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# Commander's 1 Message

Coronavirus must certainly take the stage when anyone discusses 2020 but consider the many other hurdles we have encountered along the way. Working remotely is not synonymous with effective policing! Perceived social injustice, calls to defund the police, the illegal occupation of portions of major U.S. cities, riots, and violent protests. The state shutdown fully or partially for most of the year, people stayed home, shopped online, and plain and simply tried to stay healthy.

With that said the dedicated members of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team continued to focus on the task at hand, to disrupt the sales of narcotics.

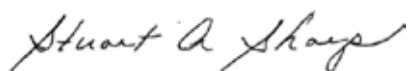
Challenged with all that was 2020, detectives utilized a wide range of new and innovative methods to accomplish their mission. Each member rose to the challenge and maintained a positive attitude, resulting in significant arrests.

Methamphetamine has rapidly taken hold in our remote community. Approximately 50 percent of our cases involved the distribution of meth in 2020. We have discovered meth to be mixed with fentanyl, elevating the danger of the substance.

Participating agencies should be very proud of their respective officers who are assigned to the team. Without question this has been our most challenging year and yet we were able to accomplish so much.

I am humbled to lead your HUNT team.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart A. Sharp".

D/Lt. Stuart Sharp

# 2 *Board of Directors*

## *Board of Directors*

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Michigan State Police Alpena Post Commander

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Presque Isle County Prosecuting Attorney

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Rogers City Police Department

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Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney

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Alcona County Sheriff Department

Capt. Christopher Stolicker  
Michigan State Police 7th District Commander

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. The board of directors is comprised of members from each of those entities, as is the Advisory Board.

## *Advisory Board*

Carl Altman  
Presque Isle County Representative

Ken Bielas  
Rogers City Representative

Carolyn Brummund  
Alcona County Representative

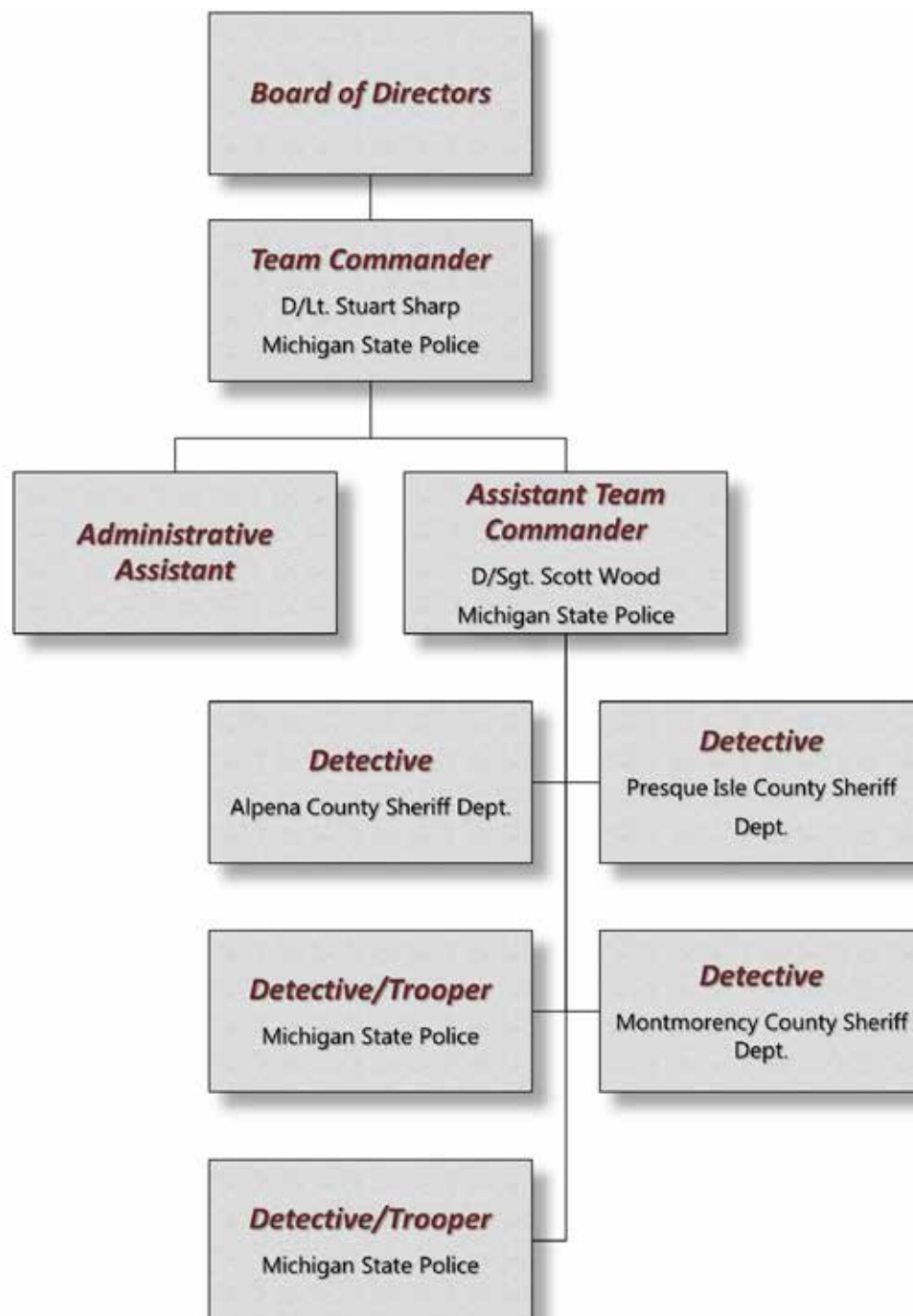
Don Edwards  
Montmorency County Representative

