

2018

Annual Report

Huron

Undercover

Narcotics

Team



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Message from Commander

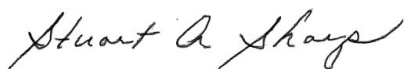
Over the past several years policing in Michigan has drastically changed in many ways. It is often reflected as metrics and statistics which seem to be the benchmark of success. Numbers, created by law enforcement officials have become the main focus and this has bearing on funding for additional resources and manpower. I'm very proud to be involved with a multi-jurisdictional task force that is continually concerned with the preservation of life and public safety and not just numbers. Your HUNT team is a proactive collaboration of officers from various departments with a common goal: To stop drugs and the multitude of crimes that accompany them.

As with every year since its inception, our team's detectives have conducted incredible, intricate and exhaustive investigations with positive effects on our communities. Detectives arrested a sexually motivated predator in Montmorency County and he was sentenced to 4-20 years in prison for stalking young girls on social media. They have conducted human trafficking initiatives all over Northern Michigan, arresting salesmen and doctors alike. Search warrants have delved into specialized areas like electronic devices as well as searches in public domains, like internet servers. It is common to utilize social media portals to assist in investigation; recently our detectives used a Tinder account to locate and arrest a subject with an extensive marijuana grow facility in remote Alcona County.

Each year trends change, and we adapt our techniques to achieve our single goal to identify and arrest drug trafficking organizations. Most telling of our accomplishments is the fact that we initiated 136 investigations and arrested 117 persons, with a total of 221 arrest counts. Simply put, investigations have become more complex than ever, and this group of highly motivated detectives have taken that challenge to task.

I am humbled and honored to serve as your team commander.

Respectfully,

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

D/Lt. Stuart Sharp

Board of Directors

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.

