

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Huron Undercover Narcotics Team

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Message from Commander

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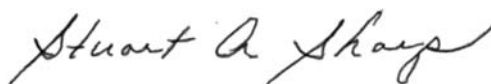
As the commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team I respectfully present the annual report for 2017. The following pages will reflect the team's accomplishments throughout the year, which have been significant.

The local trends during 2017 have shown that heroin use and trafficking declined somewhat, with cocaine activity having increased momentum. The abuse and trafficking of opioid pain medications continues to be a threat, as do meth labs. Of the drug related investigations that were initiated in 2017, 29% were with regard to opioid pain medications, 18% with regard to methamphetamine, 14% with regard to cocaine trafficking, and 12% with regard to heroin trafficking.

The team's detectives have done an extraordinary job of handling the time intensive investigations that have become the norm, in an effort to not only deplete or impair the availability of illegal narcotics on our streets, but also attempt to identify and bring to justice the source of those narcotics, typically from the downstate area. All while continuing to field tips/intelligence received from the web site and other agencies, maintaining and improving their training/credentials, providing assistance to other agencies, and providing the necessary time and materials for prosecution.

While the narcotics trends and traffickers' pathways are everchanging, the mission of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team remains the same. To reduce the availability and abuse of illegal narcotics in our service area, thereby reducing the occurrences of violent crimes and improving the quality of life for the community that we serve.

Respectfully,



D/Lt. Stuart Sharp
Commander, Huron Undercover Narcotics Team

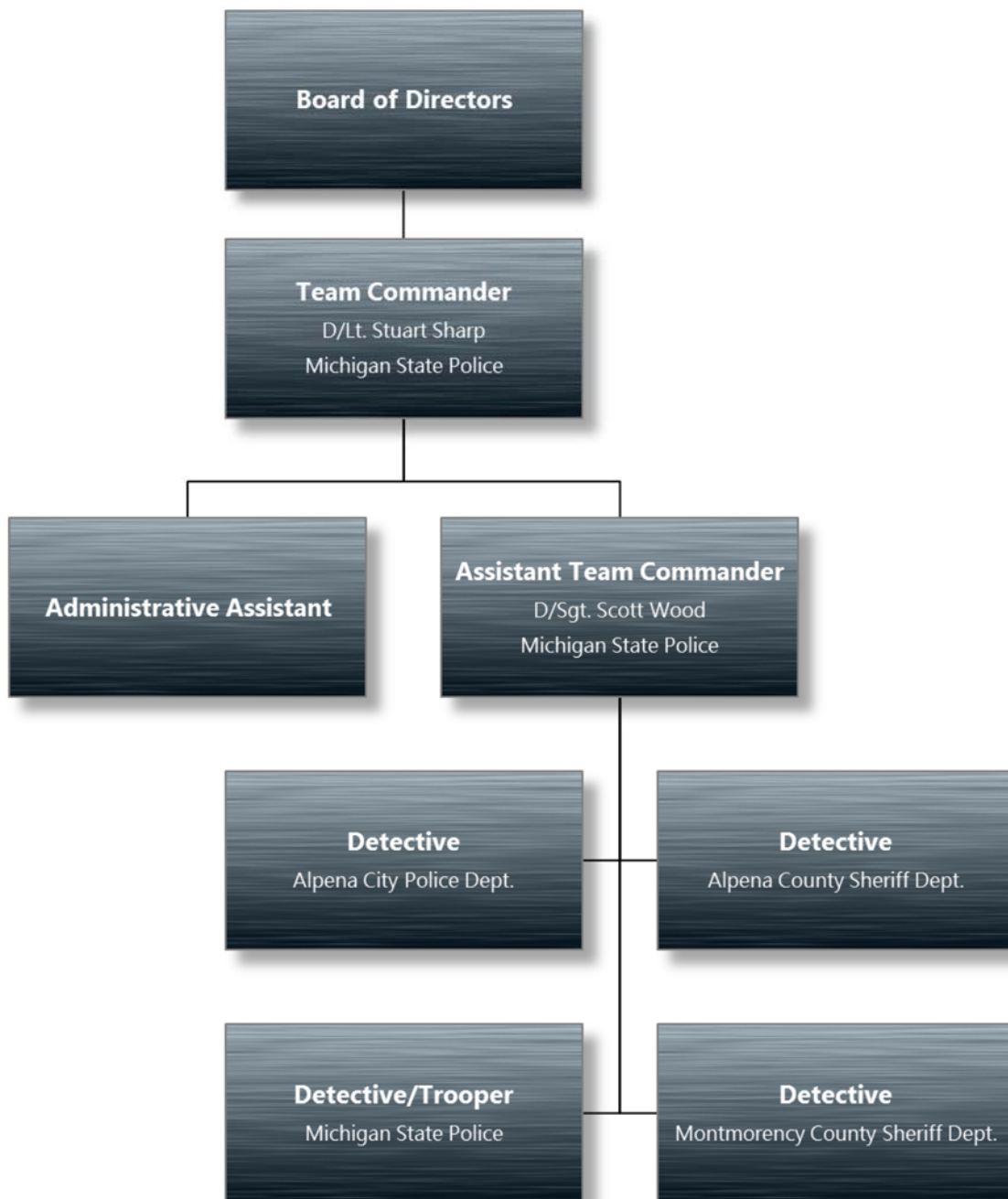
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The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) is a multi-jurisdictional task force governed under an Inter-Local Agreement between the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, the cities of Alpena and Rogers City, and the Michigan State Police.