Brad McRoberts  
Alpena County Representative

Mayor Matt Waligora  
Alpena City Representative

# Organizational Chart

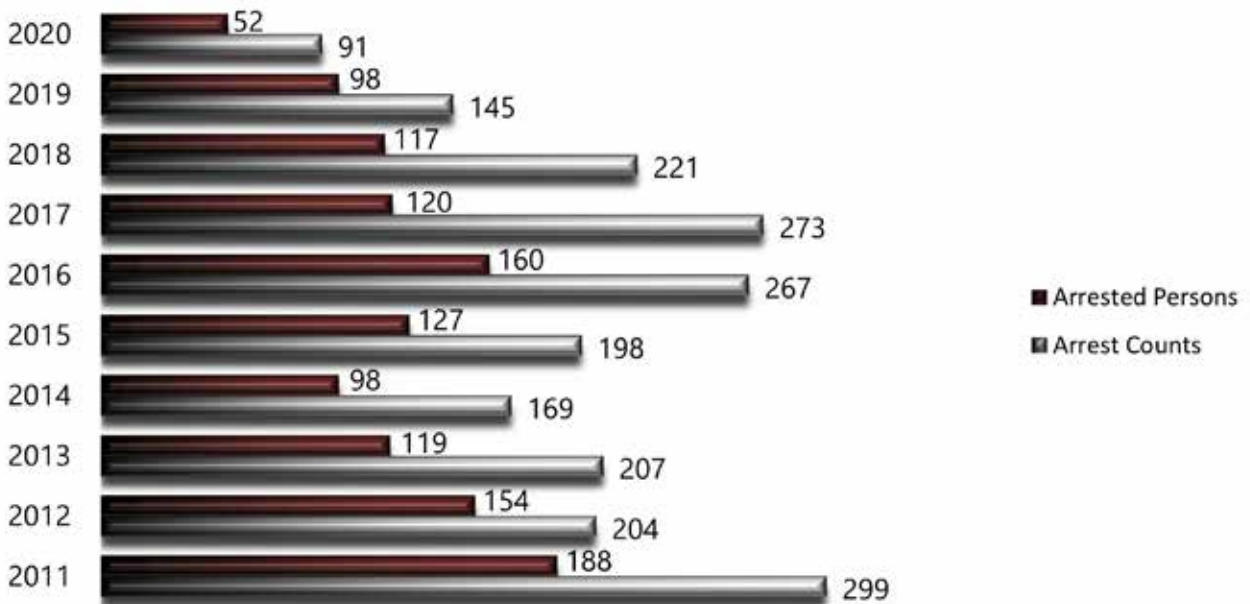
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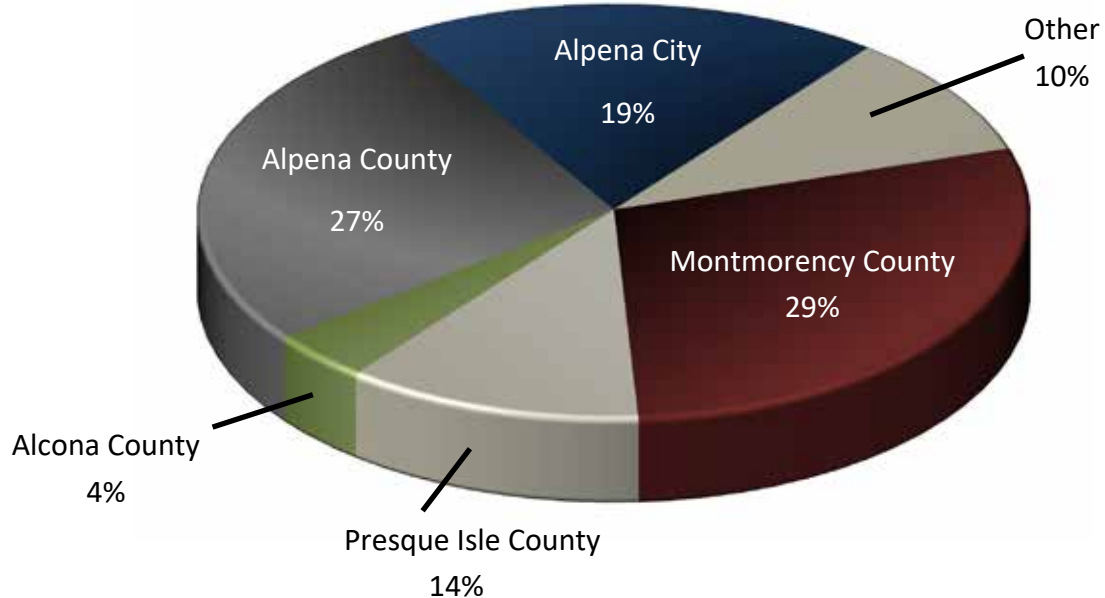