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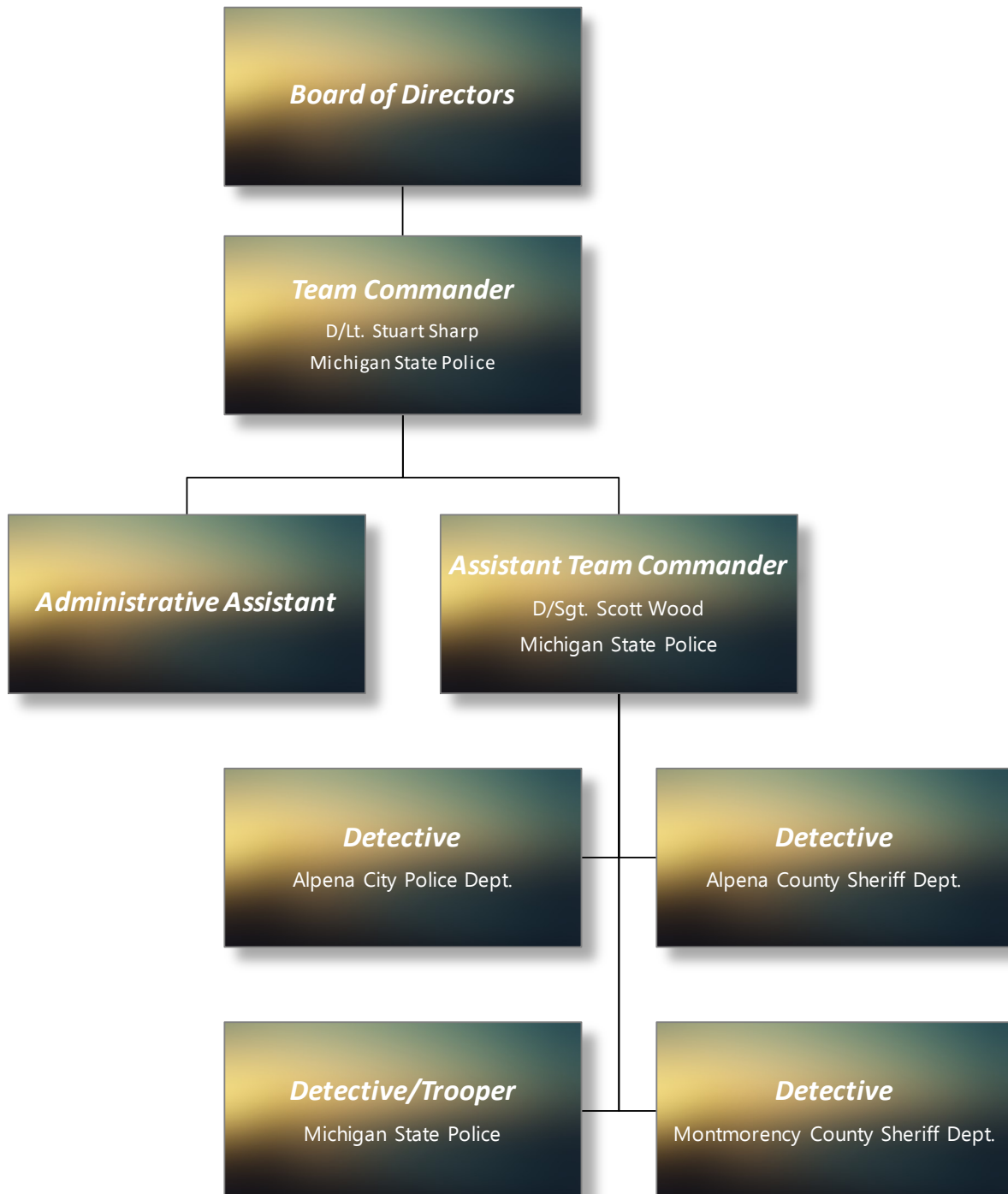
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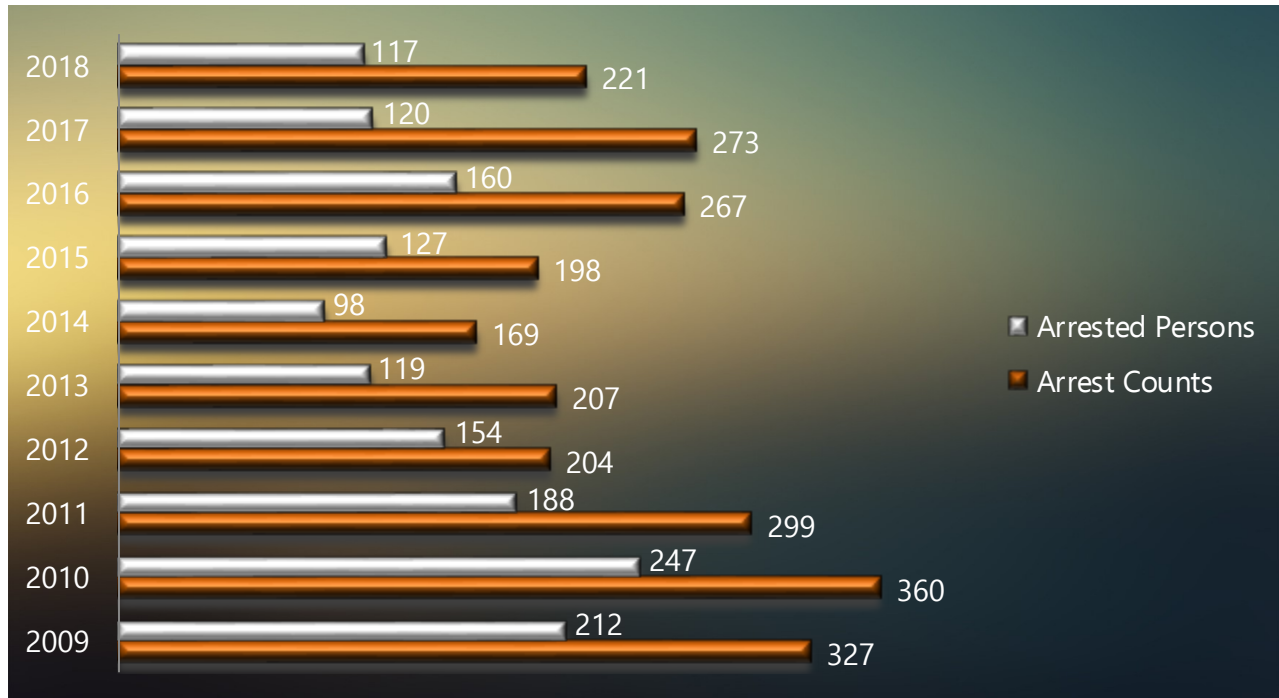
Mr. Brad McRoberts, Alpena County Representative

