MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT

The Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Act
MGL Ch. 94G Sec. 1-9
The citizens of Massachusetts intend that there should be *no punishment under state law* for qualifying patients, physicians and health care professionals, personal caregivers for patients, or medical marijuana treatment center agents for the medical use of marijuana, as defined herein.

Massachusetts has essentially legalized marijuana and distribution!
How L.E. Address...

- Confirm Doctor Note? Dr. Fine, Dr. Howard
- How being obtained JAN. 1. (Black Market)
- 60 Day Supply. (Unlimited amount in MV)
- 60 Day Supply everyday (different dispensaries) + in-door grow.
- In Door Grow-60 Day Supply? Who will enforce that? Police no knowledge of loc?
- Search Warrant….how?
Robbery (Drug Rips) Dispensary-Home Grow.
B&E, Burglary.
Murder.
Traffic Congestion.
Noise complaints/Public Use.
Drug Resale's on the street.
Dealers selling at lower cost.
Loitering.
Quality of Life Issues in general. (Business Effected)
Marijuana (Dispensary & Home Grown) will be diverted to the black market and individual users.

Illicit Street Price is decreased due to competition with dispensaries & home growers. Creates easier availability. Low Cost.

Misconception that legalizing will diminish black market; exacerbates it!
States that have approved “medical marijuana” use have experienced costly highway safety issues.

20% of crashes in the U.S. are caused by drugged driving.

Marijuana is the most prevalent illegal drug detected in impaired drivers, fatally injured drivers, and motor vehicle crash victims.
Impact on Adolescents

- Initiation (11-21)
- Availability (Supply, Demand, $$)
- Perception of Harm
- Reduced Age of Onset (In age cohorts)
- Use Rates
- Drug Treatment Episodes
- Overdoses (Risk Management) = Youth
Encounter in Public (Always)
Field Interview Observation (Free to leave)
Investigative Detention. (Reasonable Suspicion Crime Committed)
Search, Arrest, etc. = (Probable Cause)

MEDICAL MARIJUANA (Doc Rec. + Qual Pt. + Marijuana = 0 in public.
Public Use-Only with By-Law
Law Enforcement Dilemma

- Regulations (120 Days). Law in Effect.
- Doctors Recommendation (How Verify? Trump Card?)
- Home Grow (Electric, Mold, Odor, #Plants?)
- 60 Day Supply (Not Defined) (Reasonable) = Unlimited amount with Doctors Note.
(I) "Medical use of marijuana" shall mean the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfer, transportation, sale, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, for the benefit of qualifying patients in the treatment of debilitating medical conditions, or the symptoms thereof.

ACQUIRE FROM THE BLACK MARKET?
Perception of Harm

Believe Great Risk in Smoking Marijuana Once a Month, Ages 12-17
Debilitating Medical Conditions

Distribution by Use

Muscle Spasms, Insomnia, Back/Neck Pain, Anxiety, Postsurgical pain, Headache & 'Other': 97.95%

Aids, Glaucoma, Cancer: 2.05%
Reasonable Amount-60 Day Supply?

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PHYSICIAN’S STATEMENT

This letter is to verify that I am the attending physician for

Patient Name

regarding the therapeutic value of medical

marijuana for him/her.

Additionally, this letter verifies that he/she has been diagnosed with a serious
medical condition and that the medical use of marijuana is appropriate for that
serious medical condition.

This letter is made a part of the patient’s permanent record.

Signed

License No.:

Date of Statement: Nov 28, 2005
Clinic Location: San Diego
Time Period Covered
13 Months □ 6 Months ☑
12 Months □ Other ________

This patient uses marijuana

topically which greatly increases
his need. It is recommended that
this patient be allowed to have up
to Seventy five marijuana plants growing
and up to five pounds of dry
marijuana.

Signed

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