

Huron

Undercover

Narcotics

Team



2006 ANNUAL REPORT



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OVERVIEW

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) is a multi-jurisdictional task force whose purpose is the enforcement of narcotics and controlled substance laws in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, in Northeastern Michigan. The team consists of seven law enforcement officers who's mission is to identify and remove drug dealers from our streets and reduce the availability of drugs in our communities. There are currently five undercover officers from various local agencies, as well as a Detective Sergeant and Detective Lieutenant from the Michigan State Police. All of these officers have been specifically trained in narcotics investigations, undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry.

The team continues to maintain a web site at www.huntteam.net, to promote public awareness providing the team's latest press releases, drug identification, and encouraging the submittal of anonymous tips. The web site currently hosts an average of 400 visitors per month, and provides the team with worthy tips from anonymous sources.

Since HUNT's inception in 1990, the team has removed over 5 million dollars worth of illegal drugs from our streets, and has arrested over 1400 people on drug related charges, as well as over 150 fugitives.

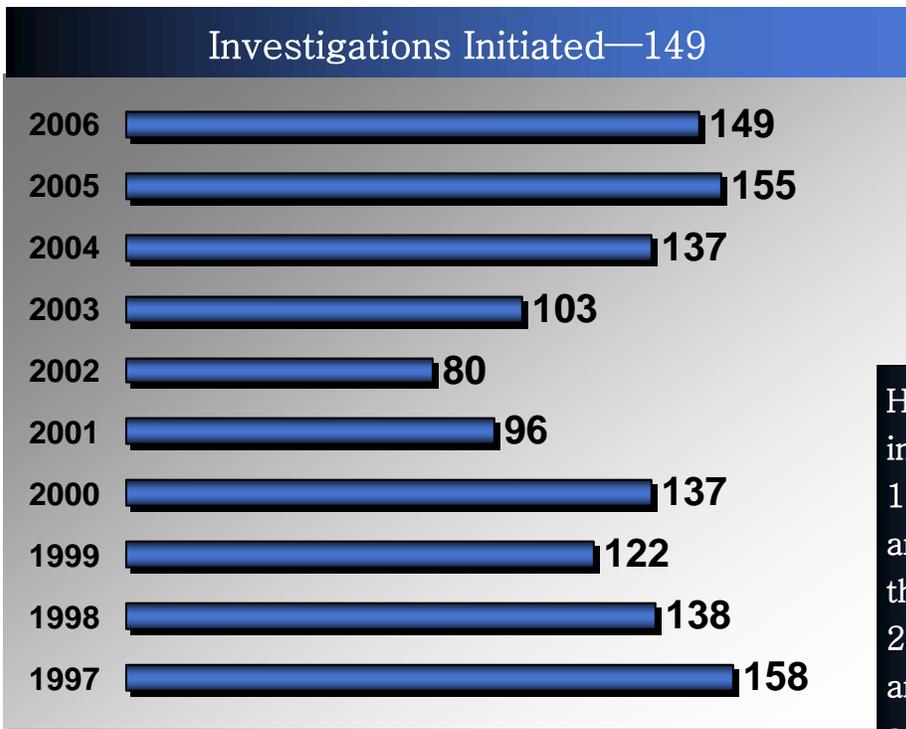
The following pages reflect the teams accomplishments during 2006 and highlight some of the significant activity.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

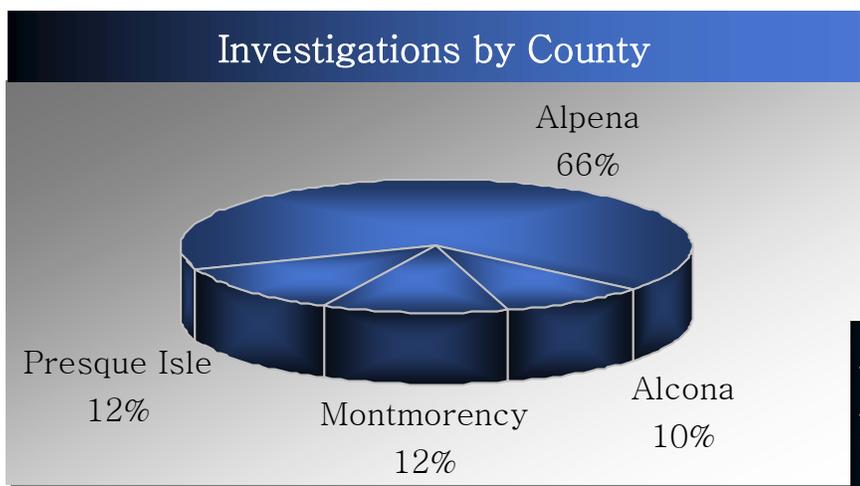
Chairman	Doug Ellinger Sheriff, Alcona County
Vice Chairman	F/Lt. Mike Caldwell Alpena Post Commander, Michigan State Police
Legal Advisor	Don McLennan* Prosecuting Attorney, Presque Isle County
Secretary/Treasurer	Steve Kieliszewski Sheriff, Alpena County
	Doug Baum Sheriff, Montmorency County
	Captain Charles Bush SID Commander, Michigan State Police
	Terri Case Prosecuting Attorney, Montmorency County
	Terry Flewelling Sheriff, Presque Isle County
	James Gibson Chief, Onaway Police Department
	Dennis Grenkowicz Prosecuting Attorney, Alpena County
	Matthew Quaine Chief, Rogers City Police Department
	Thad Taylor Public Safety Director, City of Alpena
	Tom Weichel Prosecuting Attorney, Alcona County