Organization Chart

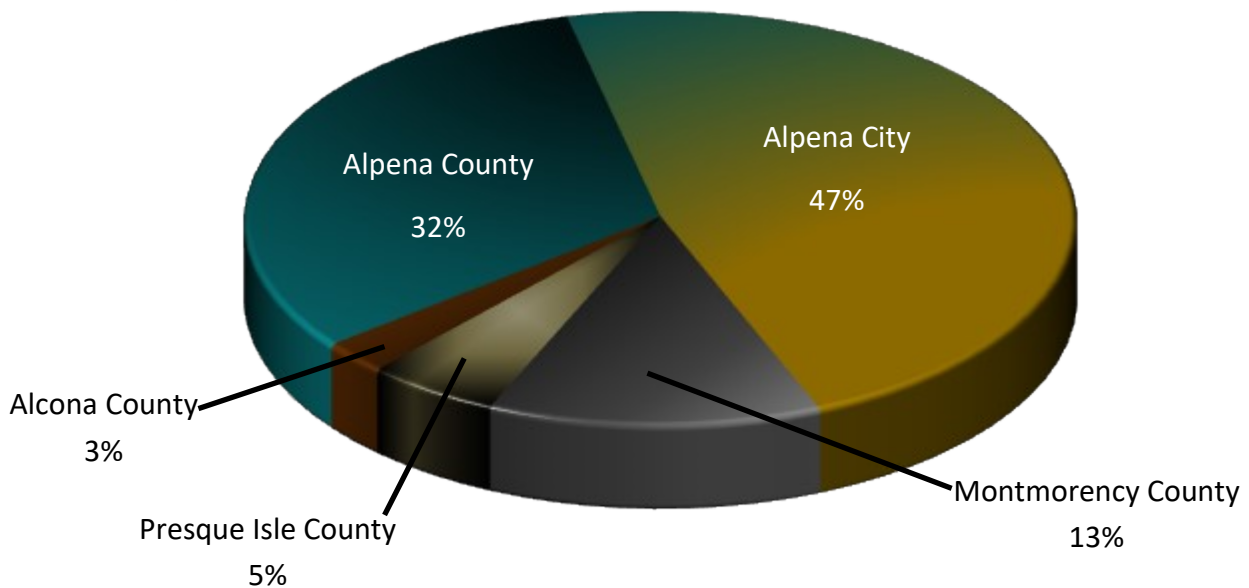


Arrests

Arrests and Arrest Counts—10 Years



Arrests by Jurisdiction—2018



Drug Arrest Tiers

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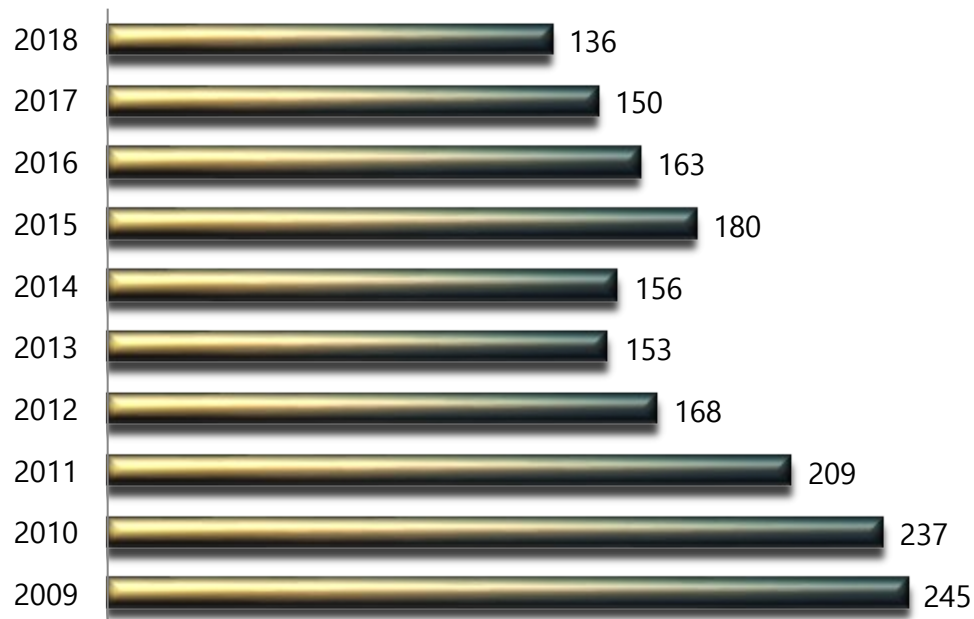
Substance/Crime		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Schedule 1-5 Powder or Rock (except marijuana, psilocybin, or peyote)	Distribute or possess