

# HURON UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS TEAM

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# 1994 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Board Members,

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team 1994 Annual Report is being submitted to you for your review.

You will, in reviewing this report, note that several categories of activity contain lower numbers than in the two previous years. I feel this can be attributed to two primary factors: 1) during the months of April, May, September and October the team operated with four enforcement officers including the unit commander, 2) during the months of September and October the team was involved in several extended surveillances of marijuana plots on federal, state and private properties.

You will also note that during 1994 the team seized and forfeited assets greater in value than the forfeitures in all previous years combined. At this writing there are two additional real property forfeitures pending in Alpena County.

H.U.N.T. has completed another successful year and we are proud of the accomplishments detailed in this report. I feel, personally, that the accomplishments of the team are again phenomenal and are a credit to the officers assigned here. They frequently work in dangerous and adverse conditions. They all have tremendous case loads to coordinate.

We appreciate your continued support which is essential for us to maintain constant pressure on those involved in drug trafficking in our communities.

Respectfully;

Barry Getzen, D/Lt.

Unit Commander

Huron Undercover Narcotics Team



# HURON UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS TEAM

*The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (H.U.N.T.) is a multijurisdictional task force charged with the investigation of controlled substance crimes in the Counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle. H.U.N.T. was formed in October 1990 through a grant of federal money through the Office of Drug Control Policy, and state and local contributions.*

*In 1994 the unit experienced a slight decrease in several performance indicators. This, I feel, can be attributed to two primary factors: 1.) during the months of April, May, September and October the unit operated with just four enforcement officers, including the unit commander; 2.) during the months of September and October the unit was involved in extended surveillance of marijuana plots on federal, state and private forest lands.*

*There is also some indication that 110 to 140 criminal investigations and 100 to 115 criminal arrests per year are all that five enforcement officers can efficiently manage. The very nature of the job performed often requires the use of the entire team for many investigations. This results in constraints on the number of investigations each officer can perform as they are also often a very important part of every other officers investigation.*

*Even though some of the performance indicators showed a slight reduction in numbers, the ratio of arrests to investigations remained*



*constant with approximately 80% of the unit investigations ending in arrest. This rate has been consistent for the last three years.*

*While the arrest and successful prosecution of "drug dealers" is H.U.N.T.'s primary duty, the unit is involved in other activities in the areas of education and prevention. H.U.N.T. publishes a newsletter several times during the school year which is distributed to school districts within the four county area. The newsletter is designed to make educators aware of dangerous drugs and drug use trends that may adversely affect their students.*

*Members of H.U.N.T. have also been making presentations about the dangers of substance abuse and inhalant abuse in particular to educators and parent groups within the four county area. This program has been extremely well received and will be broadened and continued.*

*With the continued support of the community the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team can continue to be a viable arm of the local law enforcement community. With the hard work of the dedicated officers assigned to the unit, and the maintenance of adequate staff the performance indicators should increase.*

# *HURON UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS TEAM*

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# 1994

## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<i>Criminal Investigations</i>	113
<i>Intelligence Reports</i>	84
<i>Arrests</i>	89
<i>Arrests Counts</i>	127
<i>Firearms Encountered</i>	48
<i>Search Warrants</i>	20
<i>Knock and Talks</i>	24
<i>Total Searches</i>	44
<i>Drug Seizures</i>	\$591,882.00

