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THE HUNT IS ON...AND BUSY

During the first half of the year 2008, HUNT officers arrested 80 people on 126 charges, which is up 26% over the average for the past ten years, and 9% over last year. These arrests span over the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle. Most of the charges are drug related, in addition to charges such as possession of an unregistered pistol, possession of a sawed-off shotgun, sale of a sawed-off shotgun, absconding, and fugitive warrants.

During the same time period, 104 cases have been initiated, up 32% over the past 10-year average, and 10% over last year. In addition, the team has seized \$72,068 worth of illegal narcotics from our streets.

D/Lt. Schultz, team commander, attributes the increase in activity to the team's scope of focus being widened to include those other crimes that may be directly or indirectly related to the drug community. Schultz states that being able to pursue other crimes that are discovered as a result of the narcotics investigations, has greatly improved the team's effectiveness in combating the criminal activity in the community.

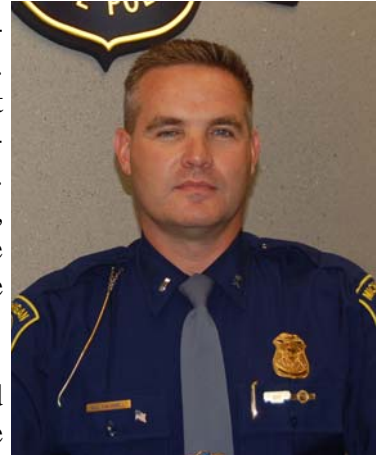
This Month's Funny Quote



Lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part...

FEATURED BOARD MEMBER: F/LT. MIKE CALDWELL

F/Lt. Mike Caldwell is originally from Taylor, Michigan. He has attended college at Mott Community, Lansing Community, and Alpena Community. He is married with two children, and is the Commander of the Alpena Michigan State Police Post.



Mike is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he served from 1983 to 1987. He is the recipient of the U.S. Marine Corps Association Board of Governors Leatherneck Award and graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps Leadership Academy.

F/Lt. Caldwell enlisted in the Michigan State Police in 1990 and graduated from the 107th Trooper Recruit School. He was first assigned to the Flint Post and then transferred to the Cheboygan Post, serving as one of the troopers assigned to the Rogers City Resident Trooper Detachment. He was promoted to the Alpena Post as a uniformed sergeant in 1998. Mike again transferred to the Flint Post in January of 2005, and was then promoted to his current rank of First Lieutenant and Commander of the Alpena Post, in April of 2005.

F/Lt. Caldwell is the recipient of the Genesee Area Auto-Theft Investigation Network's "Gain Award" for efforts in auto-theft investigations and arrests, and has been awarded two departmental citations for professional excellence.

As Alpena Post Commander, F/Lt. Caldwell serves on the Concealed Weapons Licensing Boards for Alcona, Alpena, and Presque Isle Counties, the Criminal Justice Program Policy Council for Alpena Community College, the 911 Authority Board of Alpena County, the 911 Advisory Board for Alcona County, and is the Vice-Chair of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team Board of Directors.

THE HUNT IS ON.....FOR ARTWORK—POSTER CONTEST

In May of 2008, HUNT sponsored a poster contest for high school students. The posters were to be designed with an anti-drug theme, and could be created utilizing any artistic media chosen. With the help of Partners in Prevention, entry packets were distributed to each high school in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties. The completed posters were turned in by the end of May.



On June 16, 2008, the posters were presented to four judges: Barbara Beem, Dr. Tad Farmer, Peter Pettalia, and Bill Speer. The judges chose a first, second, and third place winner, as well as 9 others, in no particular order. The posters were then displayed at the Jesse Besser Museum until July 9. The 12 posters are now being scanned, and will be printed on the pages of an anti-drug calendar for 2009.

First place went to Nicholas Stepaniak (pictured above with D/Lt. Schultz), a 12th grade student from Alpena High School, for his poster “Friends.” Nicholas received a \$500.00 cash prize. Second place went to Sarah Dion, an 11th grade student from ACES Academy, for her poster “Which Road.” Sarah received a \$300.00 cash prize. Third place went to Cameron Blankenship, a 12th grade student at ACES Academy, for his poster “America,” Cameron received a \$200.00 cash prize. The remaining 9 chosen each received a \$25.00 gift card from Wal-Mart, as well as a medal and a certificate for their participation. Those nine are as follows in no particular order:

- “Not the Way to Cope” by Hillary Bagnasco (Alpena High School)
- “Dreams” by Jaime Cadarette (Alpena High School)
- “Drug Money” by Chesney Crevier (ACES Academy)
- “Crack is Whak” by Emily Homant (Alpena High School)
- “A Changed Life” by Stephanie Kruse (Alpena High School)
- “Just Say No” by Kayla Manning (Hillman High School)
- “Be Strong” by Destiny Phillips (Alpena High School)
- “Trashin Cash” by Sarah Thompson (Alpena High School)
- “Highlights” by Jesselyn Zbytowski (Alpena High School)



Featured Drug:

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Morphine is a highly potent opiate analgesic, prescribed for the treatment of moderate to severe pain. The drug is very addictive, with an addiction potential equivalent to heroin, and along with heroin, has the highest relapse rate among substance abusers. A tolerance for the drug (the need for higher and higher doses to maintain the same effect) develops quickly, as do physical and psychological dependence. The drug is taken orally (pill form), or can be injected.

Side effects of morphine abuse can begin with constipation or diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headaches, and anxiety, and range to the more serious ones such as dizziness, slowed heart rate, confusion, and convulsions. Dangerous side effects or death can occur when overdosing on the drug or combining it with alcohol.

Morphine pills are sold illegally on the street for around \$20.00 each. As with other prescription medications, they can be diverted by means of doctor shopping, theft of family member’s pills, and the sale of one’s own medications to make a profit.