

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE

1800 North Stephen Carr Memorial Blvd.
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704

A G E N D A

For the meeting to be held on February 18, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., Springdale Administration Building, Community Room, 201 North Spring Ave. Springdale, AR

1. Roll Call of Control Group members.
2. Approval of minutes from the January 14, 2026, meeting.
3. Financial Report, Fiscal Officer Willie Newman.
4. Report of Task Force, Lieutenant Chris Moad.
5. Dispositions
DTF 25-368, Jarren Brown, forfeiture of \$1,180.00
6. Other Business
7. Public Comment. *
8. Set the next meeting's place, date, and time.

Location: **Fayetteville Police Department, Training/Community Room,
1800 North Stephen Carr Memorial Blvd. Fayetteville, AR**

Time: **1:30 p.m.** Date: **March**

18- This is the only day the Community Room is available.

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9. Adjourn

Please check the Fayetteville City Calendar for any changes or updates.

****Public comment at a Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force Control Board meeting shall be allowed for all members of the audience who have signed up prior to the beginning of the agenda item they wish to address. Speakers shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. The Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force Control Board may allow a speaker additional time or may allow an unsigned-up person to speak by unanimous consent or majority vote.***

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CONTROL GROUP

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MEETING
January 14, 2026
MINUTES

The Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force Control Board meeting was held on December 17, 2025.

Those present were:

Mike Reynolds, Chief- Fayetteville Police Department
Jay Cantrell, Sheriff- Washington County Sheriff's Office
Bryan Watts, Chief- Elkins Police Department
Derek Wright, Chief- Springdale Police Department
Chris Moad, Lieutenant - 4th Judicial Drug Task Force
William Newman, Fiscal Officer- 4th Judicial Drug Task Force

Brandon Carter, Prosecuting Attorney- Washington County Sheriff's Office
Hannah Bell, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney- Washington County Prosecutor's Office

Guest:

Members of the public.

Chief Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the above-listed members were acknowledged as present. Copies of the minutes from the December 17, 2025, meeting were distributed to all present. Sheriff Jay Cantrell made a motion, seconded by Chief Derek Wright, to accept the minutes as presented.

A copy of the financial report for Grant FY2025-2026 was distributed to all attendees for review, covering the period from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Fiscal Officer Willie Newman stated that the total expense to date was \$513,558.00, with Drug Crime Funding at \$113,117.00, Prosecutor Coordinator at \$162,892.00, Gulf Coast HIDTA at \$107,322.00, and the remaining \$ 84,236.00 being non-allowed.

Lieutenant Chris Moad reported on the task force's activity from December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and a copy of the statistics was distributed to all present. The task force opened 32 cases in December, closed 34, and made 5 arrests. \$3,800.00 was expended for the purchase of evidence, and \$240.00 for the purchase of information. Drugs seized during the month included methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, fentanyl, psilocybin mushrooms, and pharmaceuticals. Moad said that 19 warrants were served. The task force seized \$7,232.00 in U.S. currency and 5 firearms during the month. The locations of DTF Enforcement Action for the month were Fayetteville, 20 cases; Springdale, 8 cases; Elkins, 1 case; Prairie Grove, 1 case; West Fork, 1 case; and Tontitown, 1 case. Also noted were 0 drug convictions for November.

Chief Mike Reynolds commented on the large amounts of marijuana and especially the 13 pounds of methamphetamine that the task force has seized for the month. Lieutenant Chris Moad explained that during October, November, and December, the task force seized multiple pounds of meth through multiple investigations. Source and supply contributed to these multiple-pound seizures. Moad also said that the investigations start out small and work their way up into the multi-pound dealers.

Lieutenant Chris Moad reported on the following dispositions.

DTF 25-418 (State of Arkansas v Melissa Whinery) was a Drug Task Force arrest, resulting in the seizure of \$2,174.00 on October 17, 2025. \$434.80 went to the Arkansas Drug Director's Office, \$652.20 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office Drug Control Fund. It was recommended that 15% of the net total \$1,087.00 go to the Drug Task Force, and the remaining balance be based on current staffing (Fayetteville 37.5%, Springdale 37.5%, WCSO 12.5%, and Rural 12.5%).

Notes:

On October 17, 2025, detectives with the Drug Task Force contacted Whinery during a traffic stop. During a search, detectives located four pounds of methamphetamine and \$2,174.00. During a Miranda Interview, Whinery admitted she had picked up eleven pounds of methamphetamine earlier that night in Tulsa and had delivered all but the four pounds of methamphetamine detectives had discovered during the stop. Whinery was arrested, and the contraband was seized.

