

Houston Police Department- Highway Interdiction Unit

Traffic Enforcement Division
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DISRUPTING & DISMANTLING CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS ON THE HIGHWAYS

HIU is a small unit within the Traffic Enforcement Division comprised of uniformed officers and two Narcotics K9s. Traffic stops are the primary method of enforcement for HIU, which then turn into long term investigations. We assist and work closely with other divisions within HPD, in addition to our local, state, and federal partners.

Right: A CMV was stopped off US 59 in Southwest Houston in early April. Mixed in with the produce in the truck were 16 additional truck batteries that were altered to contain contraband. Altogether, 60 kilos of cocaine and 10 kilos of fentanyl were recovered.



ALL CRIMES, ALL THREATS, ALL HAZARDS

- Highway Interdiction focuses on all types of criminal activity that occurs on the highways throughout the city. In addition to targeting narcotics, weapons, and illicit currency smugglers, we encounter counterfeit and stolen cargo, VIN-swapped and stolen vehicles, and fuel theft/credit card skimming.
- Top L: 16 kilos of cocaine seized off 45/10 during January 2025 snowstorm
- Top R: 612 kilos of meth/135 kilos of heroin seized off 45/249 in 2021
- Bottom: CMV using stolen credit cards to steal hundreds of dollars in diesel fuel and place it in hidden tank inside truck



Statistics



2021–2024

Seizures:

Weapons: 331

Cocaine: 1,705 kilos

Methamphetamine: 3,726 kilos

Heroin: 172 kilos

Fentanyl: 43 kilos



2025

YTD:

Weapons: 27

Cocaine: 271 kilos

Methamphetamine: 92 kilos

Heroin: 1.05 kilos

Fentanyl: 10.5 kilos



Traps/Compartments and HIU Tools

- To conceal contraband, criminal organizations often utilize aftermarket, complex traps or compartments inside of vehicles and cargo. Vehicle parts can be modified to hide the contraband or additional parts can be put on.
- In addition to two narcotics K9s, HPD HIU has a ZBV x-ray truck, several handheld x-ray machines, scopes, and other tools that allow us to scan and take apart these compartments to find the contraband.



HIU K9 Frida

Retirement: June 4, 2025

- Frida, one of HIU's two narcotics K9s, retired on June 4, 2025, after 8 years of dedicated service to the city. During her tenure, she assisted in the following seizures: 33 kilos of heroin, 1,560 kilos of cocaine, 2,400 pounds of marijuana, and 12,222 kilos of methamphetamine.
- Her K9 handler, Officer Marisol Gonzalez, picked up her new partner, Pluma, on June 5, 2025, and has begun training her as Frida's replacement.