* Don McLennan resigned from the HUNT board in November, after serving since HUNT's inception in 1990. He was replaced as Legal Advisor by his successor as Presque Isle County Prosecuting Attorney, Rick Steiger.

INVESTIGATIONS



HUNT initiated 149 new investigations in 2006. 115 people have been arrested as a result of those investigations and 23 are still pending arrests, providing an arrest per case ratio of 93%

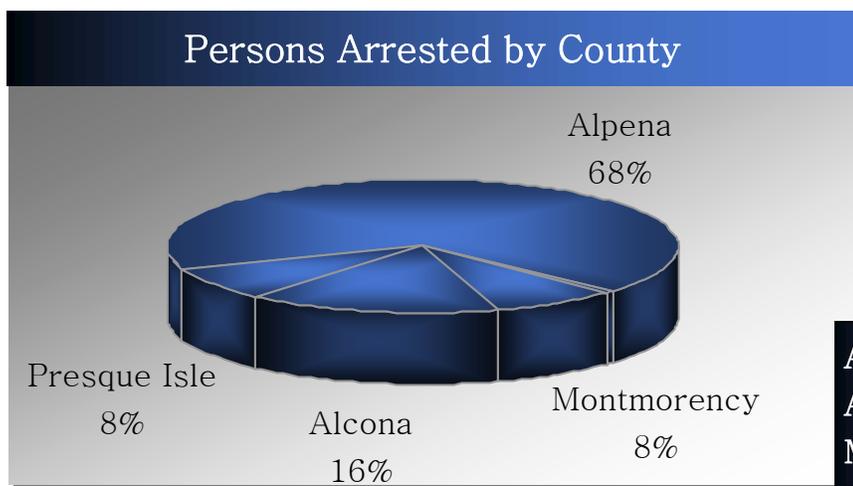


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Alpena	98
Montmorency	18
Presque Isle	17
Other	2