Chief Bryan Watts, seconded by Sheriff Jay Cantrell, made a motion to approve this recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Lieutenant Chris Moad requested funding for a Basic Narcotics Investigations Course for four detectives. This training will take place from March 16, 2026, through March 27, 2026, at the Waller County Sheriff's Department in Hempstead, Texas. This funding will be paid out of the Program Income Account.

Fiscal Officer Willie Newman informed the board that the current balance in Program Income is \$115,820.19. Obligated Funds reserve and reapproved for Training are currently at \$1,101.58, and Covert Funds reserves are at \$5,000.00, leaving the total unobligated funds at \$109,718.61. Willie Newman asked that the reserved training amount be brought back up to \$7,500.00.

Willie Newman explained that Program Income is money received from the 15% of each seizure disbursement that is brought before the board. These funds require approval from the control board to be spent. Guidelines are followed that are set forth by the Department of Justice and the State on the allowable expenses that the money can be spent on. This money is not associated with the state grant and is maintained in a separate account and not comingled with other funds. These funds have been used for equipment, uniform protection, and training.

Chief Mike Reynolds asked for approval to transfer \$6,398.42 from Program Income into the Training Fund for the task force officer, with the request for funding for the upcoming training, Basic Narcotics Investigation Course in Hempstead, Texas. Chief Derek Wright, seconded by Sheriff Jay Cantrell, approved these requests. The requests were approved unanimously.

- Lieutenant Chris Moad reported on the end-of-the-year stats from 2025 compared to 2024 calendar year.

In 2025, 86.5 pounds of methamphetamine were seized, up 9% from 2024. Marijuana seized was 45 pounds, which was down 13% from last year. Seized 117 pounds of edibles, which was up 908% from 2024. Cocaine was 1.4 pounds versus 7.1 pounds from the prior year. Psilocybin Mushrooms were over 6 pounds compared to 3 pounds in 2024. Fentanyl was 261.5 grams compared to last years was 361.5 grams. Arrests for 2025 were 182, which was 169 in 2024, 8% increase. Cases opened in 2025 were 502 versus 314 in 2024. The increase in the number of cases is due to staffing. Seizure cash value for 2025 was \$ 80, 947.00 and in 2024, \$105,187.00, 23% decrease. Gun seizures in 2025 were 99 and

60 in 2024, 65% increase. Identified and disrupted 21 DTO's versus 20 in 2024. No meth labs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Arlene Jones commented on an experience she had with DTF at a bust. Arlene had bonded a person out of jail, and her concerns were for that person because she was told that person was in there. She approached the door, and a lot of Fayetteville Police Officers at this location realized it was a bust. Was told by a DTF detective that if she was not a part of the investigation, to get the F out of there. Arlene stated her thought was not to interrupt what they were doing, but to check on him because of his possible mental state. She said she did not leave; her intentions were to make sure he was not in trouble. The same detective cursed her a second time. Never asked who she was. Arlene said she asked for a supervisor. Spoke with a supervisor who apologized. Did not appreciate how she was treated and the emotional impact this situation had on her.
- Micah Sullivan would like to see the use of body cameras by detectives during investigations. Micah explained that she had had her door kicked in and guys strong-armed her, and the emotional impact it had.
- Sarah Moore mentioned CI's wearing wires for the task force, but the task force does not have a recording mechanism in place for DTF folks, for instances like this.

Sarah Moore spoke about her concern with surveillance technology and the infringements it has on people's rights.

Because the task force is federally funded, Sarah Moore would like to understand what federal contracts are in place regarding immigration and other homeland federal agencies that might potentially be looking at individuals who interact with DTF who might end up in immigration enforcement.

Sarah Moore would like to better understand what a DTO is. What does that look like?

Sarah Moore would like to discuss other ways Program Income can be used.

- Bryson Austin would like to know more regarding the guidelines for asset forfeitures.
- Mike commented regarding the program income money. Mike mentioned that the task force is handling the supply but not the demand, and asked if more can be done to address the demand issues that would minimize the need for supply.

Mike asked about the training in Hempstead, Texas. Why is the Waller County Sheriff's Office able to provide the training?

Chief Mike Reynolds requested a date and time for the next meeting. The next meeting will be on February 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at the Springdale Administration Building, Community Room, 201 North Spring Ave. Springdale, Arkansas. The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Chief Derek Wright, seconded by Sheriff Jay Cantrell.

The meeting was recorded.

Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force
DTF FY2025-2026

For Period Ending January 31, 2026

<u>Account Name</u>	JAG Funding	Drug Crime Funding	Prosecutor Coordinator	Gulf Coast HIDTA	Local JAG	Non-Allowed	Total	Budgeted	Balance
Personnel - Fayetteville									
Secretary	-	-	4,486	-	-	(0)	32,005	51,917	19,912
Supervisor	-	43,364	26,782	5,935	-	0	76,081	138,392	62,311
Officers	-	44,379	36,292	18,743	-	2,299	101,713	174,218	72,505
Mandated Benefits	-	-	2,450	759	-	4,605	7,814	13,644	5,831
Employer Benefits	-	-	36,934	7,030	-	31,286	75,250	131,386	56,136
Total Personnel Fayetteville	-	87,743	106,944	32,467	-	38,190	292,862	509,558	216,695
Maintenance & Operations									
Fayetteville - M&O	-	-	-	4,900	-	22,032	26,932	60,306	33,373
Springdale - M&O	-	-	-	4,900	-	-	4,900	11,400	6,500
Washington County - M&O	-	-	2,044	4,900	-	419	7,363	13,400	6,037
Rural - M&O	-	-	-	4,900	-	-	4,900	8,400	3,500
Total Maintenance & Operations	-	-	2,044	19,600	-	22,451	44,095	93,506	49,410
Purch. Evidence/Purch. Info									
PEPI	-	-	-	41,105	-	-	41,105	73,400	32,295
Total PEPI	-	-	-	41,105	-	-	41,105	73,400	32,295
Travel and Training									
Travel and Training	-	-	-	-	-	6,898	6,898	8,976	2,078
Total Travel and Training	-	-	-	-	-	6,898	6,898	8,976	2,078
Contract Personnel									
Springdale	-	21,609	22,907	10,924	-	12,369	73,676	126,449	52,772
Washington County	-	22,769	27,258	7,157	-	4,391	68,602	145,914	77,312
Rural	-	20,823	23,052	6,798	-	16,119	72,446	125,529	53,083
Total Contract Personnel	-	65,202	73,217	24,880	-	32,879	214,724	397,892	183,168
Total All	-	152,944	182,205	118,052	-	100,419	599,686	1,083,331	483,646

**FOURTH JUDICIAL DRUG TASK FORCE
MONTHLY REPORT
GRANT 2025-2026
January 1, 2026 - January 31, 2026**

	<u>Month</u>		<u>YTD</u>	
I. Cases Opened			32	: 287
	<u>Enforcement Action</u>			
Springdale	7			
Fayetteville	20			
West Fork	2			
Farmington	1			
Prairie Grove	1			
Bentonville	1			
II. Cases Closed			19	: 228
III. Arrest Made			11	: 82
IV. Community Meetings			0	: 7
V. Purchase of Evidence			\$3,110.00	: \$50,610.00
VI. Purchase of Service			\$0.00	: \$0.00
VII. Purchase of Information			\$850.00	: \$5,520.00
VIII. Warrants Served			13	: 115
Phone	6			
Location	4			
Internet	1			
Residential	2			
IX. Total Drug Amounts				
Marijuana	321.33	gr	: 17282.31	gr
Methamphetamine (ice)	805.37	gr	: 28301.08	gr
Cocaine	7.6	gr	: 291.74	gr
Crack Cocaine		gr	: 0.89	gr
Heroin		gr	: 8.06	gr
LSD		du	: 8.60	du
Ecstasy		pills	: 11.00	pills
MDMA		gr	: 10.73	gr
Psilocybin Mushrooms		gr	: 304.60	gr
Fentanyl	0.62	gr	: 75.61	gr
Fentanyl		pills	: 65.50	pills
Prescription pills	11	du	: 242.50	du

Opiates

Of which

2 du : 86.00

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Other:

X. Meth Labs

Lab

0 : 0

One Pot

0 : 0

Components

0 : 0

Dumpsite

0 : 0

XI. Firearms

Seized

3 : 56

XII. Assets Seized

Federal

\$0.00 : \$0.00

State

\$0.00 : \$43,278.00

Vehicle

0 : 0

XIII. Drug Trafficking Operations Disrupted

1 : 14

XIV. Convictions for the Month

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State of Arkansas Vs

Jarren Brown

DTF Case	# DTF	25-368	(FORFEITURE)	\$	1,180.00
Drug Director's Office					0.00
Prosecutor's Office					354.00
Balance to Task Force					<u>826.00</u>
Task Force					123.90
Remaining balance					<u><u>\$702.10</u></u>

Springdale	37.50%	263.28
Fayetteville	37.50%	263.28
Washington County	12.50%	87.76
Prairie Grove	12.5/10	8.78
Goshen	12.5/10	8.78
Farmington	12.5/10	8.78
West Fork	12.5/10	8.78
Greenland	12.5/10	8.78
Lincoln	12.5/10	8.78
Elkins	12.5/10	8.78
Elm Springs	12.5/10	8.78
Tontitown	12.5/10	8.77
Washington County	12.5/10	8.77
		<u><u>\$702.10</u></u>