Chairman, Mr. K. Edward Black, Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney
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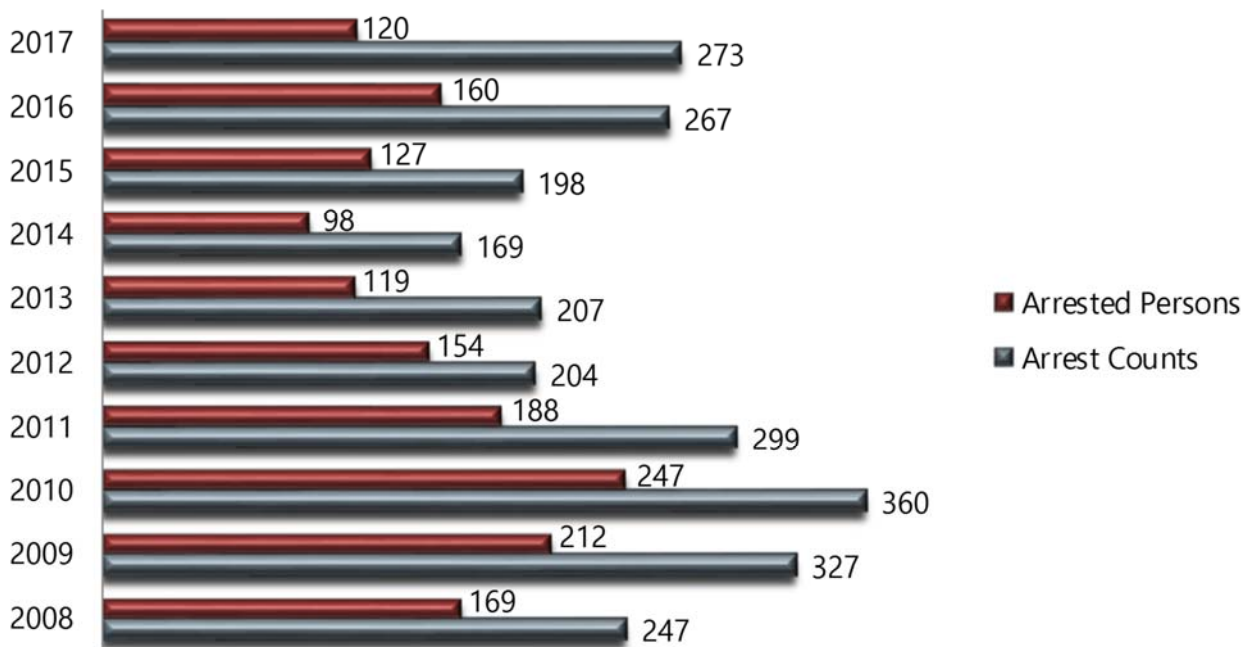
Mr. Ken Bielas, Rogers City Representative
Mrs. Carolyn Brummund, Alcona County Representative
Mr. Donald Edwards, Montmorency County Representative
Mr. Steve Lang, Presque Isle County Representative
Mr. Brad McRoberts, Alpena County Representative
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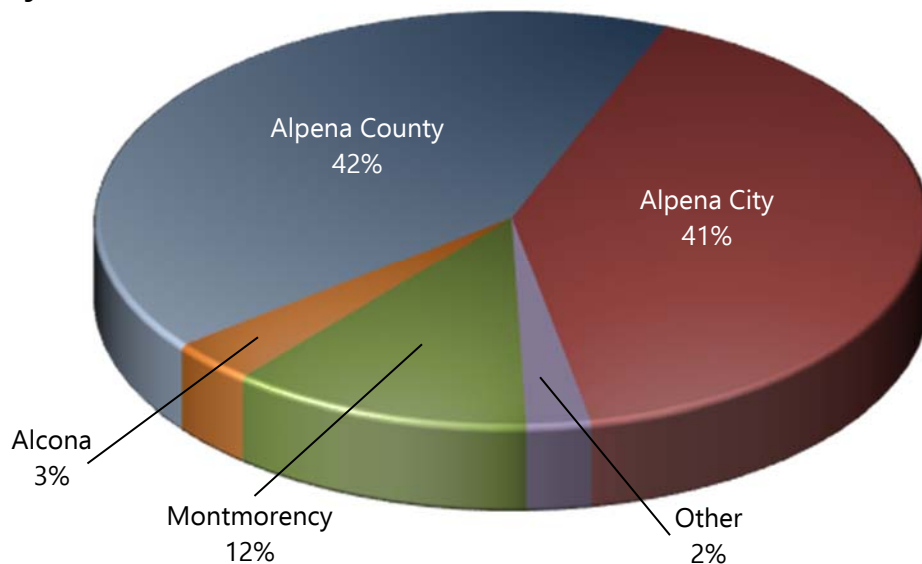