PERSONS ARRESTED

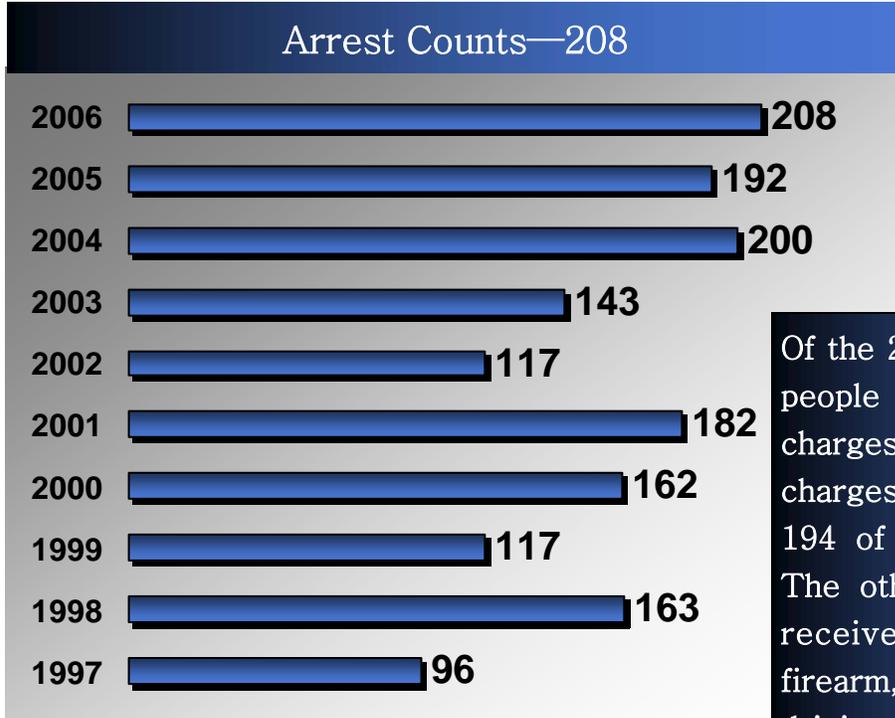


Of the 139 people HUNT arrested in 2006, 102 had previous criminal histories (73% repeat offenders), and 37 of those had previously been arrested by HUNT.

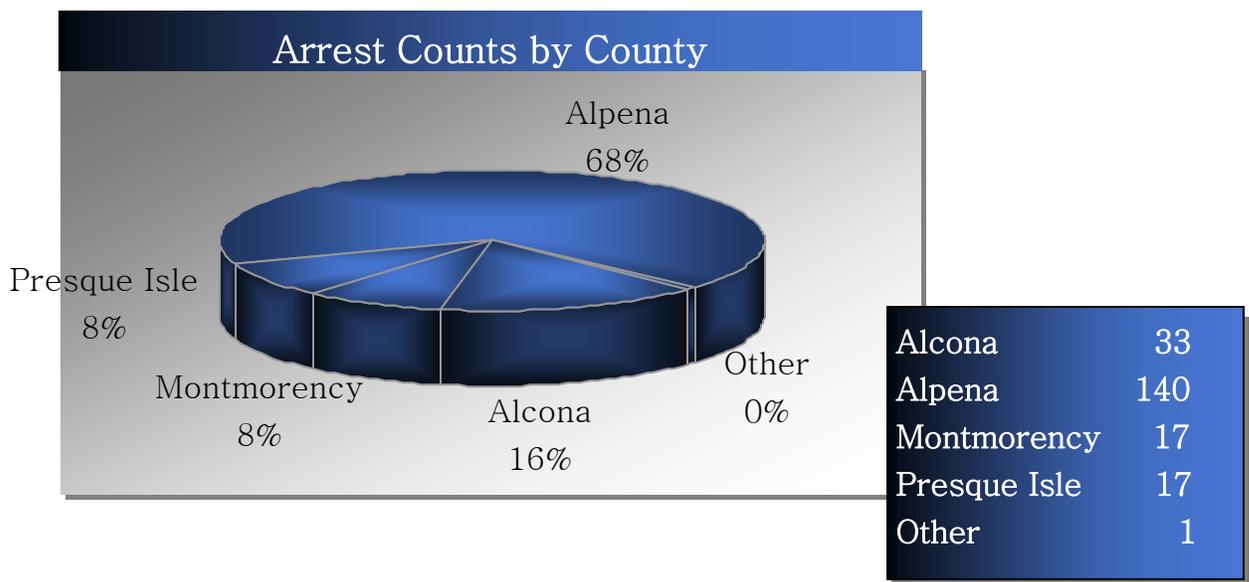


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Other	1

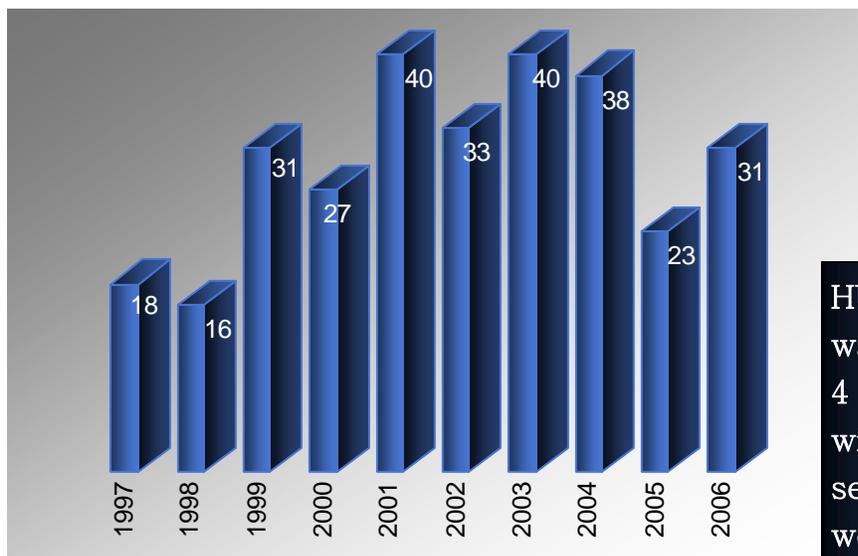
ARREST COUNTS



Of the 208 counts HUNT arrested people on, 171 were felony charges, 32 were misdemeanor charges, and 5 were fugitives. 194 of these were drug related. The others were felony firearm, receive and conceal stolen firearm, tampering with evidence, driving while license suspended, and assault and battery.