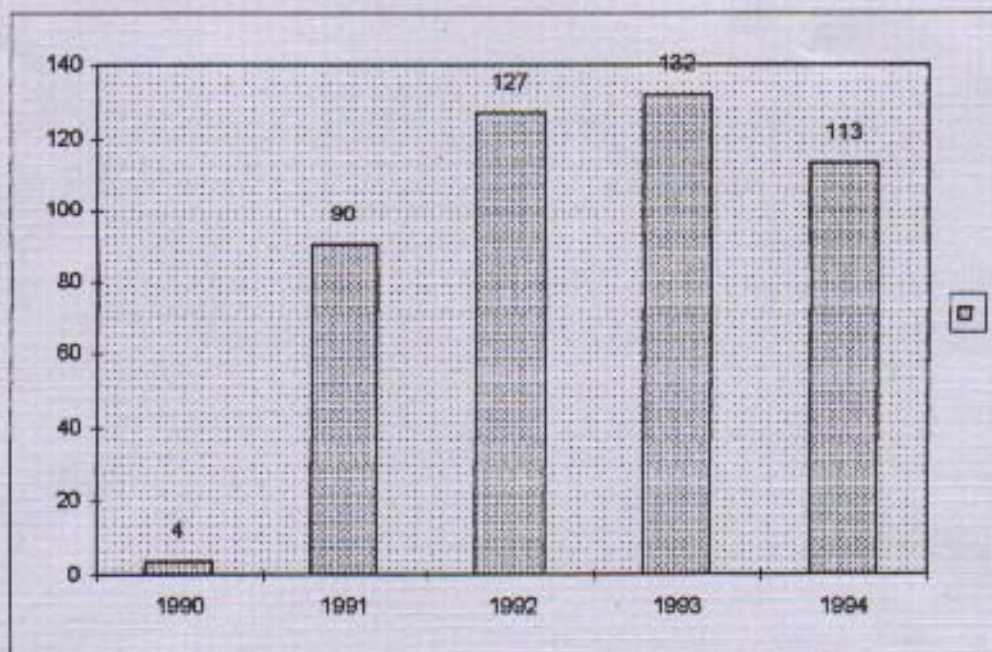
*Several performance indicators show a reduction from the previous year (1993). It is anticipated, if the unit's staffing stays stable, that the performance indicators in 1995 will once again be in the range of the 1992 and 1993 figures.*



## Criminal Investigations

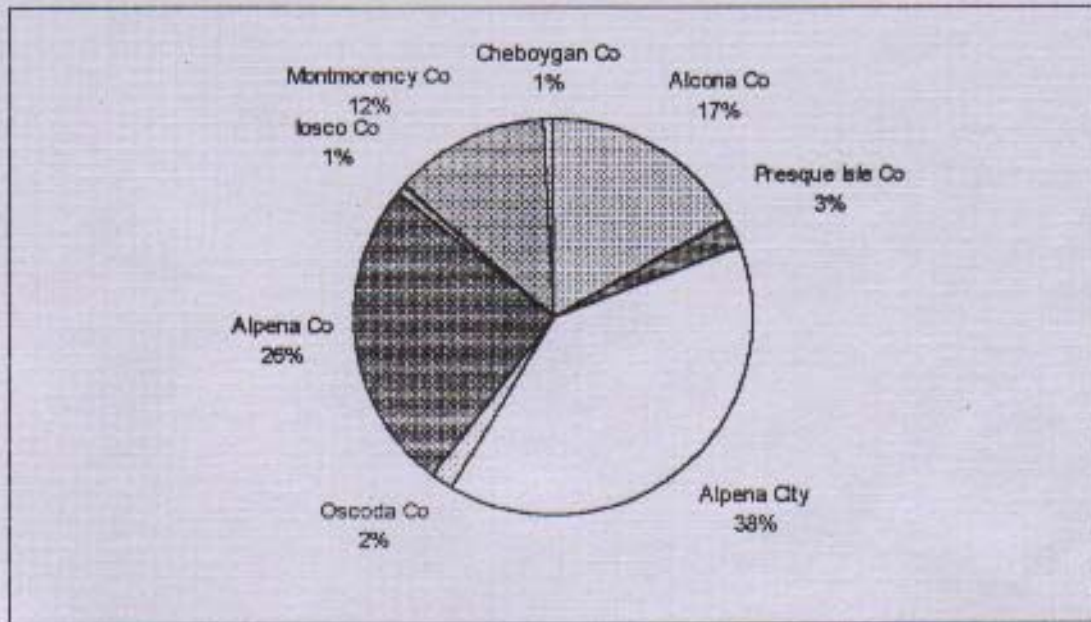
*Following is a comparison chart of H.U.N.T. criminal investigations from 1990 through 1994. You will note the decrease in numbers of total investigations. This can be primarily attributed to the two factors mentioned in the overview portion of this report. Even though the unit's numbers were slightly less in several categories of the performance indicators, the ratio of arrests to criminal investigations for the last three years has remained stable at approximately 80% of H.U.N.T. cases ending in arrest.*