4 Arrests

Arrests and Arrest Counts—10 Years

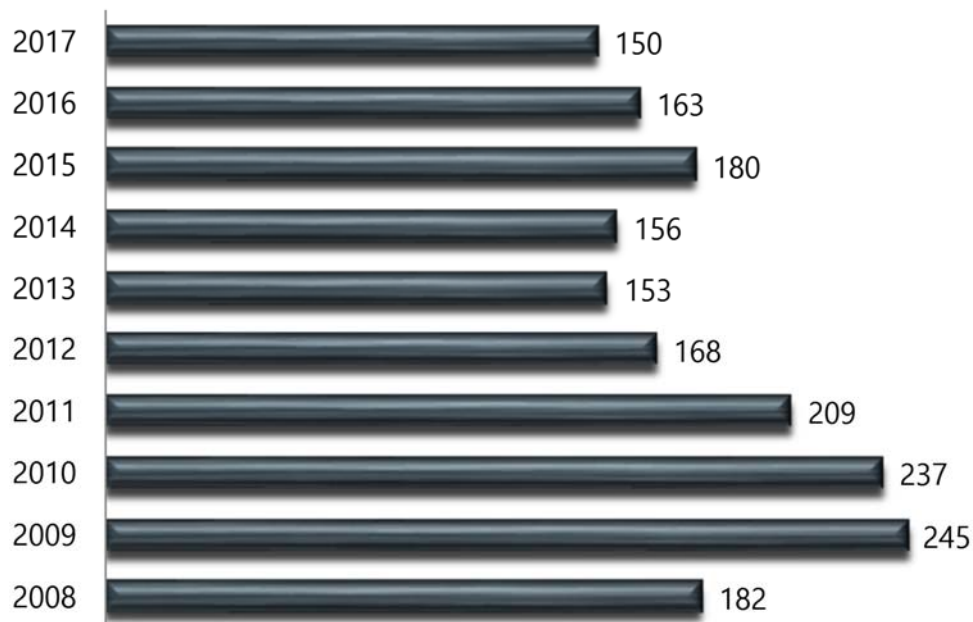


Arrests by Jurisdiction—2017

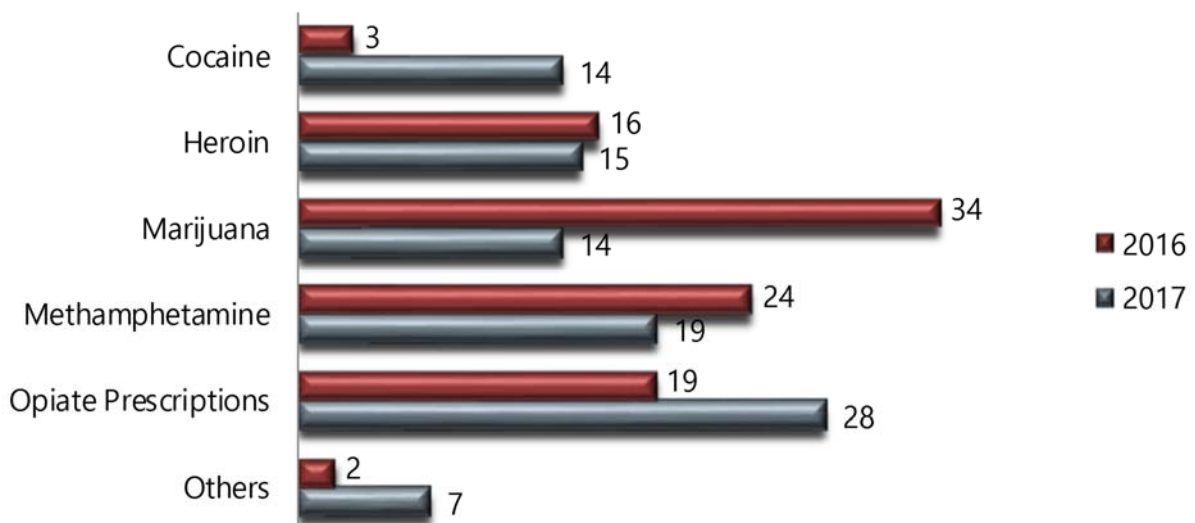


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Cases Initiated—10 Years



Substances Involved by Cases

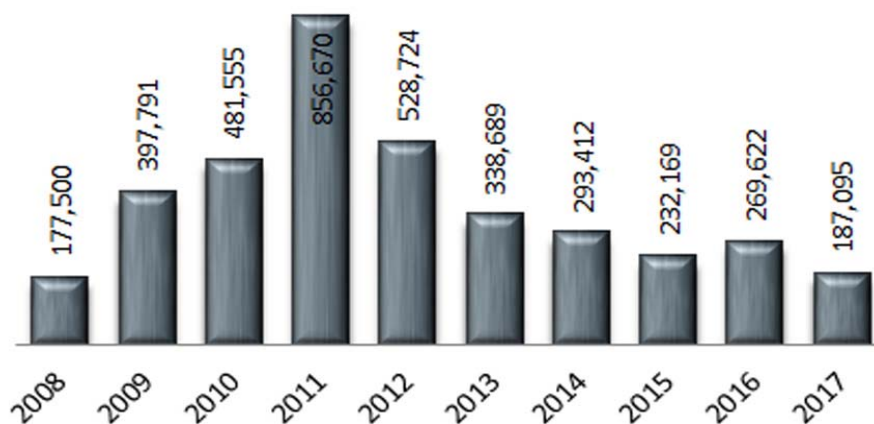


6 Drugs Seized

Drug Seizures—2017

Drugs Seized		
Drug	Seizures	Street Value
Cocaine	276.4 Grams	\$27,640
Ephedrine	88 Units	\$1,320
Heroin	87.09 Grams	\$21,773
LSD	15 Units	\$45
Marijuana	Processed, Medibles, Wax	\$96,982
Marijuana	13 Plants	\$13,000
Methamphetamine	200.6 Grams	\$20,060
Prescription Opiates	313 Units	\$4,638
Other Prescriptions	3545 Units	\$1,637
Total		\$187,095

Value of Drugs Seized—Past 10 Years



Drug Arrest Tiers 7

Drug Arrest Tiers

Substance/Crime		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Schedule 1-5 Powder or Rock (except marijuana, psilocybin, or peyote)	Distribute or possess in any single offense	Less than 20 grams	20-49 grams	50-399 grams	400 grams or more
Schedule 1-5 Dosage Units (except marijuana, psilocybin, or peyote)	Distribute or possess in any single offense	Less than 10 units	10-99 units	100-999 units	1,000 units or more
