Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team

Formed in 2009, the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team was originally comprised of an officer from the Henry County Sheriff’s Office, Greenfield Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff’s Office and Richmond Police Department. Additionally, in 2013 the New Castle Police Department assigned an officer to the team. Funding for this project was initially provided through a federal grant which was administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

The focus of this Task Force is to patrol the 62 mile stretch of Interstate 70 in Henry, Wayne and Hancock Counties in an attempt to apprehend individuals who are committing felonies and other criminal offenses along this area of highway. Although the PACE Team seeks to apprehend individuals who utilize Interstate 70 as a thoroughfare to commit many different types of crimes, a primary focus of it’s efforts is the enforcement of traffic laws in an attempt to identify, locate and apprehend individuals engaged in the trafficking of illegal narcotics into and through the state of Indiana. Since it’s inception the PACE Team has achieved significant results, seizing over 10 million dollars worth of cash, cocaine, marijuana, and other illegal drugs. A large amount of the money and property that is seized through PACE Team investigations is reverted back to fund the salaries and equipment of the officers who are assigned to this detail.