*Investigation Comparison 1990 through 1994*





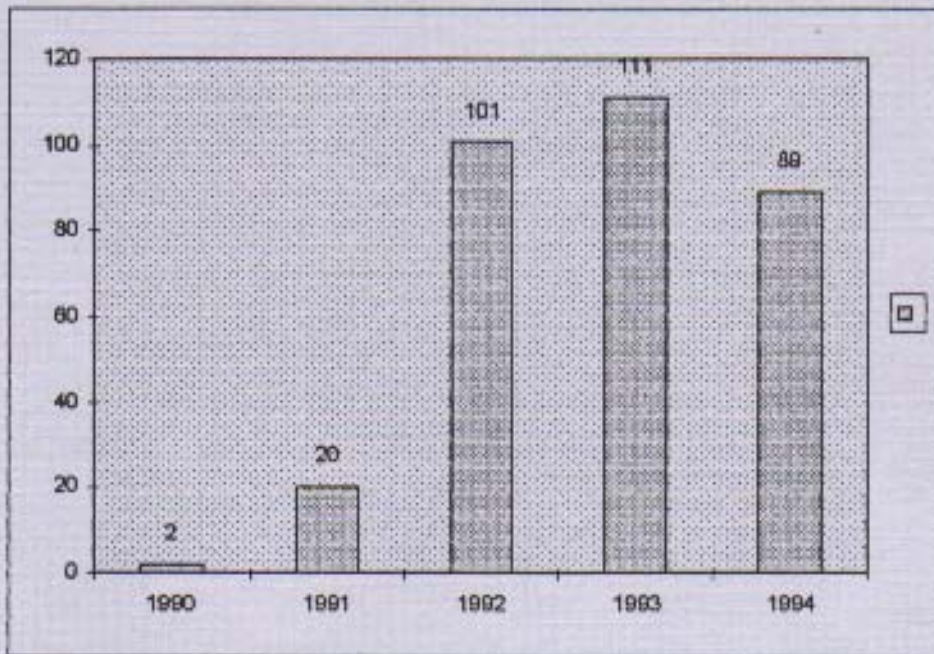
***Investigations by Jurisdiction***  
*Percentage of Total Cases*



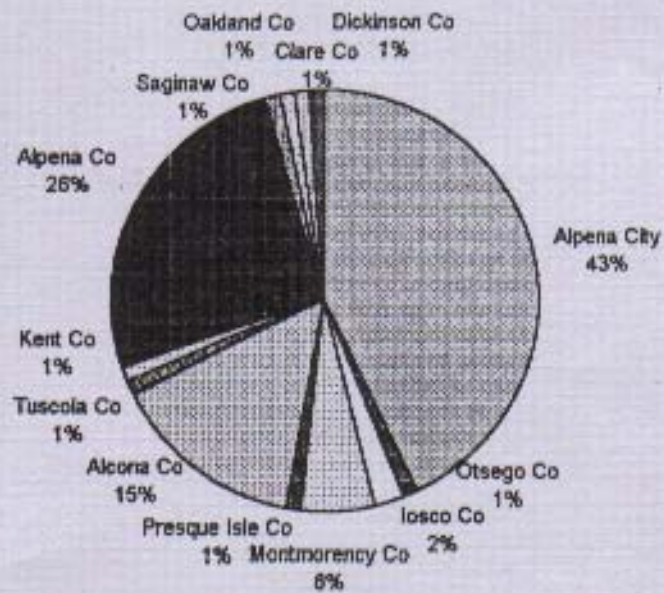
**ARRESTS**

*The reduction in arrests for 1994 can be attributed to the two primary factors mentioned in the unit overview. In 1994 89 persons were arrested. Even though this is a reduction of 22 persons from the high of 111 persons arrested in 1993, it follows the ratio established over the last three years of approximately 80% of H.U.N.T. cases ending arrest.*

