
From: OCDETF_DIRECTOR
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 12:47 PM
Cc: Padden, Thomas (OCDETF); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Continued USAO support for OCDETF reporting requirements
Attachments: Memo - Guidance for Continued USAO Support for Case Data Entry (29JUL2025).pdf

To: U.S. Attorneys
OCDETF Regional Directors
OCDETF Lead Task Force Attorneys
OCDETF USAO Support Personnel

In accordance with the Deputy Attorney General's July 23, 2025, memorandum *Transitioning OCDETF Resources for Homeland Security Task Forces*, the OCDETF Management Information System (MIS) is being updated and will transition from OCDETF to support the Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTF). As the 5,000 existing OCDETF cases transition to HSTF cases, continued support from current OCDETF-funded personnel in the U.S. Attorneys' Offices for data entry through the remainder of fiscal year 2025 is required.

Timeliness in this process is critical to maintaining data integrity and meeting reporting obligations. Continue to enter the following information from the Indictment/Information and Disposition and Sentencing forms into the MIS system through September 30, 2025:

- Indictments
- Defendants
- Convictions
- Dispositions
- Sentencing information

Additionally, continue entering all Final Reports that have been approved by the OCDETF Lead Task Force Attorney and all Interim Report information for any outstanding or late Interim Reports that had previously been submitted.

The attached memorandum provides further guidance on reporting requirements through the end of the fiscal year. Any questions may be directed to OCDETF Associate Director for Performance Analytics (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usdoj.gov.

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Washington, D.C. 20548

July 29, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: U.S. Attorneys
OCDETF Regional Directors
OCDETF Lead Task Force Attorneys
OCDETF USAO Support Personnel

FROM: Thomas W. Padden
Acting Director
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SUBJECT: Guidance for Continued USAO Support for Case Data Entry through
September 30, 2025

This memorandum confirms that, as we transfer selected responsibilities from the OCDETF Program to the Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs) in accordance with the Deputy Attorney General's July 23, 2025, memorandum *Transitioning OCDETF Resources for Homeland Security Task Forces*, continued support from current OCDETF-funded personnel in the U.S. Attorneys' offices for case data entry through the remainder of the fiscal year is required.

Continue to enter the following information from the Indictment/Information and Disposition and Sentencing forms into the MIS system through September 30, 2025:

- Indictments
- Defendants
- Convictions
- Dispositions
- Sentencing information

Additionally, continue to ensure that CATS personnel are notified of all applicable cases and the associated agency case numbers as they become available.

Note that while the numbering structure has changed for HSTF, the District structure remains the same for both formats and our system is able to continue accepting data from all systems in both structures. Therefore, continue to provide the OCDETF case number and associated agency case numbers to the CATS personnel in the current format until further notice.

Please also continue entering all Final Reports that have been approved by the LTFA and all Interim Report information for any outstanding or late Interim Reports that had previously been

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submitted. While Interim Reports are no longer required, case agents are required to update case information. These reports are considered ready for data entry and should be entered in full when possible. Therefore, if the agent has completed an interim report, please enter that data directly into the system. While some fields may be unavailable due to the report's age or incomplete information, you may still proceed with entering all available data and upload the form as-is. In the new system, inclusion of updated data no longer requires any additional approvals.

Also, continue to mark all HSTF cases appropriately in CaseView to ensure proper tracking and alignment with current reporting requirements.

Your continued attention to detail and timeliness in this process is critical to maintaining data integrity and meeting our program's reporting obligations. If you have any questions or require further guidance, please contact Associate Director for Performance Analytics, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [@usdoj.gov](mailto:(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usdoj.gov).

Thank you for your continued dedication and attention to the mission.

From: OCDETF_DIRECTOR
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:51 PM
Cc: Padden, Thomas (OCDETF); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: OCDETF Co-located Strike Force Initiative Supplemental Resources
Attachments: Memo - OCDETF Strikes Forces Supplemental Funding (24JUN2025) .pdf

TO: Select U.S. Attorneys
OCDETF Regional Directors
Select OCDETF Lead Task Force Attorneys
OCDETF Lead Strike Force Attorneys
OCDETF Strike Force Operations Managers
(b)(7)(E)

The OCDETF Program is sunseting on September 30, 2025. To ensure sufficient resources are available to satisfy any outstanding bills or obligations, the OCDETF Executive Office will not accept requests for additional resources or award any supplemental resources for the OCDETF Strike Forces in FY 2025. OCDETF operational funds already provided to our law enforcement partner agencies remain available through September 30, 2025.