# 4 Arrests

**Arrests and Arrest Counts - 10 Years**



**Arrests by Jurisdiction—2020**





# Drug Arrest Tiers

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## Drug Arrest Tier Calculations

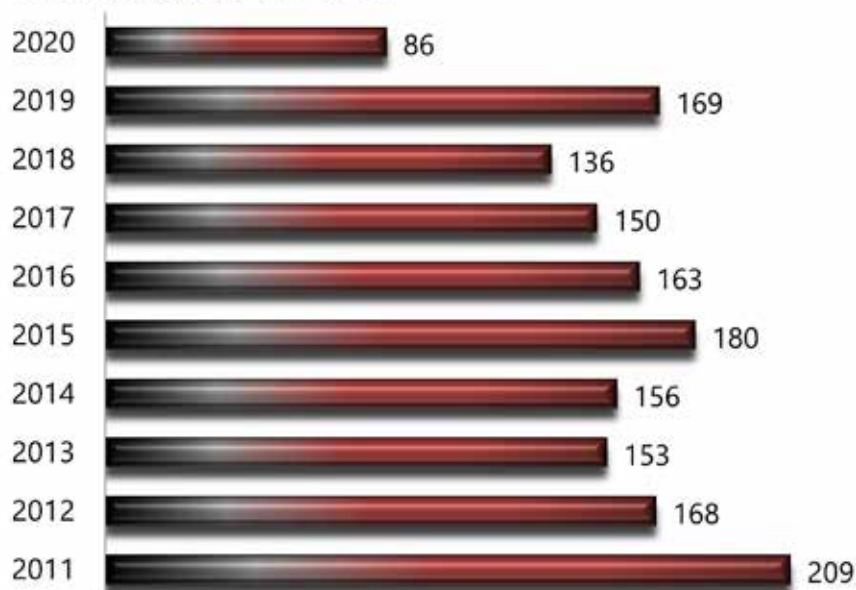
Substance/Crime		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
<b>Schedule 1-5 Powder or Rock</b> (except marijuana, psilocybin, or peyote)	Distribute or possess in any single offense	Less than 20 grams	20-49 grams	50-399 grams	400 grams or more
<b>Schedule 1-5 Dosage Units</b> (except marijuana, psilocybin, or peyote)	Distribute or possess in any single offense	Less than 10 units	10-99 units	100-999 units	1,000 units or more
<b>Marijuana, Psilocybin, Peyote</b>	Possess in a single offense	Less than 10 pounds	10-49 pounds	50-99 pounds	100 pounds or more
<b>Lab</b>	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
<b>Health Care Professional</b>	Involved in diversion of RX	None	0-499 units	500-999 units	1,000 units or more
<b>Conspiracy of a Drug Crime</b>		At the level of trafficker above	At the level of trafficker above	At the level of trafficker above	At the level of trafficker above
<b>Drug Arrest</b>			Involving cash seizure greater than \$5,000		
<b>Drug Arrest</b>			Including a weapons charge		
<b>Drug Arrest</b>			2nd or Habitual Offender charge added		
<b>Drug Arrest</b>			Including recovery of stolen property		
<b>Drug Sale</b>				Resulting in overdose or death	
<b>Drug Use</b>		Use without distribution or beyond level of possession in other tiers			