Marijuana, Psilocybin, Peyote	Possess in a single offense	Less than 10 pounds	10-49 pounds	50-99 pounds	100 pounds or more
Lab	Operate lab or possess precursors	Less than 25 grams and does not expose children	25-49 grams or expose children	50-399 grams	400 grams or more
Health Care Professional	Involved in diversion of RX	None	0-499 units	500-999 units	1,000 units or more
Conspiracy of a Drug Crime		At the level of trafficker above	At the level of trafficker above	At the level of trafficker above	At the level of trafficker above
Drug Arrest			Involving cash seizure greater than \$5,000		
Drug Arrest			Including a weapons charge		
Drug Arrest			2nd or Habitual Offender charge added		
Drug Arrest			Including recovery of stolen property		
Drug Sale				Resulting in overdose or death	
Drug Use		Use without distribution or beyond level of possession in other tiers			

HUNT Arrests by Tier

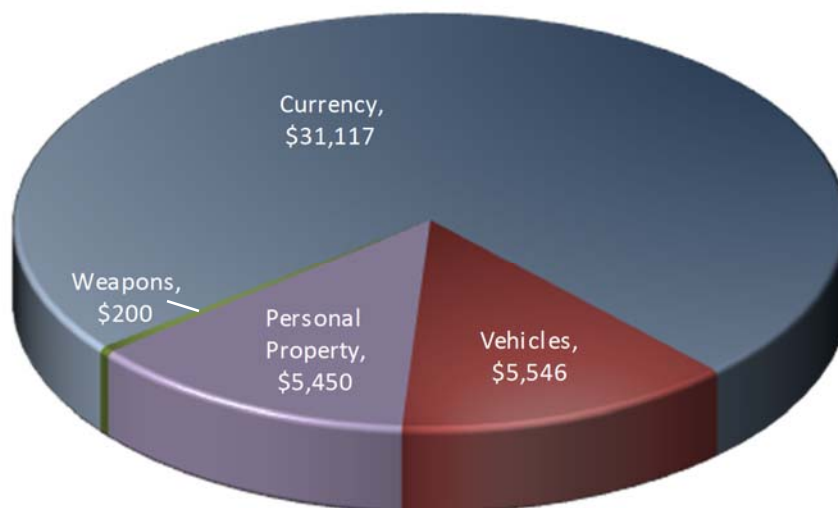
	2016	2017
Tier 1	45	20
Tier 2	54	58
Tier 3	2	6
Tier 4	0	3
Parole, Fugitive, and Other Non-Drug Related Arrests	59	33

