

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST PROHIBITION

2015 Annual Report



Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

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Dear Supporter,

We are in the midst of a monumental shift toward more ethical and responsible drug laws. In the past few years, four states and the District of Columbia have voted to fully legalize and regulate marijuana. Harm reduction initiatives such as naloxone distribution, syringe exchange programs and “Good Samaritan” laws exempting witnesses to an overdose from arrest and prosecution have taken critical steps toward disease prevention and combating overdose deaths. And a discourse on how the War on Drugs destroys communities has begun.

Most significantly, public opinion is rapidly swaying toward a more rational, compassionate approach to drug policy, and it’s been a long time coming. Last year was a productive one for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. As the only law enforcement voice calling for legalization, regulation, and control, our speakers and staff work tirelessly to advocate for an end to the War on Drugs. Approaching legalization from a criminal justice standpoint has proven to be the most effective way to connect with hard-to-reach audiences and counter prohibitionist messaging, particularly when that messaging comes from fellow law enforcement officers.

2016 is shaping up to be an exciting, pivotal year for LEAP. We are not only continuing to lend our unique law enforcement voice to ending the War on Drugs but are also undergoing an internal restructuring, and will soon expand our expertise into the broader field of criminal justice reform. This will increase our exposure in areas related to drug prohibition, thus enabling us to more effectively move drug policy reform forward. Please read about our expanded focus in the “2016 and Beyond” section of this report. Thank you for supporting LEAP’s work.

We couldn’t do it without you, and we look forward to your partnership as we evolve into an even stronger entity this year.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neill Franklin".

Major Neill Franklin (Ret.)
Executive Director



"LEAP Goes South of the Border" film screening and fundraiser, hosted by Board Member Lieutenant Diane Goldstein (Ret.) and Barry Goldstein, featuring LEAP's film *With Justice and Dignity: A Caravan for Peace*.

Neill in *Newsweek*

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We need to understand: The harms that we see related to drug abuse are primarily there because of the policies of prohibition. The next step is to continue connecting the dots... of the problems within our criminal justice system to the war on drugs... That's the common thread.

--Major Neill Franklin (Ret.)
Newsweek, September 2015

<http://www.newsweek.com/drug-legalization-major-major-neill-franklin-baltimore-police-department-369822>

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LEAP by the Numbers: 2015

Presentations: 1542

Speakers: 200+

YouTube Views: 2.5 million

Facebook Fans: 132,400

Twitter Followers: 40,000

International Chapters: 5

Meetings with U.S. Legislators: 232

Testimony Submitted by LEAP Speakers: 70

LEAP in the News



NBC NEWS

VICE NEWS



SALON

The Washington Times

theguardian

THE DAILY CALLER

Newsweek

TIME

The Atlantic



THE BALTIMORE SUN



THE CHRISTIAN POST

AP

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THE
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LEAP Executive Director Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) and Board Member Lieutenant Diane Goldstein (Ret.) visit the opposition while attending the 2015 National Conference of State Legislatures.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Media Mentions

In 2015 LEAP was featured in major publications including: The Washington Post, Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, NPR, NBC, CBS, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Guardian UK, The Dallas Morning News, The Christian Post, Forbes, US News and World Report, Huffington Post, BBC, The Daily Beast, Al Jazeera, Wall Street Journal, LA Times, Time, The Associated Press, and The Chicago Tribune.

LEAP itself was the subject of several feature stories, including one in Newsweek and another in VICE. In addition, Former Deputy Sheriff Carlis McDerment wrote a letter to the editor for the Columbus Dispatch that went viral after it was accidentally promoted by DARE. More than 40 outlets covered the story, including Salon, Newsweek, the New York Post, and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Speaking Engagements

LEAP brought our unique perspective on drug policy reform to audiences with a wide range of interests and viewpoints in 2015. Among them were senate hearings, town hall meetings, colleges and universities, symposiums on marijuana reform and psychedelic awareness, overdose awareness events, the 2015 International Drug Policy Reform Conference, the 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and a panel presentation "Crossing the Thin Blue Line Is Not a Crime" at the Annual Whistleblowers Summit.