## HUNT Arrests by Tier

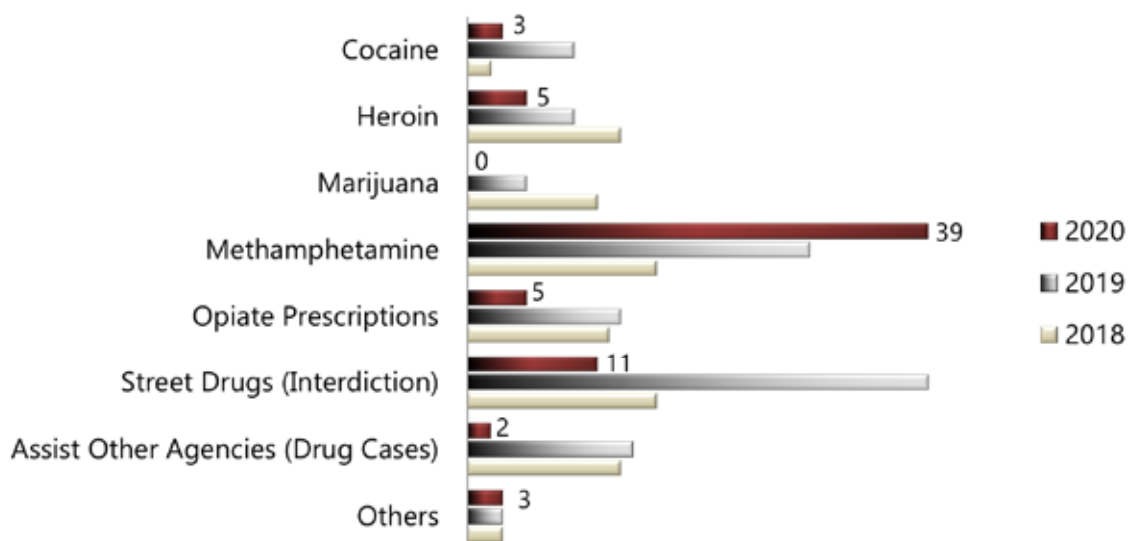
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Tier 1	20	27	18	22
Tier 2	58	40	29	13
Tier 3	6	4	2	2
Tier 4	3	0	0	1
Parole, Fugitive, and Other Non-Drug Related Arrests	33	46	49	14

