

Sharing is Scaring



Background



The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) works continually to identify and implement the best approach to allocating enforcement resources and, in particular, to position DEA special agents and task force optimally for success in the DEA mission. With better data, we do this better. Without good data, we are flying blind, or at least less efficiently.

Problem

Sharing data is risky:

- Mission Risk
- Message Risk
- Personal Ownership Risk

Solution

Build trust:

- Build relationships
- Build boilerplate MOUs for easy deployment

DEA Data Supply Examples (Limitations)

- Drug Seizures
- Arrests
- (The DEA has to be careful about sharing too much detail because we have to protect our forensic process, our LEOs, and our confidential sources.)

DEA Data Needs

- State/Local enforcement activity (NSS)
- Record-level mortality data and other use indicators – this is public health data and we exist to protect public health
- Other community data