Should you have questions, contact Principal Associate Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at 202-(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [@usdoj.gov](mailto:(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usdoj.gov).

With highest regards,
Tom

Thomas W. Padden
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OCDETF Executive Office

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June 24, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Select U.S. Attorneys
OCDETF Regional Directors
Select OCDETF Lead Task Force Attorneys
OCDETF Lead Strike Force Attorneys
OCDETF Strike Force Operations Managers
(b)(7)(E)

FROM: Thomas W. Padden
Acting Director

SUBJECT: OCDETF Co-located Strike Force Initiative Supplemental Resources

The OCDETF Program is sunsetting on September 30, 2025. Accordingly, the OCDETF Program will not award supplemental resources to OCDETF Strike Forces in FY 2025.

To ensure sufficient resources are available to satisfy any outstanding bills or obligations, the OCDETF Executive Office will not accept requests for additional resources or award any supplemental resources for the OCDETF Strike Forces. OCDETF operational funds already provided to our law enforcement partner agencies remain available through September 30, 2025.

Should you have questions, contact Principal Associate Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at 202-(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usdoj.gov.

From: OCDETF_DIRECTOR
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:17 PM
Cc: Padden, Thomas (OCDETF); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: OCDETF Strategic Initiatives Program Termination
Attachments: Memo - OCDETF Strategic Initiatives Program Termination (24JUN2025).pdf

TO: U.S. Attorneys
OCDETF Regional Directors
OCDETF Lead Task Force Attorneys
OCDETF Lead Strike Force Attorneys
OCDETF Strike Force Operations Managers
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The OCDETF Program is sunseting on September 30, 2025. Accordingly, the OCDETF Program will terminate its Strategic Initiatives program effective June 30, 2025.

Strategic Initiative proposals must be approved by both the District and Regional Coordination Groups and submitted to the OCDETF Executive Office by June 30, 2025, to receive consideration. To ensure sufficient resources are available to satisfy any outstanding bills or obligations, any new or supplemental Strategic Initiatives approved by the OCDETF Executive Office must be funded with FY 2025 OCDETF operational funds already provided to our law enforcement partner agencies.

Should you have questions, contact Associate Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at 202-(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usdoj.gov.

With highest regards,
Tom

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June 24, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: U.S. Attorneys
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OCDETF Lead Task Force Attorneys
OCDETF Lead Strike Force Attorneys
OCDETF Strike Force Operations Managers
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FROM: Thomas W. Padden
Acting Director

SUBJECT: OCDETF Strategic Initiatives Program Termination

The OCDETF Program is sunsetting on September 30, 2025. Accordingly, the OCDETF Program will terminate its Strategic Initiatives program effective June 30, 2025. Strategic Initiative proposals must be approved by both the District and Regional Coordination Groups and submitted to the OCDETF Executive Office by June 30, 2025, to receive consideration.

To ensure sufficient resources are available to satisfy any outstandings bills or obligations, the OCDETF Executive Office will not accept new or supplemental Strategic Initiative proposals after June 30, 2025. Additionally, the OCDETF Executive Office will not award new funding to support any approved Strategic Initiative proposals. Any new or supplemental Strategic Initiatives approved by the OCDETF Executive Office must be funded with FY 2025 OCDETF operational funds already provided to our law enforcement partner agencies.

Should you have questions, contact Associate Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at 202-(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [@usdoj.gov](mailto:(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usdoj.gov).



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June 24, 2025

Ms. Carol M. Skutnik
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Northern District of Ohio
United States Court House
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Re: OCDETF Cleveland Strike Force Closure

Dear Acting United States Attorney Skutnik,

As you are aware, on June 24, 2025, the lease for the OCDETF Cleveland Strike Force (Strike Force) facility terminated, and by September 30, 2025, the OCDETF Program will be decommissioned and unable to reimburse the Strike Force's fiduciary, the City of Independence, Ohio, for any costs associated with the Strike Force's facility lease.

I was informed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent in Charge for the Cleveland Field Office that the FBI is assuming the reimbursement responsibilities for the Strike Force and that the FBI has engaged directly with the City of Independence to negotiate a new lease and cover all new financial costs for the Strike Force. With the FBI's new role, effective June 25, 2025, the Cleveland Strike Force will no longer be an OCDETF Strike Force.

To ensure timely payment before September 30, 2025, of any outstanding Strike Force bills or obligations prior to June 24, 2025, all such bills or obligations must be transmitted to the OCDETF Executive Office with itemized costs by September 1, 2025.

Should you have questions, contact Principal Associate Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at 202 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [@usdoj.gov](mailto:(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

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