# 6 Cases

## *Cases Initiated - 10 Years*



## *Substances Involved by Cases*



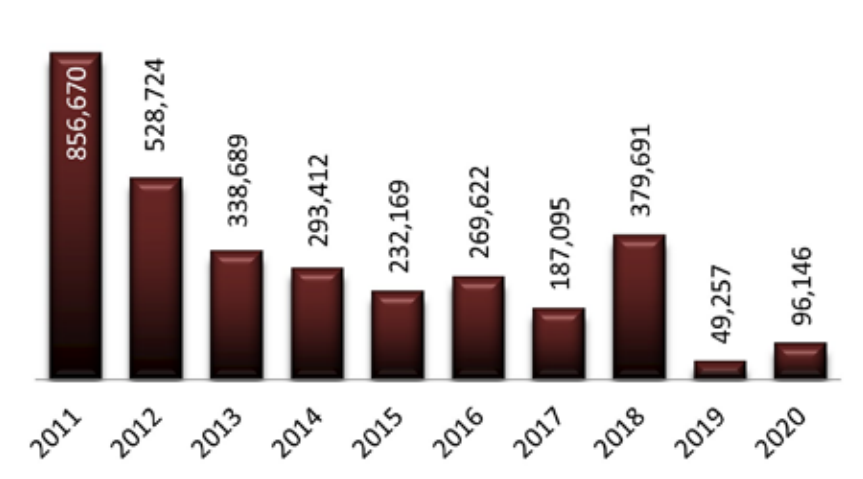
# Drugs Seized

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## Drug Seizures—2020

DRUG	SEIZURES	STREET VALUE
Cocaine	26.85 Grams	2,685
Ecstasy/MDMA	336 Units	8,400
Hallucinogens	638.3 grams	38,298
Marijuana	Processed, Oil, Wax	4,092
Methamphetamine	357.3 Grams	35,730
Prescription Opiates	1,819 Units	3,818
Prescription Stimulants	8.1 Units, 2 Grams	322
Other Prescriptions	563 Units, 1070 Grams	2,801
		\$96,146

## Value of Drugs Seized—Past 10 Years

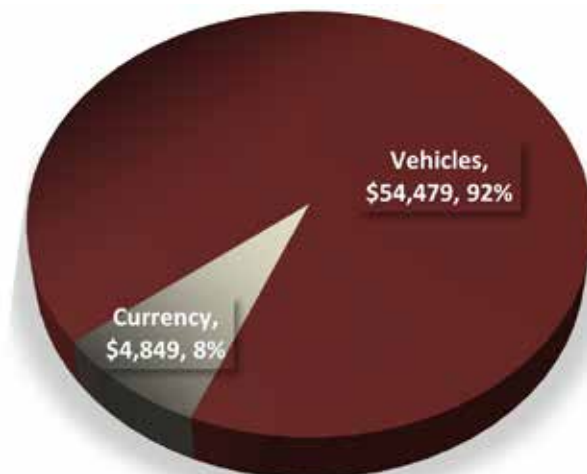




# 8 *Forfeiture*

<b><i>2020 Forfeitures</i></b>	Seized Property	Adjudicated Forfeited Property	Forfeiture Expenses
Currency	\$4,849	\$938	0
Vehicles	\$54,479	\$7,650	\$1,165
Totals	\$59,328	\$8,588	\$1,165

***Value of Seized Forfeiture Property***

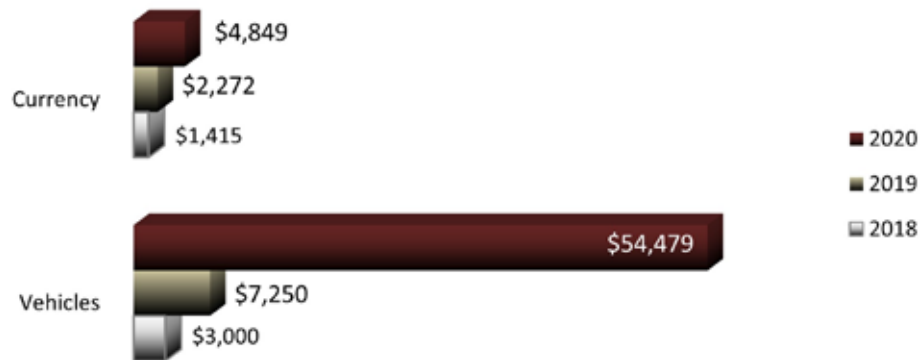




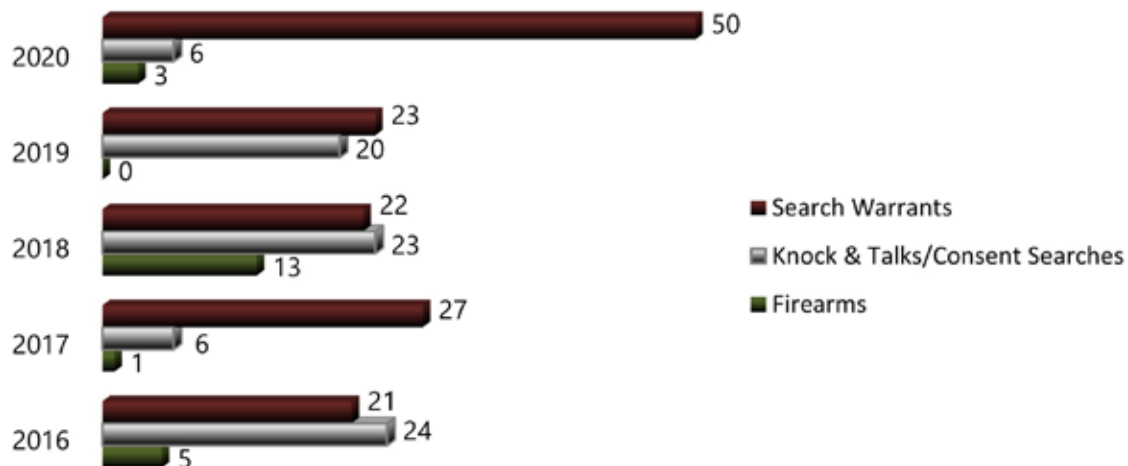
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**Forfeiture Seizure Values - Three Years**