Moving California Forward

LEAP plans to play a major role in California's 2016 push for marijuana legalization. Early in 2015, we established a California Committee comprised of LEAP board members, staff, and active contributors to focus on that effort. With key LEAP players based in California, including Executive Board Members Lt. Commander Diane Goldstein (Ret.), LAPD Deputy Chief Stephen Downing (Ret.), and NAACP California Chapter President Ms. Alice Huffman, we are perfectly positioned to boost awareness in the state. In fact, LEAP recently assisted in facilitating the unification of the two major marijuana campaign teams into one cohesive effort.

Civil Asset Forfeiture

LEAP worked extensively on raising awareness about the link between drug policy and civil asset forfeiture this year, with several of our speakers lending their expertise through presentations and media work. Executive Board Member Lt. Commander Diane Goldstein (Ret.)'s outstanding op-ed on why California's civil forfeiture bill failed in the state legislature was picked up by several outlets, including The Long Beach Press-Telegram, The Daily Breeze, The San Bernardino County Sun, and The Daily News. In 2016, LEAP's evolution will allow us to prepare a team of experts to speak on the subject throughout the country.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS, cont.

Awards and Accolades

LEAP Executive Director Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) was honored as Outstanding Ally at Marijuana Policy Project's 20th Anniversary Gala, and presented with the H.B. Spear Award for Achievement in the Field of Control and Enforcement at the biennial International Drug Policy Reform Conference. Major Franklin was invited to visit the White House as part of his work with the group Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration (LELRCI).

LEAP was chosen as one of the organizations featured in The Huffington Post's The Next Ten Crowdrise campaign, marking the news outlet's 10th anniversary. The campaign's goal was to "help incredible causes that will shape the next decade."

Solidifying Alliances

LEAP worked to help our existing alliances, Cops & Clergy and Cops & Docs, blossom into full-fledged sister organizations. Establishing collaborations between our criminal justice experts and clergy and medical professionals strengthens our message for legalization, regulation, and control immeasurably.

In June 2015, 600 New England churches signed a resolution calling to end the War on Drugs and declaring support for LEAP's mission. Eighteen outlets covered the story including The Christian Post, Alternet, The Daily Kos, Newser, and Upriser. LEAP co-founder Lt. Jack Cole (Ret.) was significantly involved in the passage of the resolution.

LEAP also joined together with Marijuana Policy Project in an effort that successfully advocated for the National Conference of State Legislatures to pass a resolution calling for all states to be able to decide their own marijuana laws.

Growing International Presence

LEAP expanded internationally into Germany and Costa Rica, where we've seen a groundswell of local support and interest in drug policy reform. Elsewhere in the world, our thriving LEAP Brazil chapter managed to speak with Uruguayan President José Mujica during his August 2015 visit to Rio de Janeiro.

In 2016, LEAP will officially launch our United Kingdom branch, which has already made great strides in raising awareness about the destructive impact of drug prohibition in a meeting at 10 Downing Street. Additionally, in March, the Czech Republic co-sponsored LEAP's concurrent event at the United Nations 58th Commission on Narcotic Drugs meeting and endorsed our treaty amendment calling for drug policy reform.



1. Uruguayan President José Mujica accepts a LEAP brochure from our Brazilian team ; 2. LEAP Executive Director Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) receives the H.B. Spear Award for Achievement in the Field of Control and Enforcement at the 2015 International Drug Policy Reform Conference; 3. NBC News reports on 600 New England churches calling for an end to the War on Drugs and declaring support for LEAP; 4. LEAP co-founder and Board Member Lieutenant Jack Cole (Ret.) leads volunteers in the 2015 NYC Cannabis Parade.