in any single offense	Less than 20 grams	20-49 grams	50-399 grams	400 grams or more
Schedule 1-5 Dosage Units (except marijuana, psilocybin, or peyote)	Distribute or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

HUNT Arrests by Tier

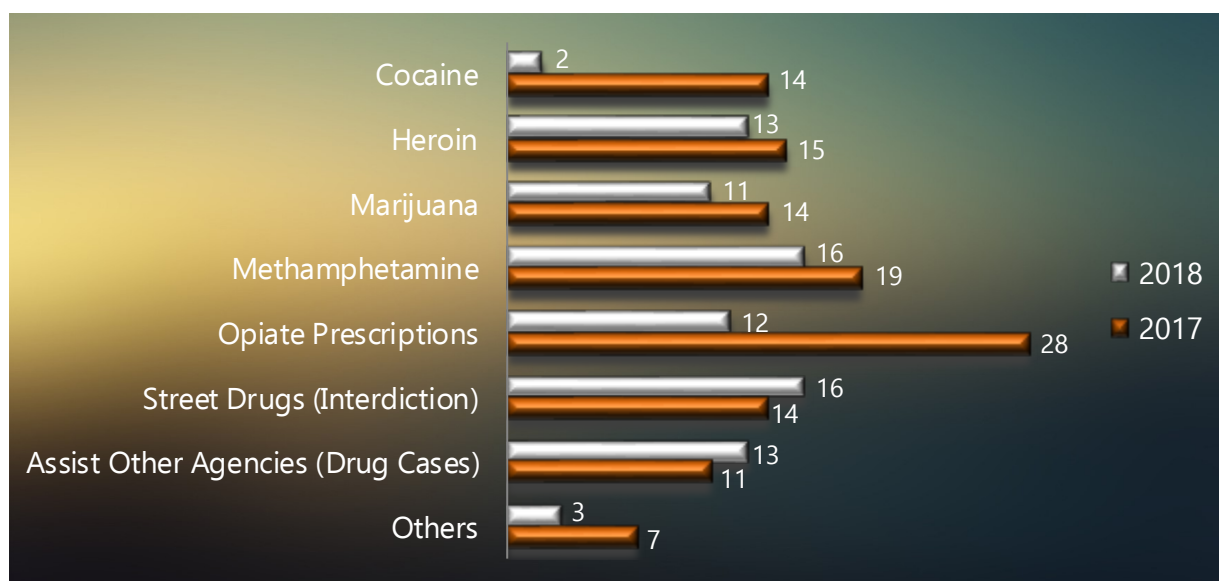
	2016	2017	2018
Tier 1	45	20	27
Tier 2	54	58	40
Tier 3	2	6	4
Tier 4	0	3	0
Parole, Fugitive, and Other Non-Drug Related Arrests	59	33	46