### Arrest Comparison 1990 through 1994

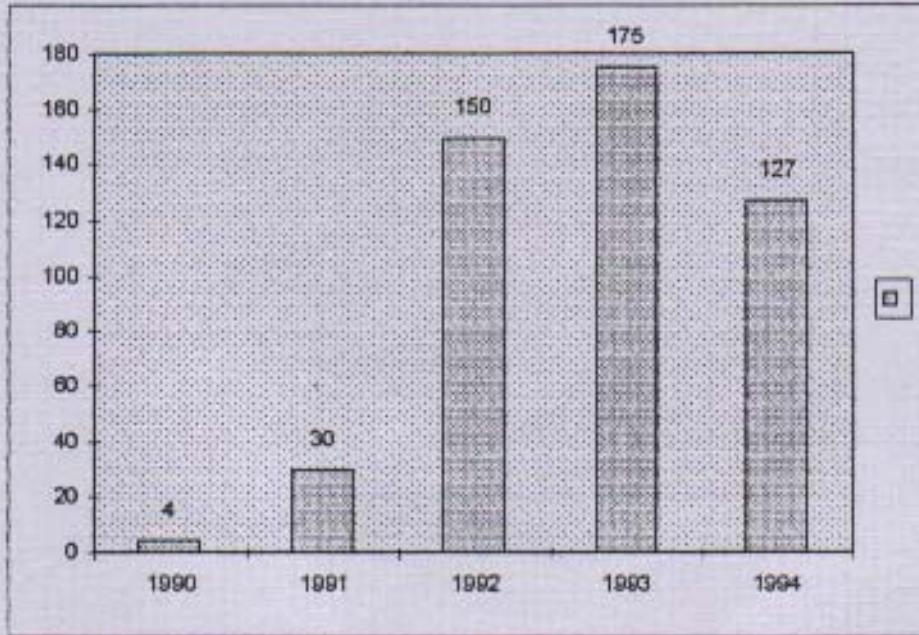


### Arrests by Jurisdiction of Residence





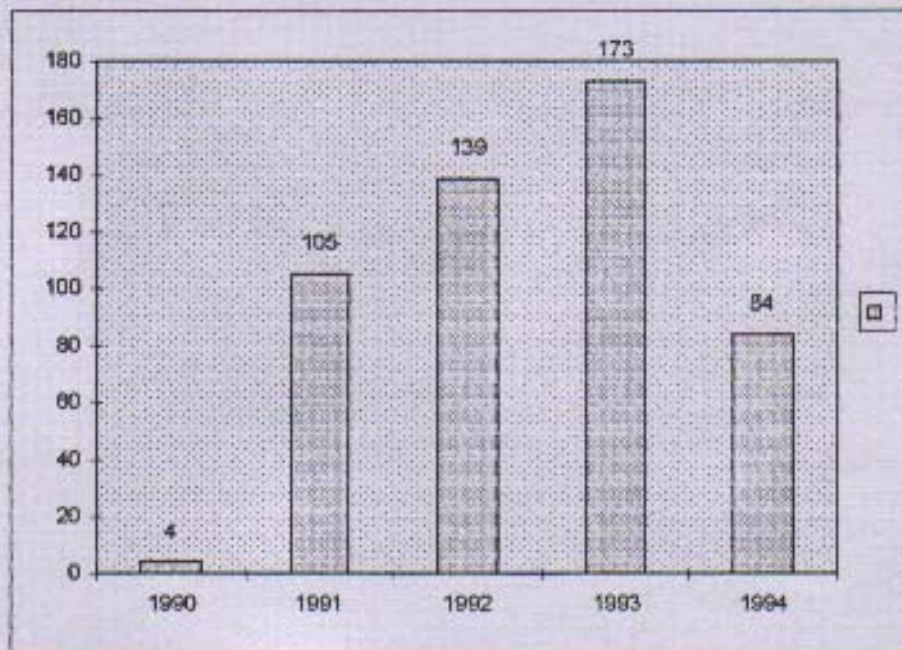
## *Comparison of Arrest Counts by Year*