Quotable Quotes

BROWARD PALM BEACH
New Times



Police Organization Wants Marijuana Legalized in Florida

BY CHRIS JOSEPH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT 7:49 A.M.



photo by Rotational via Wikimedia

A Ray Strack worked as a U.S. Customs special agent on JFK International Airport's drug squad in New York during his 27-year career. He constantly busted people – two per day on average – who were attempting to smuggle narcotics into the country. But today, the now-retired Strack is working to get drugs legalized.



As a spokesperson for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, Strack is part of a movement of police officers and government agents who

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“LEAP is not about free reign of having drugs legalized willy-nilly but about removing the criminal element that controls drugs and bringing it back to regulated reforms that benefit us all.”

-- Special Agent Ray Strack (Ret.)

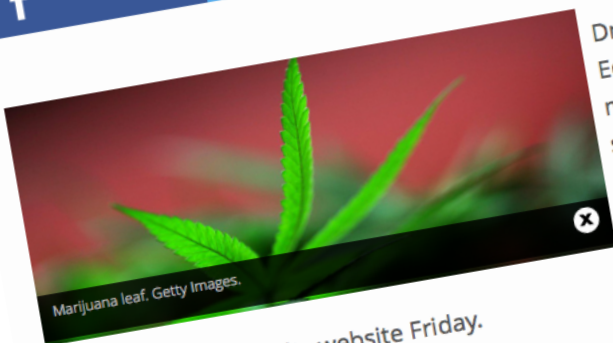
<http://www.browardpalmbeach.com/news/police-organization-wants-marijuana-legalized-in-florida-7284456>

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THE DAILY CALLER NEWS FOUNDATION

Meet The Organization Behind The Viral Pro-Marijuana Letter That DARE Accidentally Published

JONAH BENNETT
National Security/Foreign Policy Reporter



legalization letter on its website Friday.

Carlis McDermert, a former deputy sheriff from Ohio who has written with Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), wrote "Purchasing marijuana puts kids at risk," which the Daily Caller published in response to another letter written by DARE.

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"As a former deputy sheriff, I know from enforcing senseless marijuana laws that children only are being put in more danger when marijuana is kept illegal."

-- Former Deputy Sheriff
Carlis McDermert

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/08/03/meet-the-organization-behind-the-viral-pro-marijuana-letter-that-dare-accidentally-published/>

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"Marijuana is the big money. Marijuana has always been the big money for asset forfeiture... I think there are communities that are affected more by this than others and I think those communities are resistant to trusting police."

-- Detective Sergeant Ted Nelson (Ret.)

<http://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/21751>

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CAPCON MICHIGAN CAPITOL CONFIDENTIAL

Retired State Police Officer: Forfeiture is 'Big Money' for Law Enforcement Agencies
A video report about the problems with civil forfeiture

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First time Ted Nelson said something was wrong with civil asset forfeiture when he was training officers around the state on the practice.



the narcotics teams were seizing items such as furniture and I don't think they were concerned with showing that they were engaged in law enforcement policy and speaks publicly for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.



2016 and Beyond

As we evolve into addressing criminal justice issues beyond - but connected to - the War on Drugs, we will reach a wider audience and provide a critically needed voice that bridges the gap between police and their communities. As our messaging connects with a broader audience, conversations about drug policy will advance, reaching previously untouched sectors.

Our speakers, all criminal justice professionals, are powerful voices in the call for change, and our law enforcement expertise provides an important counterpoint to law enforcement groups married to the status quo. In 2016 and beyond, LEAP will be focused on crucial advocacy efforts such as:

Conducting Targeted Education Campaigns

LEAP has been leading advocacy and education campaigns in states on the verge of reform this year. Law enforcers have proven to be among the most influential advocates for reform in previous successful initiatives, and LEAP serves as the public face of law enforcement professionals for legalization, regulation, and control.

Focusing on Harm Reduction

We will intensify our focus on harm reduction measures that alleviate some of the most devastating aspects of the War on Drugs by supporting supervised injection facilities, syringe exchange programs, and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) efforts. By treating drug abuse and addiction as a public health issue, not a criminal justice one, we can save lives and strengthen communities, reducing the human cost of drug prohibition. LEAP speakers are powerful advocates for change in this respect, as they know from personal experience that the system has failed our most vulnerable citizens.