8 Forfeitures/Seizures

2017 Adjudicated Forfeitures

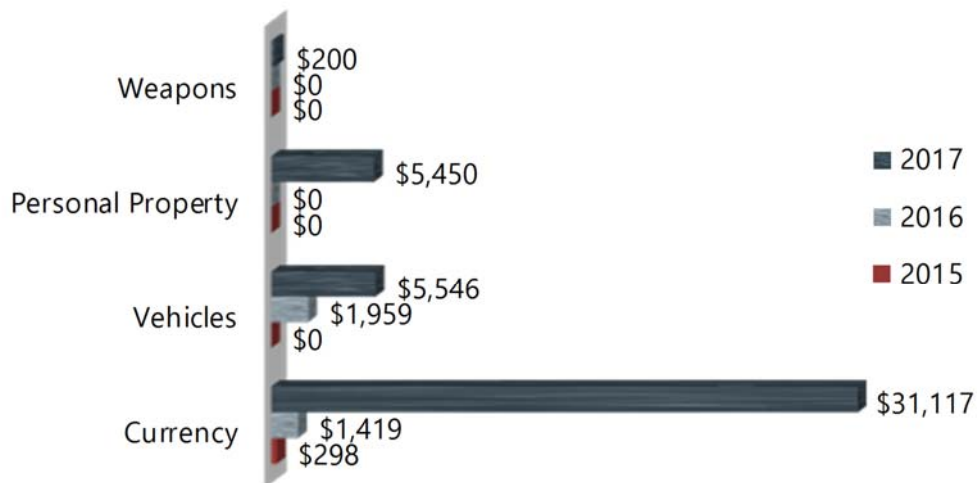
	Seized Property	Disposed Forfeited Property	Forfeiture Expenses
Currency	\$31,117	\$18,366	0
Vehicles	\$5,546	\$4,011	\$649.00
Personal Property	\$5,450	\$507	\$89.00
Weapons	\$200	0	0
Totals	\$42,313	\$22,884	\$738.00

Value of Seized Forfeiture Property

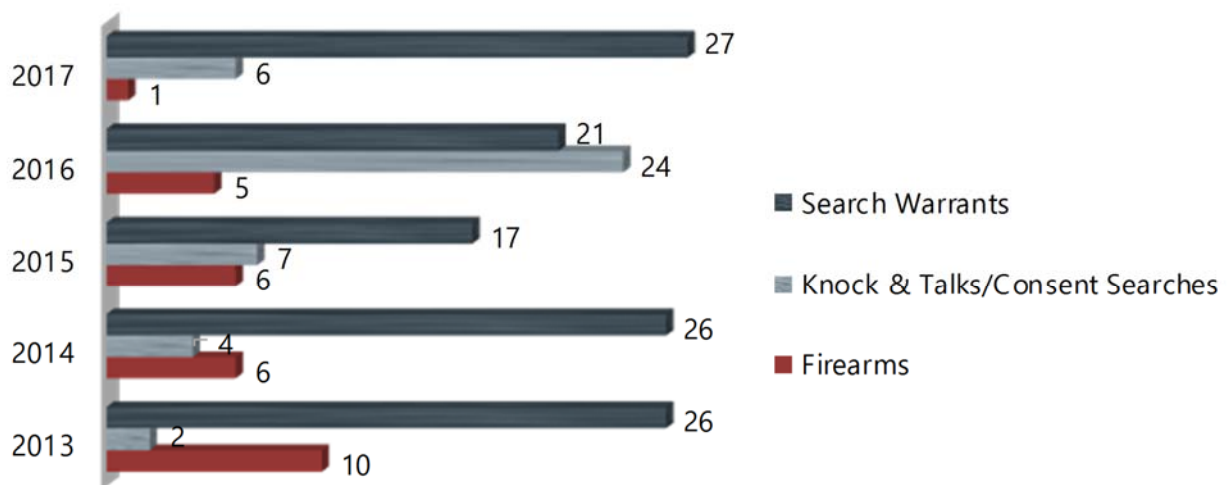


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Forfeiture Seizure Values—Three Years



Search/Seizure Detail—Five Years



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Activity	Events	Attendees
Presentations	7	192
Community Meetings	1	40

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Significant Activity 11

Marijuana Dispensaries Raided

In Late September, HUNT detectives executed search warrants at three illegal marijuana dispensaries in Atlanta, Michigan. This rural town had recently become home to three illegal businesses selling marijuana, available in a number of different forms including syrup, cooking oils, candies, and plant material.

These dispensaries were operating without regard to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, which only allows the transfer of marijuana from a licensed caregiver to a certified patient, and the caregiver may only provide to 5 patients. Further, they may only possess small quantities of marijuana for each patient. These dispensaries were selling marijuana to anyone with a marijuana card and sometimes to persons without a card. They were maintaining large quantities of marijuana and marijuana infused products.



Officers seized money, a firearm, and a very large quantity of marijuana products including candy bars, suckers, gummy bears, cookies, brownies, THC pills, infused maple syrup, and butter.

6 people were arrested as a result, and charged with 16 counts including delivery of marijuana, conspiracy to deliver marijuana, and maintaining a drug house. HUNT was assisted by members of the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (SANE), Traverse Narcotics Team (TNT), Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING), the Montmorency County Sheriff Department, and the Michigan State Police.

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Teener

Eight ball

Ounce

61 grams

Significant Activity

HUNT was assisted by the Alpena City Police Department, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement, the Michigan State Police Alpena Post, the MSP Alpena Post K9 Unit, and a group of neighborhood citizens who provided information to HUNT detectives.

