	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE State Form 39870(R/ S- 06)	Reference Number INV-022
	Subject Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program	
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I. PURPOSE

Establish guidelines for the operation of the Department's Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program (DCE/SP).

II. POLICY

The Department shall coordinate, administer, and participate in the DCE/SP in compliance with the letter of agreement signed with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the following procedures.

III. PROCEDURE

A. An operations plan requesting funding for the DCE/SP to combat the cultivation, distribution, and consumption of domestically produced marijuana shall be prepared each year under the direction of the Drug Enforcement Section (DES) Commander and then reviewed by the Fiscal Section and the Department Legal Office. The plan shall then be forwarded in the proper format and time frame as prescribed by the DEA.

B. The DES Commander shall designate a DCE/SP Operations Coordinator to oversee and coordinate the overall operation of the program.

C. The Operations Coordinator shall:

1. Become familiar with the DEA guidelines that govern the program;
2. Prepare and administer a budget to distribute the funds received from and in compliance with the DEA under the DCE/SP.
3. Coordinate the activities/efforts of all participating agencies in cooperation with the Fiscal Section and establish procedures for inter-agency billing, etc;
4. Plan, monitor, evaluate, report statistics, and administer the DCE/SP;
5. Report program operations and progress to the DES Commander; and
6. At the conclusion of the field operations phase of the program:

a. Evaluate the program,
b. Provide an after-action report to the DES Commander, and
c. Prepare an operations plan for the next year.

D. DCE/SP funds may be used to:

1. Pay overtime for Department personnel assisting in the program;
2. Procure supplies and equipment that directly contribute to the enforcement effort;
3. Reimburse the Department for aircraft and vehicular expenses that are directly incurred in the enforcement effort; and

4. Pay for travel, per diem, training, administrative, and other expenses directly related to the program.

E. The Fiscal Section shall maintain an accounting of the expenditures and report those expenditures to the DEA, in the approved format.

F. The annual plan shall be used to prepare and communicate guidelines for the program to field and investigative personnel.

G. DCE/SP Operations Coordinator shall be responsible for:

1. Identifying and assigning district coordinators as outlined in the Operations Plan;
2. Monitoring the efforts of personnel under their command; and
3. Ensuring that the operations plan is followed.

H. District coordinators shall be responsible (within their district) for:

1. Planning the eradication effort;
2. Reporting district statistics to their respective supervisor;
3. Communicating with local agencies to encourage their participation in the program and coordinating efforts with them; and
4. Assisting the Operations Coordinator in providing documentation for the expenditure of funds to local agencies and monitoring and approving the expenditure of those funds in compliance with the letter of agreement.

I. Eligibility to work the program shall be established in the yearly operations plan and shall be in compliance with federal and Departmental rules governing the operation of this program.

J. The Aviation Section shall provide air support for the program.

K. Due to the increased risk of exposure to Lyme disease, caused by operations in brushy field environments, the Department shall identify persons that work regularly in these environments in the DCE/SP and shall (within the constraints of available funding) offer vaccinations to protect applicable personnel from the disease. Participation in this vaccination program shall be voluntary.

L. Additional specific information regarding the DCE/SP activities may be found in the Department's DCE/SP Operational/Training Manual.

M. This procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant Department regulations, rules, policies and procedures.