Advocating to End Mass Incarceration

LEAP will focus on initiatives that alleviate some of the most devastating aspects of the War on Drugs. By supporting reform measures that change charging, sentencing, and supervision policies and practices, we can save lives and strengthen communities, reducing the human cost of drug prohibition. LEAP will advocate for solutions such as repeal and reform of Three Strikes Laws and mandatory minimum sentencing, as well as addressing issues within the parole and probation system. Our speakers are powerful advocates for change in this respect, as they know from personal experience that the system has failed our most vulnerable citizens.

Improving Police-Community Relations

This, and restoring the public's trust in law enforcement. Our communities have suffered greatly under our current drug policies: higher arrest and incarceration rates for African American and Latino communities are not indicative of higher rates of drug activity, but are the result of police targeting urban communities at a disproportionate rate. According to the ACLU, 1 in 3 African American men can expect to be incarcerated in his lifetime, compared with 1 in 17 Caucasian men, and are jailed on drug charges ten times more often.

Naturally, this has led to a profound distrust of police in many communities. The militarization of police has heightened tensions, making it all the more difficult for the police and the communities they serve to open a dialogue. That deterioration of police-community relations is of particular interest to LEAP: we want to restore that relationship between the police and the communities they serve; we want to restore integrity to the profession; we want valuable police resources redistributed back into solving violent crime and keeping communities safe. LEAP is in a position to guide that change, serving as a bridge between law enforcement professionals and the communities calling for reform.

