

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

Northern District of Texas

United States Marshal Randy P. Ely



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Operation FALCON is a nationwide fugitive apprehension operation coordinated by the United States Marshals Service (USMS) combining the resources of federal, state, city, and county law enforcement agencies in a joint effort to locate and apprehend criminals wanted for crimes of violence.

First conducted on a National scale, Operation FALCON was initiated in most major cities throughout the United States and its Territories beginning on April 4, 2005 and concluding on April 10, 2005. This specific time frame was selected to coincide with "National Crime Victims' Rights Week". One fundamental obligation of the criminal justice system is to vigilantly pursue offenders creating a safer community for victims and others. It was felt that by conducting the operation during "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" the US Marshals Service, along with their other local, state, and federal partners, could achieve this goal and also pay tribute to those victimized by crime.

Operation FALCON was an overwhelming success! Because of this success, the United States Marshals Service decided to conduct similar, less resource intensive, operations in 2006. Operation FALCON II & III targeted smaller areas of the nation for a week long apprehension effort. In 2007, Operation FALCON DALLAS/FORT WORTH concentrated on convicted sex offenders and unregistered sex offenders. Additionally, officers sought out fugitives involved in; gang crimes, homicide, kidnapping, robbery, assault, arson, extortion, burglary, drugs, domestic abuse, and weapons related offenses. In 2008 the United States Marshals Service launched Operation FALCON throughout the United States. Districts individually selected a week in June to conduct the operation.

In 2009 the entire month of June was dedicated to Operation FALCON. Operation FALCON 2009 in the Northern District of Texas consisted of over 150 law enforcement personnel from 42 participating agencies.

US Marshal Randy Ely said, "I am pleased with the results of this year's FALCON. As we have seen on prior occasions, when we bring this many professional law enforcement officers together to serve a common purpose, good things result. Because of the violent nature of some of these suspects, there is no doubt that their capture will result in our communities being safer."

2009 OPERATION FALCON LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS

POLICE DEPARTMENTS:

Abilene Police	Amarillo Police
Alvarado Police	Arlington Police
Crandall Police	Dallas Police
Dalworthington Gardens Police	Decatur Police
Forney Police	Fort Worth Police
Glenn Heights Police	Greenville Police
Irving Police	Kaufman Police
Mesquite Police	San Angelo Police
Terrell Police	Weatherford Police

SHERIFFS DEPARTMENTS:

Dallas County Sheriffs	Hunt County Sheriffs
Kaufman County Sheriffs	Parker County Sheriffs
Rockwall County Sheriffs	Tarrant County Sheriffs
Taylor County Sheriffs	Tom Green County Sheriffs
Wise County	

STATE & OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:

Abilene City Marshals
Dallas City Attorneys Office Criminal Intelligence Division
Dallas County Probation Department
Kaufman County Constables
Kaufman County District Attorneys Office- Investigations
San Angelo City Marshals
Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Office of the Inspector General
Texas Department of Public Safety- Criminal Intelligence Division
Texas Department of Public Safety- Texas Rangers

FEDERAL AGENCIES:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Dept. of Homeland Security- Office of the Inspector General
Dept. of Housing & Urban Development- Office of the Inspector General
United States Border Patrol
United States Marshals Service

2009
OPERATION FALCON
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS STATISTICS

FUGITIVES ARRESTED	406
WARRANTS CLEARED BY ARREST	535
SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED	54
FIREARM SEIZURES	01
DOCUMENTED GANG MEMBER ARRESTS	11

2009
OPERATION FALCON
NATIONAL STATISTICS

FUGITIVES ARRESTED	35,190
WARRANTS CLEARED BY ARREST	47,418
SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED	2,356
FIREARM SEIZURES	582
DOCUMENTED GANG MEMBER ARRESTS	900

2005-2009
OPERATION FALCON
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS STATISTICS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
FUGITIVES ARRESTED	243	320	250	444	406
WARRANTS CLEARED BY ARREST	427	339	319	573	535
SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED	34	40	32	53	54
FIREARM SEIZURES	09	03	06	08	01
DOCUMENTED GANG MEMBER ARRESTS	19	14	28	09	11

2005-2009
OPERATION FALCON
NATIONAL STATISTICS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
FUGITIVES ARRESTED	10,340	19,770	6,406	19,380	35,190
WARRANTS CLEARED BY ARREST	13,851	23,752	7,766	25,087	47,418
SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED	659	2,761	542	1,096	2,356
FIREARM SEIZURES	243	165	249	418	582
DOCUMENTED GANG MEMBER ARRESTS	154	527	300	388	900

Although Operation FALCON 2009 conducted throughout various cities within the Northern District of Texas, the primary vehicle which was used to develop this operation was, the Dallas Fort Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (DFW FAST). DFW FAST is but one of 97 full-time district task forces across the country, which provide the backbone of the US Marshals Service fugitive apprehension efforts. Additionally, there are now 6 Regional Fugitive Task Forces in various locations throughout the United States, as well.

Since its inception in January 2004, DFW FAST has made a direct and significant impact on crime and enhanced the ability of agencies to apprehend fugitives before they can commit other crimes in the North Texas area. DFW FAST is currently comprised of

twenty five agencies that provide over 50 criminal investigators to it. Since its inception the Strike Team has arrested over 8,500 fugitive felons.



For more information about the Dallas Fort Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (DFW FAST), visit <http://www.usmarshals.gov/district/tx-n/taskforces/index.html>