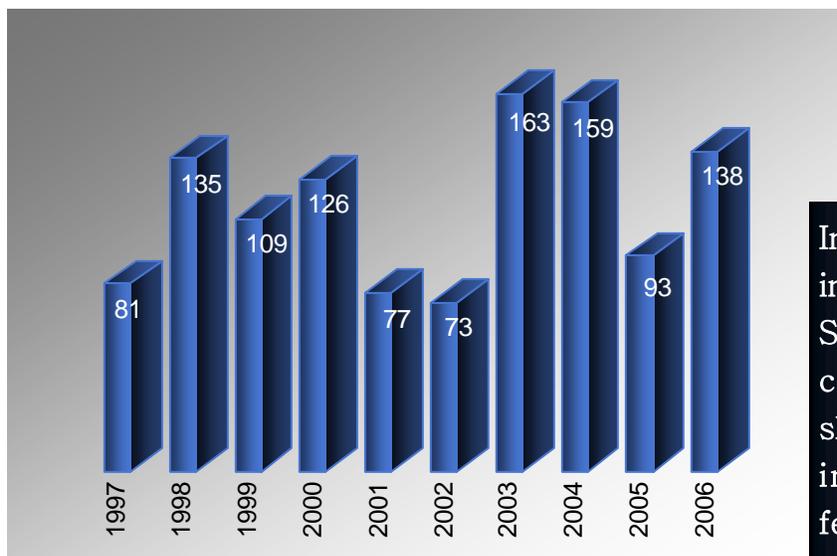


SEARCH WARRANTS



HUNT conducted 31 search warrants in 2006, during which 4 minor children were present, with follow-up reports being sent to Protective Services, 20 weapons were encountered, and 10 illegal firearms seized.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS



Intelligence Reports are entered into the Statewide Information System (STATIS), which is a computerized system for the sharing of criminal investigatory information among state, federal, county, and local law enforcement agencies.

DRUG SEIZURES

Drugs seized in 2006 via controlled or undercover purchases, search warrants, traffic stops, individual possessions, etc.