14 Significant Activity

Meth Labs Dismantled

HUNT detectives received information that an individual who was a parole absconder with previous convictions regarding methamphetamine, had been purchasing pseudoephedrine regularly. Detectives subsequently located the individual after a purchase of pseudoephedrine, and had a traffic stop conducted. The parole absconder, a 34 year-old Alpena man was arrested on 4 outstanding warrants, while his passenger, a 40 year-old Alpena man, attempted to provide police with false information regarding his identity. The driver was in possession of a substantial quantity of methamphetamine on his person. Both were arrested on the outstanding warrants as well as conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. Detectives then conducted a search warrant at the residence in Long Rapids Township of Alpena County, where multiple one-pot meth labs were located. Two females, 28 and 18 years old, both from Alpena, were at the residence and were subsequently arrested for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, as well as accessory after the fact, to a felony. 20 offenses in all, were charged to these 4 individuals, by the Alpena County Prosecutor's office. Three of these individuals were subsequently convicted and sentenced to over 2 years in prison, while the fourth was convicted and sentenced to county jail.



Significant Activity 15

Cocaine Traffickers Arrested

HUNT detectives learned from an informant that two individuals had made a trip to Pontiac the previous night and procured a large quantity of cocaine for sale in the Alpena area. The informant had described the amount of cocaine as the size of a softball. One of these individuals had

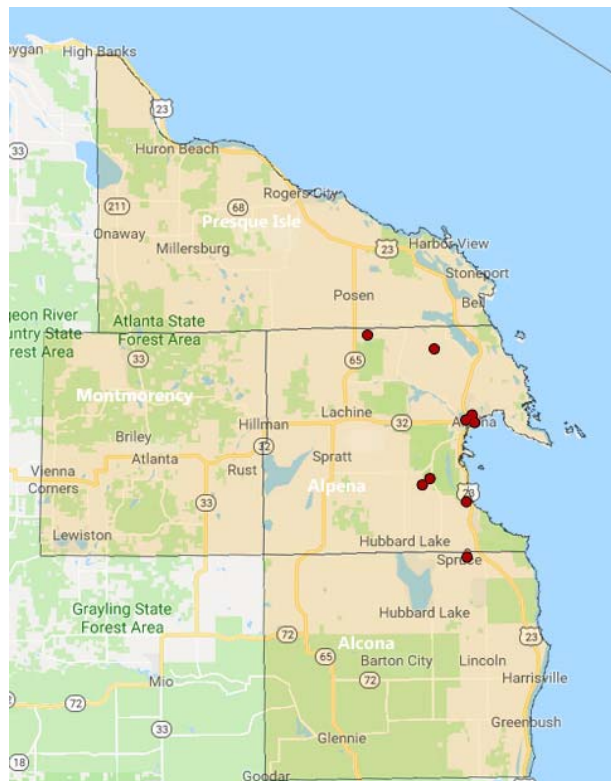


sold cocaine earlier the same day, to a HUNT informant. Surveillance was established and a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle carrying one of the suspects. That subject, a 44 year-old male from Hubbard Lake, was in possession of over \$1,600 in cash, a portion of which had been provided to the other subject in the controlled purchase of cocaine previously mentioned. He subsequently confessed to having conspired with the other to procure heroin from downstate and bring it back to Alpena. A search warrant was then obtained and executed at a residence in Ossineke, where the second subject was located. A total of approximately 136 grams of cocaine was located in the residence, some of which was pre-packaged in "corner-ties" for street sales. This subject, a 21 year-old Alpena man, provided a full confession as well. Both were arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine over 50 grams and conspiracy to deliver cocaine, with an additional delivery of cocaine charge regarding the previous controlled purchase.

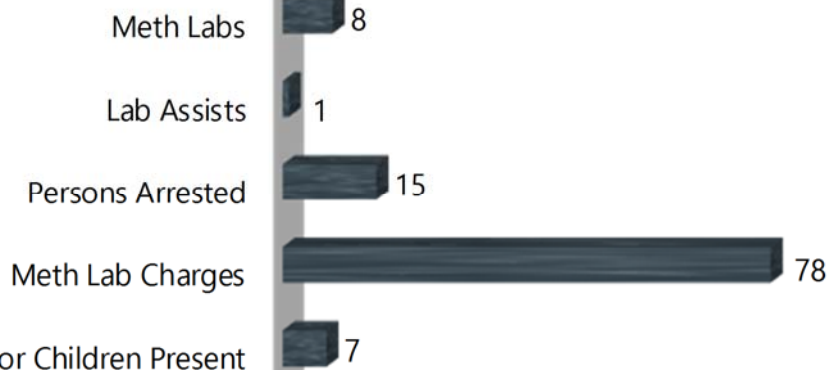
16 Methamphetamine

Location of Meth Labs

Of the 9 labs located on the map, 8 were identified by HUNT, while one was found by the Alpena City Police Department, and dismantled with HUNT's assistance. 3 of the labs were located in the city of Alpena, 5 were in outlying townships in Alpena County, and one was in Alcona County.