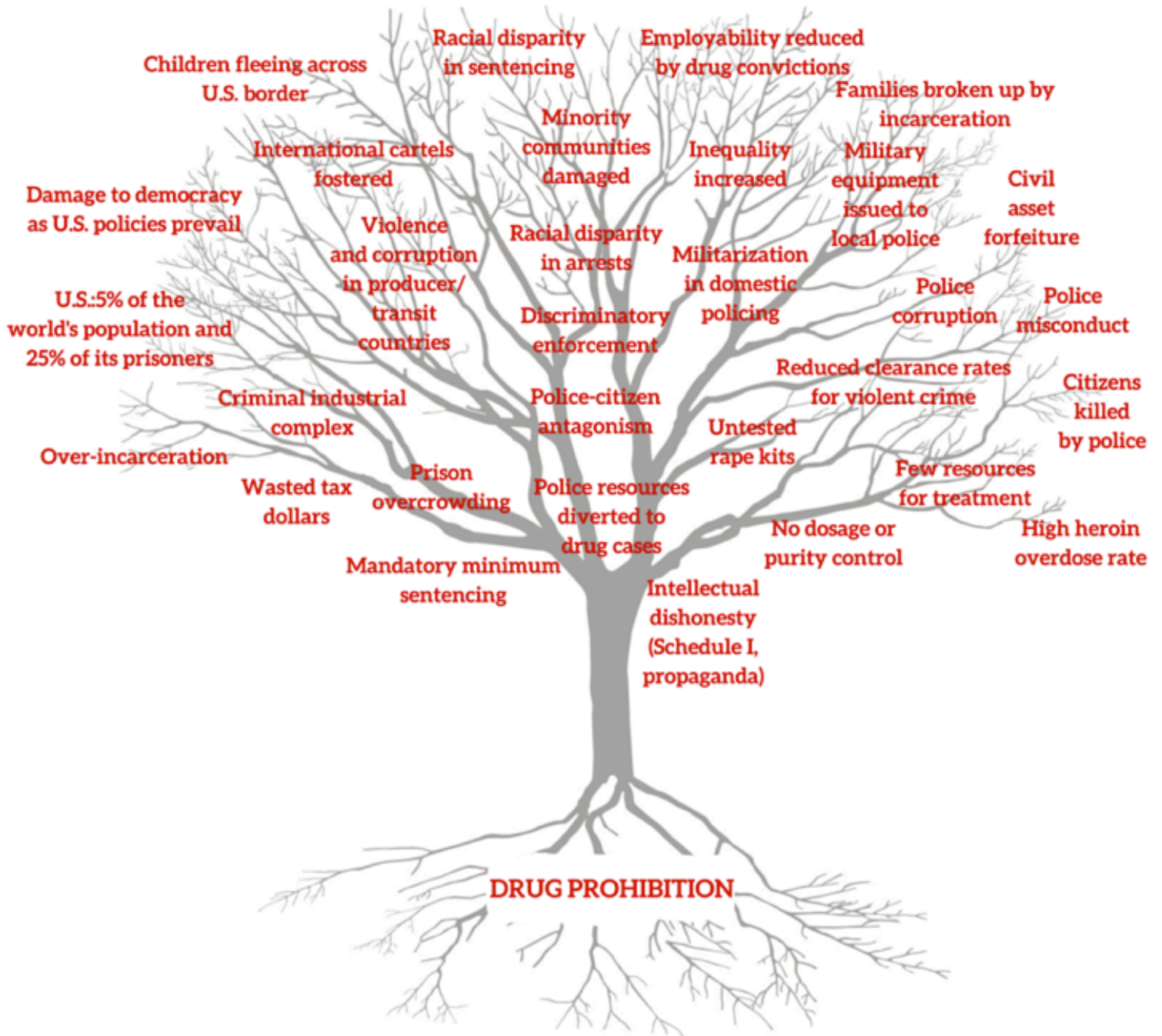
Addressing Structural Incentives

LEAP will continue its work on civil asset forfeiture, including a specialized committee of LEAP speakers and civil asset forfeiture experts. We will also examine issues such as Byrne grants, how police intervention can lead to violence, and the neglect of rape kits.

Opening a Dialogue about Global Issues

LEAP will consider the larger impact of criminal justice policies around the world, including the impact of the War on Drugs on migration, terrorism, and challenging democracy, as well as examining what we can learn from other countries' experience regarding reform.

LEAP is perfectly positioned to advance the movement of these criminal justice reform issues to a place of prominence in the public eye, and within the law enforcement community, while remaining central to the drug policy reform movement. By directly addressing the many complex and devastating systematic failures stemming from bad policy, we aim to alleviate their catastrophic consequences on our communities, families, and future.



"If we don't speak out about this issue... we believe that we are being disloyal to our profession."

-Major Neill Franklin (Ret.)
LEAP Executive Director



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2015 Financial Summary

Total income \$486,250

Total expense \$582,319

Net \$-96,069

Income Details

Unrestricted grants \$265,850

Restricted grants \$5,500

Major donations 10K+ \$75000

Donations under 10K \$107,133

Sales \$1,937

Honoraria \$11,429

Events \$19,388

Interest \$13

Total \$486,250

Expense Details

Programs

Speakers bureau \$63,405

Speakers bureau salaries \$71,293

Media/promotion \$ 51,200

Caravan film \$4,615

Media/promotion salaries \$111,180

Fundraising \$32,010

Fundraising salaries \$78,172

Conferences \$30,481

Assistance outside USA \$13,794

Subtotal \$456,150



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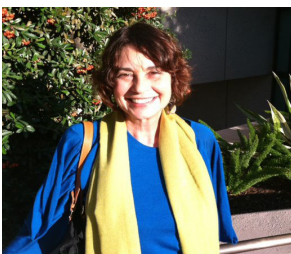
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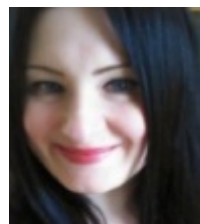
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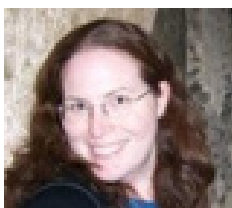
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