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**AGENCIES PROMOTE NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS DAY**  
*One in three treatment admissions are for methamphetamine addiction in California*

**Who:** McGregor Scott, United States Attorney, Kathryn P. Jett, Director, Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Nikki Buckstead, Chief Executive Officer, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, John Gaines, Chief, Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

**What:** National Methamphetamine Awareness Day brings together state leaders from law enforcement and drug treatment agencies to share resources and information in the fight against methamphetamine.

- Methamphetamine is now the most commonly reported primary drug of abuse at admission surpassing alcohol and heroin.
- California leads the nation in Super Lab Seizures (laboratories that are capable of producing 10 pounds or more of methamphetamine at one time).
- A recent UCLA study has shown that individuals addicted to methamphetamine succeed in treatment as well as individuals who have other substance addictions.

**When:** Thurs., November 30, 9 a.m. -10 a.m., Room 1190, State Capitol

**Why:** President Bush proclaimed November 30, 2006 as National Methamphetamine Awareness Day encouraging state leaders from the Prevention, Enforcement and Treatment fields to spawn awareness in the battle against methamphetamine.

Methamphetamine abuse shatters families and communities and jeopardizes the lives of the children, spouses, and other loved ones. Methamphetamine production exposes anyone near the process to toxic chemicals and the risk of explosion.

To find out how to raise awareness and to learn more about the battle against methamphetamine abuse please visit [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com) and [www.methresources.gov](http://www.methresources.gov) .

**Visuals/Interview Opportunities:**

- California maps showing MA treatment admissions in 2001 and 2005.
- Individuals in recovery from Methamphetamine.
- Law enforcement tools used in the fight against methamphetamine.
- B-roll: Methamphetamine lab seizures.

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