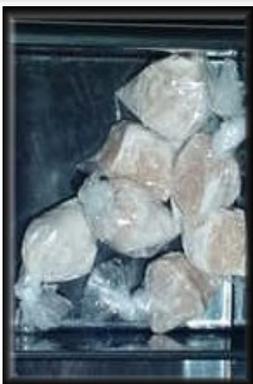


Cocaine
314 Grams
\$34,498

Crack
30.6 Grams
\$3,366

Heroin
23.5 Grams
\$7,050

Marijuana
35 Plants
\$35,000



Marijuana
9.96 Pounds
\$9,960

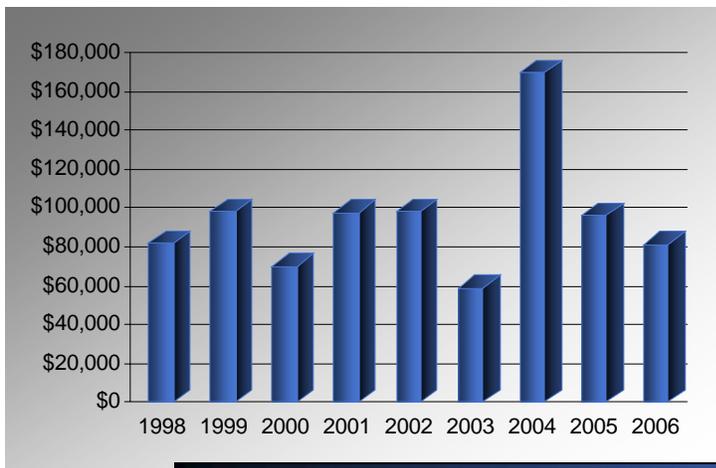
Methamphetamine
36.7 Grams
\$3,670

Oxycodone
36 Units
\$720

Other
983 Pills
\$5,833

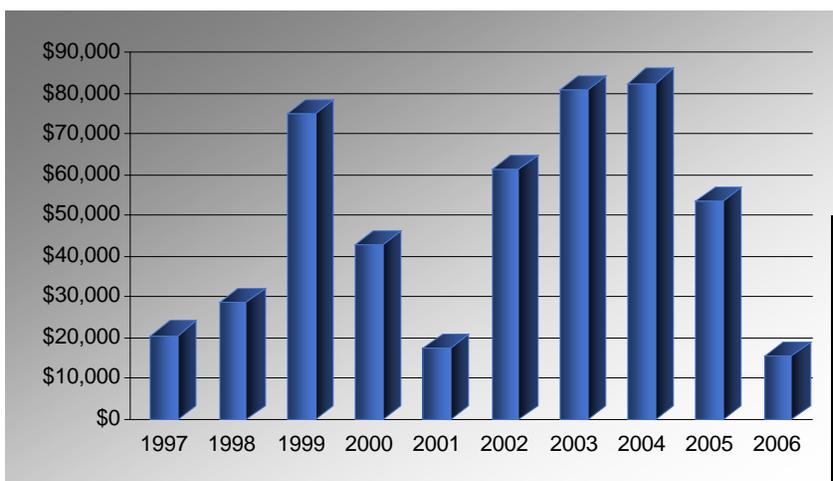
Street Value of Drugs Seized: \$100,098

PROPERTY SEIZURES



HUNT seized \$81,520 worth of property during the year. This property consisted of 11 vehicles, \$15,292 in cash, 3 firearms including one assault rifle, and other items used to facilitate drug trafficking operations. Some of these items when adjudicated, will be sold at public auction, some will be destroyed, and some will be returned in settlement agreements.

FORFEITURE PROCEEDS



\$15,537 in forfeiture proceeds were adjudicated during the year. These proceeds were obtained through public sale of seized items, retention of seized funds, and settlements on property.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

HEROIN AND COCAINE SHIPMENT INTERCEPTED

An extensive investigation led HUNT officers to believe that a suspect was making trips to the Reed City area and acquiring heroin and cocaine for distribution in the Alpena area. HUNT currently held a valid arrest warrant for this suspect, for delivery of heroin. In August, HUNT officers followed this suspect and a male companion to the Reed City area. On the return trip, a traffic stop was conducted on M-65 near M-72 in Alcona County. As a result, over 36 grams of cocaine and over a gram of heroin was seized from within the vehicle. The cocaine was pre-packaged in eight-ball quantities (1/8 ounce) and the heroin prepackaged in single dosage packets, ready for street sale.



The initial suspect plead guilty to possession with intent to deliver cocaine, and possession with intent to deliver heroin (second or subsequent offense). He was sentenced in November of 2006 to one year, seven months to twenty years in prison.

The second suspect, who had just recently been released from jail for a delivery of heroin charge, plead guilty to possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession with intent to deliver heroin, and driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, and 3 years probation.

HUNT UNCOVERS THREE-COUNTY HEROIN TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY

In December of 2006, following an investigation into a heroin trafficking conspiracy, HUNT conducted a controlled purchase of heroin at a location in Ocqueoc Township of Presque Isle County.

This controlled purchase began in Alpena County, where one suspect resided. It then traveled to Ocqueoc Township in Presque Isle County where she (the first suspect) met with a suspect from Presque Isle County, and another from Cheboygan County, who transported the heroin to Ocqueoc.

This controlled purchase led to the arrest of three individuals from three different counties, on heroin conspiracy charges. A 22 year old male from Presque Isle was charged with delivery of heroin and conspiracy to deliver heroin. A 20 year-old female from Alpena was charged with delivery of heroin and conspiracy to deliver heroin, and a 19 year-old male from Cheboygan was charged with conspiracy to delivery heroin.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

HUNT RAIDS NORTHMEN MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team executed a search warrant at the Northmen Motorcycle Club on Scott Road in Hubbard Lake, and another at one of the member's home located just down the street. Seized during the search warrants were narcotics, firearms (one of which was a stolen handgun), stolen vehicles, and stolen vehicle component parts, as well as other evidence believed to be associated with drug trafficking operations.



Three people were arrested as a result of this investigation. One, a 37 year-old Hubbard Lake native who was charged with delivery of cocaine over 50 grams and possession of marijuana. The second, a 55 year-old Hubbard Lake resident who was charged with receiving and concealing a stolen firearm, and the third, a 43 year old Alpena resident, who was a fugitive on an Alcona County warrant.

