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About Our Mission

The mission of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those organizations and principal members of organizations, involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States; and to recommend and support non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on the domestic and international markets.

Core Values

Rule of Law: Dedication to upholding the Constitution of the United States and the Rule of Law.

Respect and Compassion: Respect and compassion for those we protect and serve.

Service: Faithful and effective service to our country and its citizens.

Devotion: Devotion to our core mission of enforcing the nation's drug laws and enhancing public health, safety, and national security.

Integrity: Uncompromising personal, professional, and institutional integrity.

Accountability: Accountability to ourselves, our Agency, and those we serve.

Leadership and Courage: Leadership and courage in our profession, communities, and lives.

Diversity: Commitment to diversity and excellence.

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