**Search/Seizure Detail - Five Years**



# 10 *Public Affairs*

## ***Prevention***

The team commander participates in the Alpena County Prevention Policy Board, in cooperation with Up North Prevention. The mission is to advance substance abuse prevention efforts. The focus is on current substance abuse issues such as prescription drug diversion, meth lab awareness, community education, etc.

## ***Web Site***

HUNT maintains a website at [www.huntteam.net](http://www.huntteam.net). The site provides information such as board of directors, board meeting dates, press releases, annual reports, and photos of meth lab components for recognition. The site offers links to other sites for drug information and substance abuse resources. The website also promotes the submission of anonymous tips to be sent to the team's detectives. These tips are delivered via e-mail with no link being made to the sender. During 2020 the website was updated with the new design to be published in early 2021.

## ***Teen Outreach Campaign***

HUNT continued the campaign called "Brave, Strong, Smart," to promote self esteem in youth. During 2020, the campaign consisted of roadside billboards, spanning throughout the 4 counties.



**MAKE GOOD CHOICES**  
**YOU'RE BRAVE**  
**YOU'RE STRONG**  
**YOU'RE SMART**  
**YOU'RE WORTH IT!**

*THE QUICKEST  
WAY TO ACQUIRE  
SELF-CONFIDENCE  
IS TO DO EXACTLY  
WHAT YOU ARE  
AFRAID TO DO*

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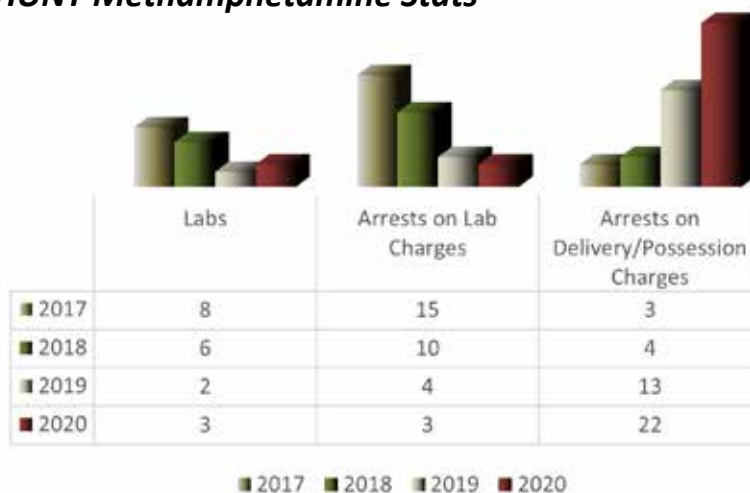
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## ***Methamphetamine***

The number of local meth labs has been steadily declining while the number of meth distributors and users continue to increase. Crystal meth (also known as “ice”, or “crank”) is being produced in labs in Mexico and ultimately distributed from downstate sources to Northeastern Michigan. The drug is highly addictive and its use is known to have caused numerous local instances of combative and violent behavior.