Cases/Substances

Cases Initiated—10 Years



Substances Involved by Cases

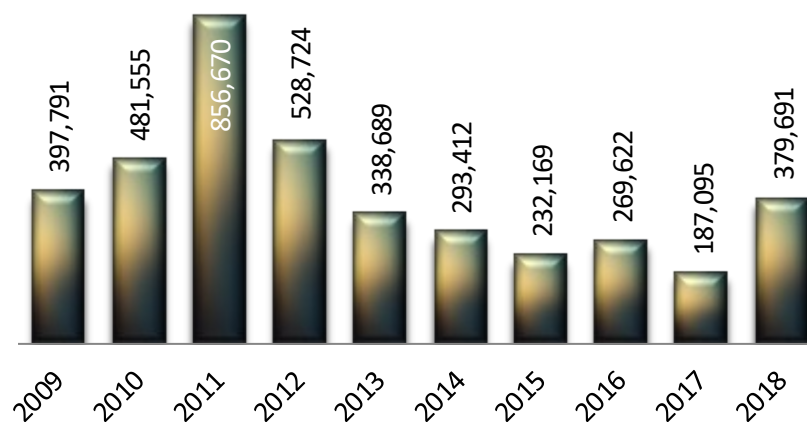


Drugs Seized

Drug Seizures—2018

DRUG	SEIZURES	STREET VALUE
Ecstasy/MDMA	2.1 Grams	\$53
Heroin	16.7 Grams	\$4,175
LSD	2 Units	\$6
Marijuana	Processed, Oil, Wax	\$92,393
Marijuana	269 Plants	\$269,000
Methamphetamine	126 Grams	\$12,580
Prescription Opiates	112 Units	\$1,457
Other Prescriptions	13	\$27
		\$379,691