## Intelligence Reports

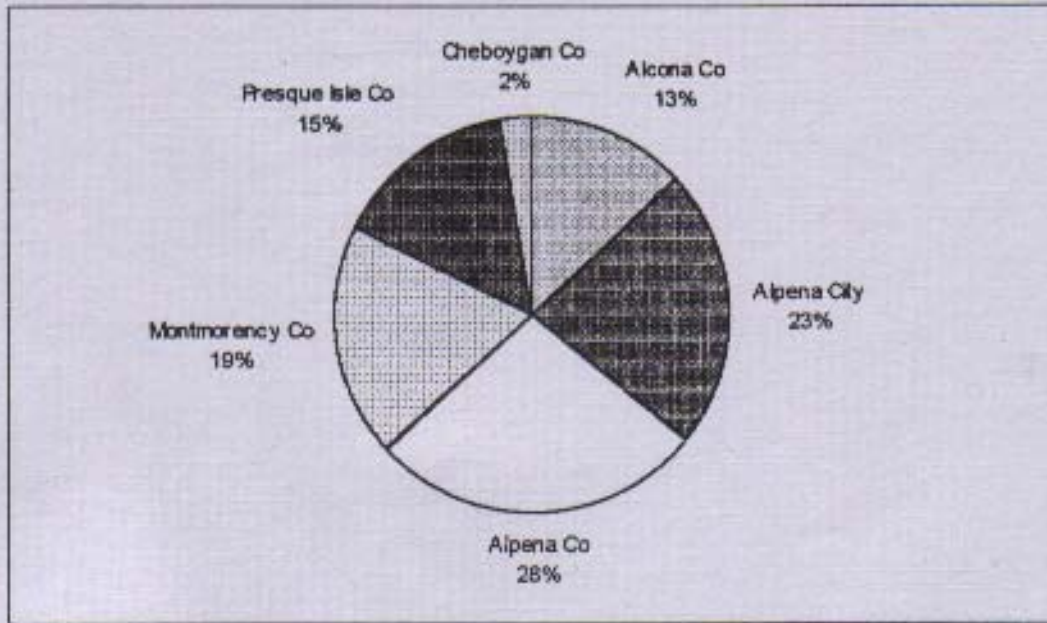
*Intelligence reports during 1994 were drastically reduced from 1993. This can be attributed to the fact that the intelligence computer at H.U.N.T. was inoperative for October, November and December. 1995 will likely show a disproportionate increase due to entry of intelligence reports from the the previous year (1994)*

