” said SAC Boyle. “Every time we take fentanyl off the streets we save lives. These enforcement actions demonstrate the strength of collaborative local, state and federal law enforcement efforts in New England.”