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OPERATION HEMP FLIGHTS



With the assistance of Air National Guard and Coast Guard helicopters and pilots, HUNT conducted HEMP flights in late August. The choppers scoured Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties over a period of a week.

As a result of the flights, over 400 plants were eradicated in thirteen separate plots. These plants, if harvested and sold on the street, would have netted over \$400,000 in illegal drug sales. HUNT officers were able to identify suspects in twelve of the thirteen cases, and expect to arrest 15 people on the charge of manufacturing marijuana.

Operation HEMP (Help Eliminate Marijuana Planting) has been Michigan's marijuana suppression/eradication program since 1983. The program is administered by the Michigan State Police and is funded via a grant from the Drug Enforcement Administration. The objectives of the program are to combine state, county, and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to arrest and prosecute those who cultivate and traffic marijuana. HEMP flights have proven successful through the years in reducing the availability of marijuana as well as the criminal activity associated with it.



FEATURED BOARD MEMBER: SHERIFF STEVE KIELISZEWSKI

Sheriff Kieliszewski is a graduate of Alpena Community College with an associate's degree in Law Enforcement. He then attended Ferris State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Applied Science, Criminal Justice.



Prior to coming back to Alpena, Sheriff Kieliszewski was a police officer on Mackinac Island and a deputy in Otsego County. He began with the Alpena County Sheriff Department in 1987, when he was hired as the animal control officer. He was then promoted to deputy (road work), sergeant, and became Undersheriff in 2002. He was elected as the Alpena County Sheriff in 2004.

Sheriff Kieliszewski has been married to his wife Erin for 18 years, and together they have six children, 4 boys and 2 girls, whose ages range from 4 to 17 years.

Sheriff Kieliszewski has been a member of the HUNT Board of Directors since 2004, and has been the secretary/treasurer since 2005.



Haunted houses are a \$300 million a year business, with more than 3,000 throughout North America. Detroit is considered the Haunted House Capital of America because it boasts nearly 60 of them, more than any other area in the United States.

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“DUSTING”, INHALENT TREND KILLING TEENS



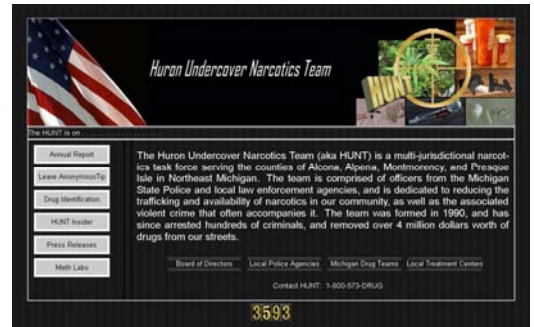
“Dusting” is now a common term among teens. It stands for the inhaling of compressed air from a can. This compressed air, commonly sold for dusting computer keyboards and other electronics, contains a refrigerant type gas. The gas, being heavier than air, settles in the lungs when inhaled, and disallows the entry of oxygen. The lack of oxygen causes a very brief feeling of euphoria, or “high.” It can also cause paralysis, slurred speech, a staggered walk, permanent brain damage, and sudden death.

Because there is no smell associated with its use, and no illegal activity required to obtain the product, it has attracted the attention of teens across the nation. Many believe that there is only compressed air in the can, and that there is no real danger in inhaling it. This is a fatal misconception.

According to a survey by the University of Michigan, nearly one in five U.S. children have abused inhalants by eighth grade. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the peak age of inhalant abusers is 14 to 15 years, with onset occurring as young as 6 to 8 years. Use typically declines by 17 to 19 years of age.

WEB SITE RE-DESIGNED

The HUNT web-site has been re-designed and is up and running. The new design features access to all of the HUNT annual reports and all issues of the HUNT Insider. Other features on the site (unchanged) include drug identification and information, drug treatment centers, information on recognizing a meth lab in your community, press releases, and more. An anonymous tip may also be left from the web site, which will not be traced back to the sender. Visit www.huntteam.net.



Featured Drug:

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Cocaine is considered the most abused major stimulant in America, and has recently become the drug most frequently involved in emergency department visits. It is estimated that 2 million Americans use cocaine.

There are two basic chemical forms of cocaine: the hydrochloride salt and the freebase. The hydrochloride salt, or powdered form of cocaine, can be snorted or dissolved in water and taken intravenously. The freebase form of cocaine is smokable. Crack is the street name given to a freebase form of cocaine that has been processed from the powdered cocaine hydrochloride form to a smokable substance. The term “crack” refers to the crackling sound heard when the mixture is smoked.

The effects of cocaine can last from 20 minutes to several hours, depending on the dosage, purity, and method of administration. The initial effects are hyperactivity, restlessness, increased blood pressure, increased heart rate, and euphoria. The euphoria is sometimes followed by feelings of discomfort and depression and a craving to experience the drug again. Sexual interest and pleasure can be amplified. Side effects can include twitching, paranoia, and impotence, which usually increase with frequent usage.

Cocaine overdose is potentially lethal. Cocaine, being a stimulant, has major effects on all organs and systems of the body but primarily complicates the heart, brain, and lungs. The use of cocaine can cause coronary artery spasms, which lead to heart attack. This effect is random. It can occur on the user’s first usage or any subsequent use. In pregnant woman, it can have devastating effects on the fetus and can induce spontaneous abortions.

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