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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON NARCOTICS AND  
WHITE COLLAR CRIME ENFORCEMENT

This Executive Order is issued under the authority of Section 6, Article IV, Revised Constitution of American Samoa and Section 4.0302(a) American Samoa Code Annotated.

There is established the Special Task Force on Narcotics and White Collar Crime Enforcement. The urgency of the Special Task Force is recognized in President Reagan's recently announced policy on drugs. Drug trafficking and white collar crime have reached epidemic proportions in the United States and have inundated law enforcement capabilities. Drug trafficking and white collar crime are multi-jurisdictional problems which require utilization of coordinated activity by federal, state, territorial and local law enforcement authorities in the form of a task force to disrupt these criminal activities in the Territory. The Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, has agreed to assign a Special Agent as a liaison officer to the Special Task Force.

The Special Task Force shall be responsible for the following functions:

1. Gathering intelligence information regarding drug trafficking and elements of organized crime in the Territory.

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2. Conducting major criminal investigations involving white collar crime and corruption in government operations.

3. Coordinating control of drug trafficking and white collar crime with federal, state, territorial and local law enforcement agencies which have similarly provided for coordination of enhanced intelligence sharing, investigative efforts, training, and the increased competence and proficiency of law enforcement officers.

Members of the Special Task Force are as follows:

Michael R. Sala, Deputy Commissioner  
Fonoti D.W. Jessop, Commander-DPS  
Fa'amao Asalele, Commander-DPS  
Toga F. Atalima, Special Investigator-AG's Office  
Lene F. Tuaua, Special Investigator-AG's Office  
Tuputala Sagapolutele, Customs Officer

Deputy Commissioner Michael R. Sala is designated as Chairman of the Special Task Force.

The Special Task Force shall submit a monthly report to the Governor, Commissioner of Public Safety and Attorney General on drug trafficking and white collar crime activities in or related to the Territory.

The Special Task Force is authorized to enlist additional personnel in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

The Task Force shall explore and propose legislation to provide for forfeiture of property and other appropriate means to penalize and control drug trafficking and white collar crime in the Territory.

The Director of Program Planning and Budget Development and the Treasurer shall determine means to allocate funds in support of this essential law enforcement program.

  
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