Value of Drugs Seized—Past 10 Years

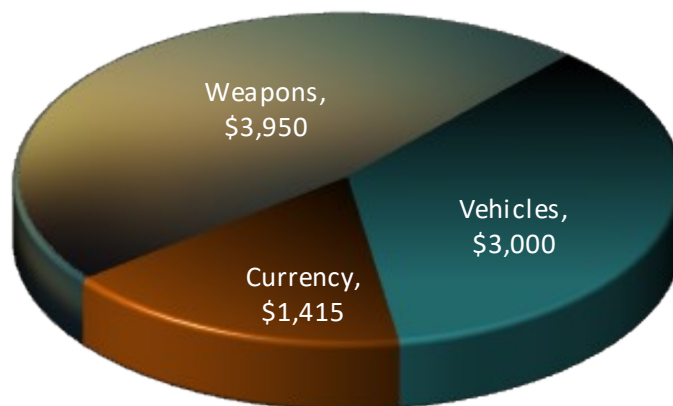


Forfeitures/Seizures

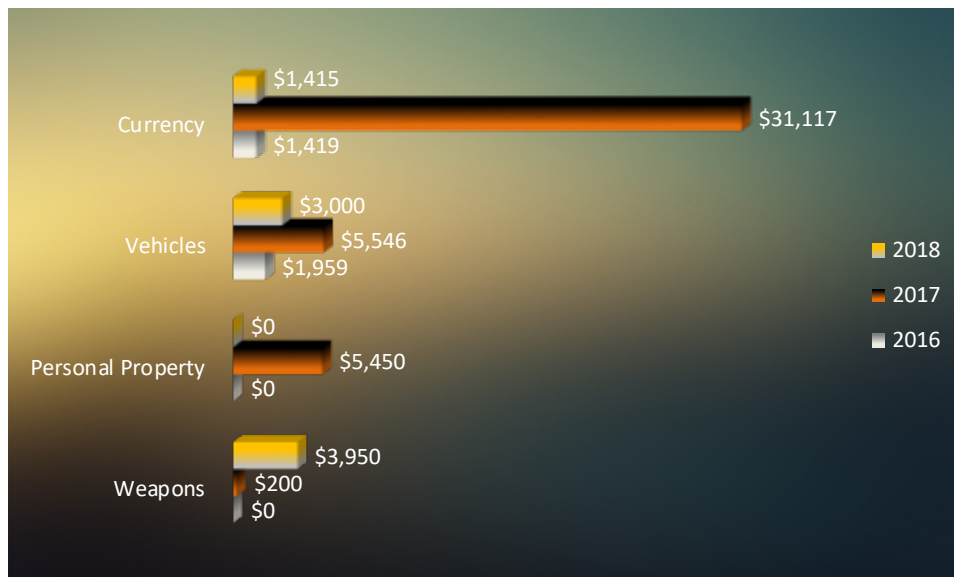
2018 Forfeitures

	Seized Property	Adjudicated Forfeited Property	Forfeiture Expenses
Currency	\$1,415	\$31,542	0
Vehicles	\$3,000	\$2,900	\$30
Personal Property	0	0	0
Weapons	\$3,950	0	0
Totals	\$8,365	\$34,442	\$30

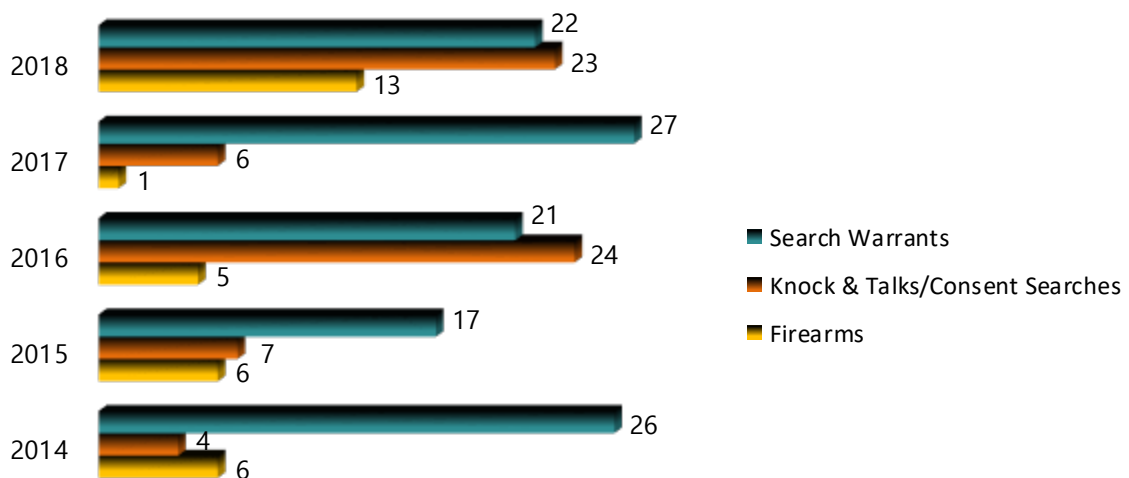
Value of Seized Forfeiture Property



Forfeiture Seizure Values—Three Years



Search/Seizure Detail—Five Years



Public Affairs

Presentations

HUNT personnel conduct presentations throughout the year, in an effort to inform the public regarding drug trends, the use, abuse, and trafficking of illegal narcotics, and the recognition of clandestine labs. This year those presentations were given to the Michigan Society of Medical Assistants, DTE employees, Pastoral Association, NEMCSA personnel, Alpena City Fire first responders, Rogers City Council, GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees, Alpena City Council, Kiwanis Club of Rogers City, Alpena Community College Nursing Program, Presbyterian Womens Organization, and the Posen Fire Hall.