Meth Lab Stats



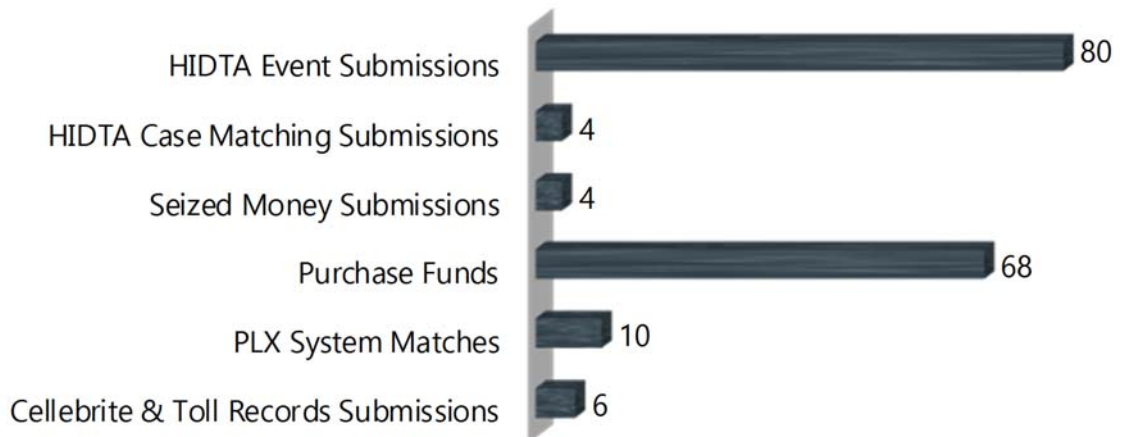
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Team Metrics

All MSP multi-jurisdictional task forces report metrics including the following:

- Submission of telephone data downloads and pen register information (toll records)
- Submission of purchase funds and currency seized
- Participation in the HIDTA deconfliction and case matching initiatives

