

David W. Kelley
Deputy Director
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David Kelley was selected to be the Deputy Director of the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Program in September of 2007, after 25 years of service in the New Hampshire State Police. At the time of his retirement, Deputy Director Kelley held the rank of Major and commanded the Investigative Services Bureau. As Bureau Commander, Deputy Director Kelley directed and coordinated the Division of State Police investigative operations through its specialized units: Major Crime, Narcotics and Special Investigations, Terrorism and Intelligence, and Polygraph.

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA) is a grant program administered through the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Office of State, Local and Tribal Affairs. The HIDTA program serves as a coordination umbrella to facilitate and enhance Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies' drug control efforts in designated areas, enabling them to combine and leverage resources and capabilities to address drug trafficking and drug-related crime. The HIDTA program also supports drug treatment and prevention activities, fostering collaboration between law enforcement and the demand reduction community at large.

As a member of the Management and Coordination Initiative, Deputy Director Kelley provides administrative, financial, and program management guidance and direction for the New England HIDTA; facilitates and encourages the development of innovative approaches to drug law enforcement; ensures New England HIDTA initiatives are in compliance with HIDTA Program requirements; and advises the Executive Board concerning the performance of New England HIDTA initiatives. Deputy Director Kelley serves as the New England regional coordinator for the Domestic Highway Enforcement Program; providing administrative oversight and assistance to law enforcement agencies in developing comprehensive strategies that meet the goals and objectives of this national law enforcement model. In 2015 Deputy Director Kelley was appointed by the National HIDTA Directors Association to serve as its Congressional Affairs Liaison.

Deputy Director Kelley is a 1980 graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. In 2002, Mr. Kelley was selected to attend the global law enforcement executive development session of the FBI National Academy, and later returned as a guest lecturer at the invitation of the FBI Critical Incident Management Group.