Assisting in the raids were officers from the Michigan State Police, Alpena Post, K-9 unit, and Emergency Support Team, as well as the Alpena County Sheriff Department. The Michigan State Police Alpena Post adopted the investigation of the stolen vehicle operation, in which further charges are anticipated.

METHAMPHETAMINE BUST

HUNT officers purchased quantities of methamphetamine from a 42 year-old Alpena woman, and were able to identify the woman's Methamphetamine source and where he lived. Following a second purchase, HUNT executed a search warrant at his home on Lockwood Street in the city of Alpena. The search yielded 35 grams of Methamphetamine, as well as several bags of marijuana. The Methamphetamine was individually packaged and ready for street sale. The source was identified as a 40 year-old Alpena man, currently on parole for Heroin distribution.



Both subjects were lodged in the Alpena County Jail, each facing charges of two counts delivery of methamphetamine.

This was the first time methamphetamine was purchased by the HUNT team. The case was initiated by troopers from the Michigan State Police, Alpena Post, and was turned over to HUNT when it became apparent that Methamphetamine distribution was involved. It is not believed that this methamphetamine was being produced locally, rather being transported here from downstate Michigan.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

HUNT INTERCEPTS HEROIN/FENTANYL SHIPMENT

As the result of an investigation into heroin trafficking from the downstate area, the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team conducted a traffic stop on U.S. 23 in Harrisville. The investigation resulted in the seizure of 65 packets of suspected heroin which would carry a street value of around two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

The driver of the vehicle was an 18 year-old male from Presque Isle County, and the two passengers were a 17 year-old female from Alpena, and a 19 year-old male from Alpena.

The suspected heroin was sent to the forensic crime laboratory, where it was identified as Fentanyl. Fentanyl is an extremely powerful and dangerous narcotic analgesic. It is 50-100 times more powerful than morphine. This lethal combination of heroin mixed with Fentanyl (nicknamed "Suicide") was identified as the cause of a sudden rash of overdose admissions and an estimated 33 deaths in the course of one week throughout Detroit.

It is believed that the interception of this drug by the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team may have thwarted a number of overdose deaths in the Alpena and Presque Isle County areas.

Each of the three individuals involved have been arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver Fentanyl, a 7 year felony.



OVERDOSE INVESTIGATIONS

HUNT investigated 9 cases in 2006 of confirmed drug overdoses. Of these, one patient passed away, as a result of what is believed to be an ingestion of heroin mixed with fentanyl. Two others were in full cardiac arrest on arrival at the emergency room, and were able to be resuscitated by emergency room staff. These overdoses were found to be a result of the ingestion of various drugs, with methadone being prominent, as well as heroin, cocaine, morphine, fentanyl, diazepam, and other drugs. HUNT conducted a study during the year, of overdose deaths in HUNT's jurisdiction area over the past ten years. The results of this study will be published in an upcoming issue of the HUNT Insider.

FUNDING SOURCES

Alcona County	83,778
Alpena City	62,957
Alpena County	69,482
Presque Isle County	64,230
Montmorency County	15,205
Alpena Township	1,000
Sanborn Township	500
Michigan State Police	243,432
Forfeiture Proceeds	25,885
O.D.C.P. Grant	152,012
Interest	3,900
Restitution	7,993
Stipends	1,150
Previous Years Forfeiture Proceeds	6,628

Total Operating Costs \$738,152

*The above figures reflect the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

2006 was an eventful year for the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team. The number of investigations were up 16% over the average for the past ten years. Persons arrested were up 31%, and arrest counts were up 31%. Methamphetamine was purchased in an undercover operation for the first time in the team's history. A policy was put into place to investigate drug overdose cases resulting in emergency room treatment and/or admittance to the hospital, providing necessary information to the team regarding drug trends and traffickers.

The number of heroin investigations have increased dramatically, some with the inclusion of fentanyl, a potent and deadly narcotic. Cocaine investigations too have increased substantially, with the percentage of marijuana cases on the decline. With these more serious narcotics infiltrating our area, it is more important than ever to persist in the efforts to reduce their availability. The HUNT team strives on a daily basis to reduce the number of drug traffickers in the area, and therefore reduce the availability of drugs.

I am proud of the team's accomplishments during 2006. Each officer assigned to the team is committed to the enforcement of narcotics laws and protecting the quality of life for the residents of Northeast Michigan. As commander of the team, I am committed to the continuance of this service, and the preparedness to combat each new drug trend as it arises.

Sincerely,



D/Lt. Rick Schultz
Team Commander