*Comparison of Intelligence Reports by Year*

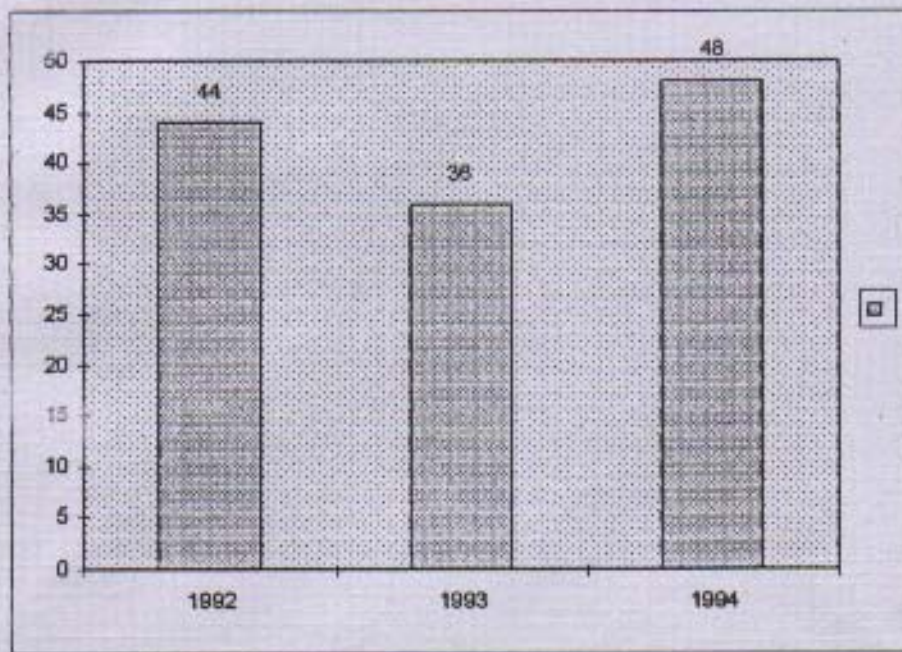




## *Intelligence Reports by Jurisdiction*



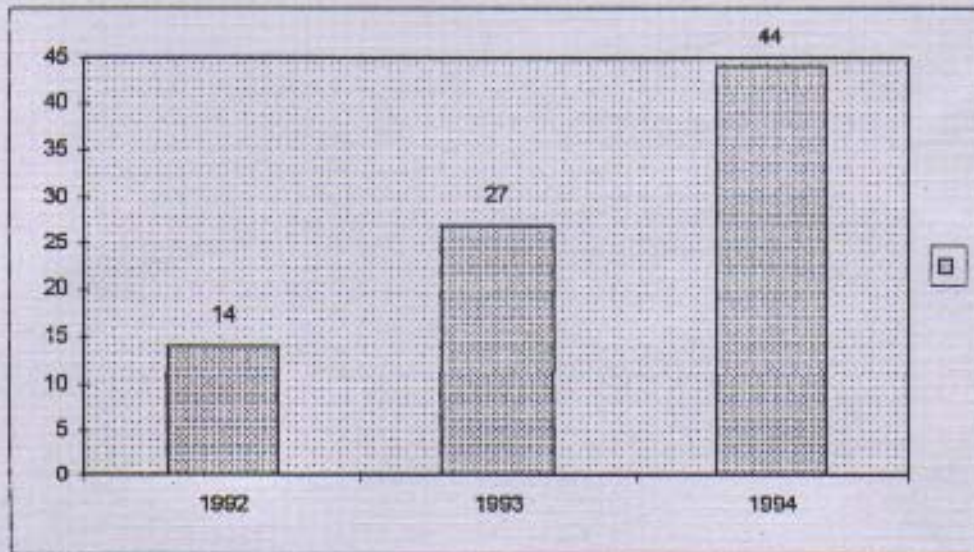
## *Comparison of Firearms Encountered 1992 through 1994*



## Search Warrants

Search warrants are an important part of drug law enforcement. A large percentage of significant drug and asset seizures are the result of search warrant executions. This is true in rural northern Michigan also. The most significant H.U.N.T. seizures have all been the result of search warrant executions. With this in mind, H.U.N.T officers actively worked cases with the aim of ending the investigation with a search warrant. The team was successful in this effort.

*Comparison of Searches 1992 through 1994*





## FORFEITURE

While the seizure and forfeiture of assets is not the main objective of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, the unit does endeavor to use all the tools available to combat controlled substance crimes. 1994 was the most successful year to date for the team in the area of asset seizure and forfeiture.

During 1994 H.U.N.T. was able to generate \$42,732.00 in forfeiture income. Also during 1994 H.U.N.T. seized an additional \$252,000.00 in cash, and real and personal property that is still pending adjudication as of December 31, 1994.

Following is a chart comparing forfeiture income for the years 1991 through 1994.

*FORFEITURE INCOME 1991 THROUGH 1994*

