## San Diego County Methamphetamine Prevention Initiative

## **Identified Problem:**

**Environmental problems** resulting from the accessibility of methamphetamine and meth-related activity (e.g., exposure to toxic chemicals in residences and in public places; neighborhood blight; increased criminal activity; chronic nuisance related behavior; and increased costs to business and public systems)

## **Contributing Factors:**

- 1. Cultural norms that obscure or subtlely promote use (e.g., value on work/productivity; body image perceptions, especially among women; increased value on youth and sexuality)
- 2. Lack of enforcement resources and insufficient/ineffective policies
- 3. Widespread availability to high quality, low cost meth and its precursor chemicals
- 4. Proximity to border (meth production in Mexico, distribution in San Diego County); large rural areas
- 5. Gangs, international cartels, etc.
- 6. Ideal for criminal enterprise (ease, high-profit and discreteness of manufacturing and selling)

			Expected Outcomes			
Goals	Resources	Strategies	Short Term	Intermediate	Long Term	Measurement Indicators
Reduce the prevalence of methrelated activities in residential neighborhoods	Existing organized community collaborations      Meth Initiative members (experience,	Data collection/ Research  Policy Development	July 2005 – Dec 2006  Process & outcome indicators identified; baselines established; Stakeholder/community assessment conducted  Existing policies reviewed & assessed (e.g., codes enforcement, housing related – owner occupied & rental); model policies	Jan 2007 – June 2009 Ongoing monitoring of data indicators; assessment of intermediate expected outcomes conducted  Model policies developed; policy advocacy (develop issue briefings & supportive materials, meetings with elected officials, etc.)	July 2009 - June 2010  Ongoing monitoring of data indicators; assessment of long-term expected outcomes conducted  Policies are adopted (e.g., codes enforcement, housing related)	[P = Process Indicator; O = Outcome Indicator]  ◇ P: Data indicators collected & baselines established  ◇ O: Stakeholder/community assessment completed  ◇ O: Evaluation reports completed  ◇ P: Number of model policies drafted  ◇ P: Number of advocacy activities  ◇ O: Increased number of policies adopted/implemented
	Strategic partners (local government, enforcement, etc.)	Community Engagement	beginning to be developed  Desired community partners identified & contacted; presentations to community groups occurring; Environmental Meth Prevention Clearinghouse research & development begun	Key partnerships established; integrate meth prevention strategies into existing regionwide community groups; Clearing house developed & launched; Countywide Neighborhood Safety Council established	San Diego County Meth Prevention Initiative Clearinghouse updated & maintained regularly; Countywide Neighborhood Safety Council actively involved in policy advocacy & adoption	<ul> <li>◇ P: Number/type of activities carried out by Initiative &amp; partners</li> <li>◇ O: Number of new partnerships</li> <li>◇ O: Clearinghouse developed/launched</li> <li>◇ O: Countywide Neighborhood Safety Council established (NSC)</li> <li>◇ O: Increased policy advocacy &amp; adoption activities by NSC</li> </ul>
		Media Advocacy	Media plan developed; training of media spokespersons begun	Media plan implemented; pool of active trained media spokespersons	Policy & solution-focused meth news coverage	<ul> <li>◇ P: Number of media activities/outputs</li> <li>◇ O: Increased policy &amp; solution- focused meth news coverage</li> </ul>
		Enforcement	Presentations to enforcement & civic groups; greater emphasis/priority on enforcement	Cooperation between enforcement & community (residents, bus. owners, apt mngrs) in targeted areas (Safe Streets Now, Crime- free Multi-housing, etc.)	Increased enforcement by property mngrs, residents, code enforcement, LE, etc.; increased inter-agency cooperation & focus on enforcement (Health, CPS, property mngrs assoc, etc.)	<ul> <li>♦ P: Number of presentations conducted</li> <li>♦ O: Increased emphasis/priority on enforcement</li> <li>♦ O: Increased inter-agency cooperation &amp; focus on enforcement</li> <li>♦ O: Decreased meth-related activities/crime in residential neighborhoods</li> </ul>