## ***HUNT Methamphetamine Stats***





# 12 *Significant Activity*

## ***Psilocybin Lab / N-Dimethyltryptamine Lab***

In August of 2020, detectives were advised by Homeland Security of an international package that had been intercepted at JFK Airport. The package which had shipped from Germany, and originated in the Netherlands, was destined for a residence in Hubbard Lake, Michigan. U.S. Customs and Border Patrol had determined that the box contained 101 grams of suspected MDMA in rock form; 57 grams of blue MDMA pills; 34 grams of Xanax pills; and 25 grams of unknown green pills (suspected to be 2C-B). The package had been turned over to Homeland Security agents who subsequently delivered it to HUNT detectives. After removing the controlled substances from the package, the package was delivered to the residence, and detectives had an anticipatory search warrant that could be executed upon acceptance of the package. The search warrant was executed at the residence where a psilocybin laboratory as well as a N-Dimethyltryptamine Laboratory were discovered. Level B responders were called to the scene to complete the cleanup of the laboratories. The suspect was arrested and charged with 13 counts including operating/maintaining a laboratory, with extensions of hazardous waste and being near specified places, maintaining a drug house, manufacturing controlled substances, and felony firearms. The investigation turned when a forensic exam of the suspect's computer revealed evidence of child sexually abusive material (CSAM). Following that subsequent investigation, the suspect was arrested additionally on 3 counts of possessing child sexually abusive material.

N-Dimethyltryptamine (DMT or N,N-DMT) is a chemical substance consumed as a psychedelic drug. DMT has a rapid onset, intense effects, and a relatively short duration. For those reasons, DMT was known as the "business trip" during the 1960s, as a user could access the full depth of a psychedelic experience in considerably less time than with other substances such as LSD or magic mushrooms.





# Significant 13 Activity

## ***Meth Distribution***

As a result of surveillance in an ongoing investigation, HUNT detectives learned that a vehicle involved in the distribution of narcotics was travelling south from the Alpena area. Detectives had probable cause to arrange for a traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle was stopped on I-75, on it's way back north. A subsequent search resulted in the seizure of over 97 grams of methamphetamine. Both of the vehicle occupants were ultimately charged with delivery of methamphetamine by the Saginaw County Prosecutor.



## ***Meth Lab***

HUNT detectives received information from 3 different sources that an individual in Alcona County was manufacturing meth. HUNT's investigation produced evidence substantiating those claims, and also revealed a recent emergency room visit in which the suspect had apparently overdosed on methamphetamine and cocaine. Detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for his residence. Upon execution of the search warrant, numerous



minor children ranging in age from 4 to 17, were present. The search revealed a meth lab in an out-building, with no components being found in the residence. There were however, used hypodermic needles and pipes within the suspect's bedroom in the home. The suspect was arrested and charged with 4 counts of operating/maintaining a laboratory with extensions of: involving methamphetamine, in the presence of a minor, involving hazardous waste, and near a specified place. He was also charged with purchasing pseudoephedrine to make meth and child abuse, second degree.



# 14 *Significant Activity*

## ***Methamphetamine Distribution***

In February of 2020, HUNT detectives learned from an informant that two Montmorency County residents were currently downstate picking up a large quantity of methamphetamine and possibly 100 Ecstasy pills. One of the suspects had a



minor child who was with them when they left home. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle when it returned to the Lewiston area. Over 51 grams of methamphetamine was seized as a result, and both vehicle occupants were subsequently arrested for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.



## ***Meth Labs Located***

In July of 2020, HUNT detectives received information from an anonymous source that there was a meth lab at a residence in Montmorency County. Detectives began an extensive investigation involving pseudoephedrine purchases, vehicle identification, and surveillance. In August of 2020, a traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle the suspect was driving. Within the vehicle was a plastic bag containing several coffee filters with white residue in them, as well as suspected methamphetamine and a metal spoon with white residue on it. Detectives then obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence. At the residence, all of the components for a meth lab were discovered, as well as 23 individual one-pot labs. The suspect was ultimately arrested and charged with operating a laboratory involving methamphetamine, involving hazardous waste, and near a specified place, as well as manufacturing methamphetamine, and purchasing pseudoephedrine to make meth. The pattern of pseudoephedrine purchases indicated that the suspect had been making methamphetamine since soon after he arrived in Montmorency County following his release from the Florida Department of Corrections.





# Participation 15

## Levels

<i><b>Member Entity</b></i>	<i><b>Monetary Funding</b></i>	<i><b>In-Kind Provisions</b></i>
Alcona County	\$ 8,000	
Alpena City	\$ 8,000	
Alpena County	\$ 8,000	One Full-Time Officer, Fiduciary Services
Michigan State Police		4 Full-Time Officers, Office Space & Utilities, Supplies/Equipment
Montmorency County	\$ 8,000	One Full-Time Officer
Presque Isle County	\$ 8,000	One Full-Time Officer
Rogers City	\$5,000	

<i><b>Additional Funding</b></i>		
Byrne Jag Grant	\$128,614	

\* The listed figures reflect the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020

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