HUNT 2017 Metrics

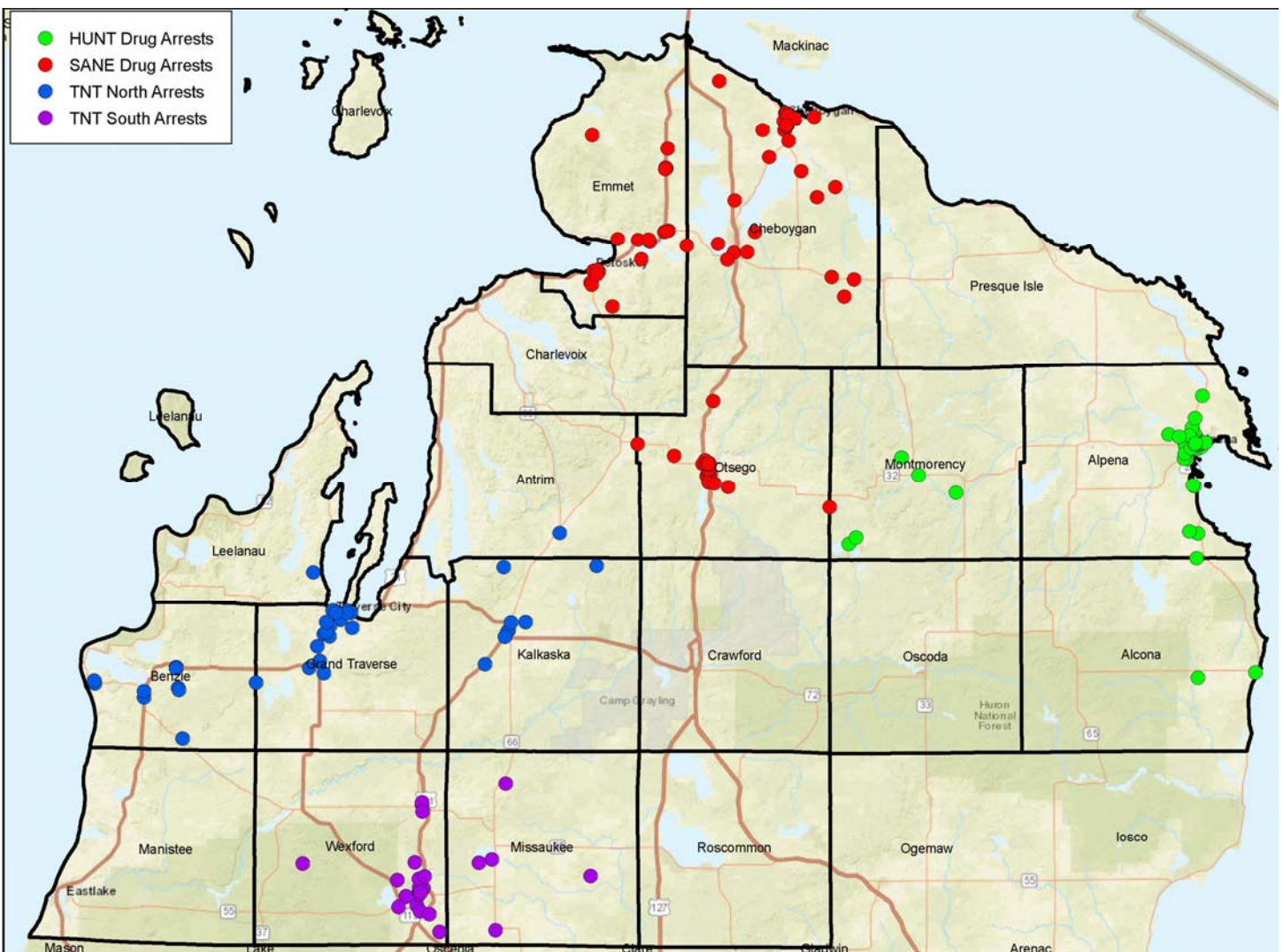


18 MSP Team Arrests

Michigan State Police

Seventh District

2017 DRUG ARREST TOTALS BY TEAM

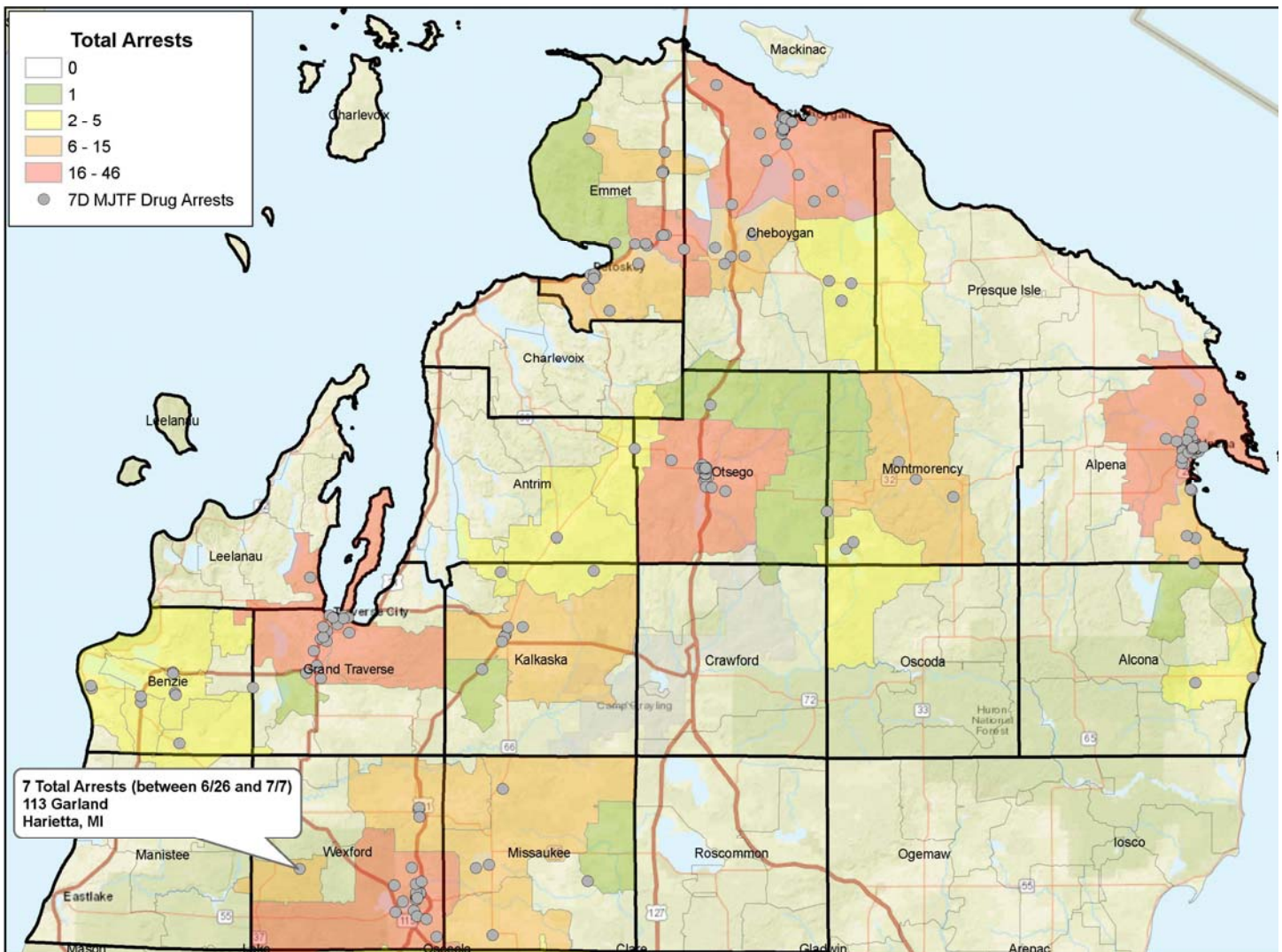


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2017 DRUG ARREST TOTALS BY ZIP CODE



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