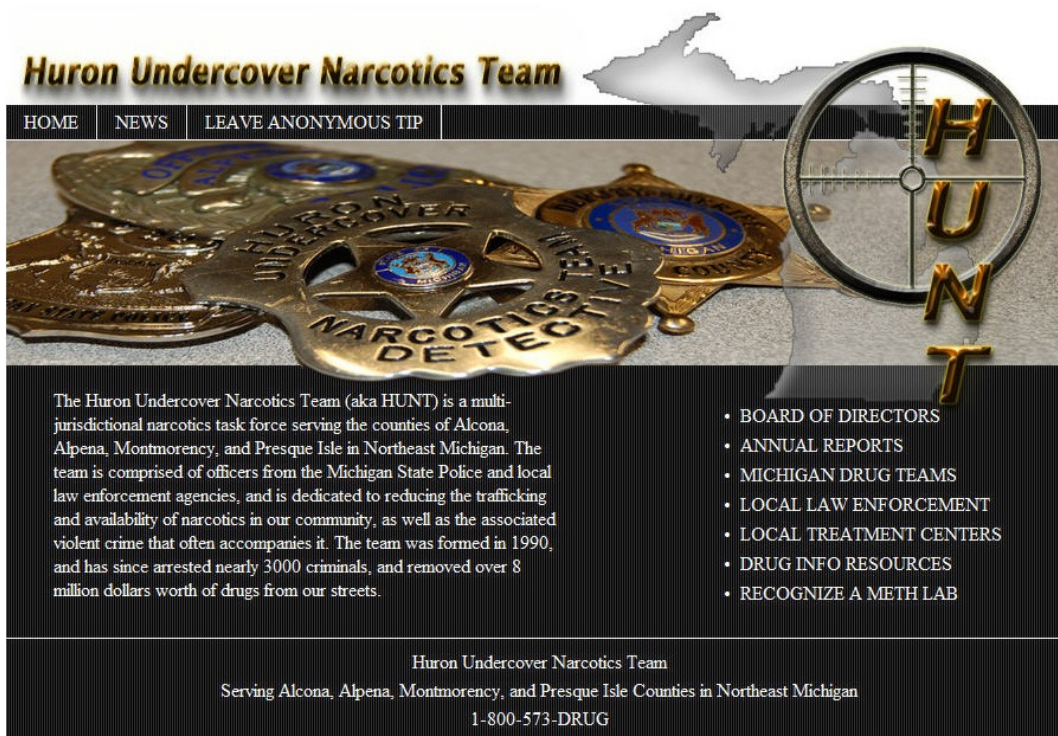
Activity	Events	Attendees
Presentations	11	417
Community Meetings	2	70

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. 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 submittal 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 2018, the team received 89 tips from the web-site, some of which led to significant cases and others filled in the blanks from cases already being investigated.



Huron Undercover Narcotics Team

HOME NEWS LEAVE ANONYMOUS TIP

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (aka HUNT) is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle in Northeast Michigan. The team is comprised of officers from the Michigan State Police and local law enforcement agencies, and is dedicated to reducing the trafficking and availability of narcotics in our community, as well as the associated violent crime that often accompanies it. The team was formed in 1990, and has since arrested nearly 3000 criminals, and removed over 8 million dollars worth of drugs from our streets.

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- ANNUAL REPORTS
- MICHIGAN DRUG TEAMS
- LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
- LOCAL TREATMENT CENTERS
- DRUG INFO RESOURCES
- RECOGNIZE A METH LAB

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1-800-573-DRUG

Significant Activity

Meth Lab Discovered in Hawks

In June of 2018, HUNT detectives were informed by the Presque Isle County Sheriff Department that they had responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence in Hawks. While there, they had noticed a water bladder from a cold pack, a piece of rubber tubing and some foil with burn marks on it. This suspicious finding was passed on to HUNT detectives who then began an investigation into the production of methamphetamine. Several individuals at the residence as well as one individual from another residence (suspect's friend) had been purchasing pseudoephedrine. HUNT detectives were able to locate the suspect after a purchase of pseudoephedrine in Rogers City, and discovered that he had also purchased lithium batteries and Coleman fuel. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence, where all of the components of a meth lab were discovered. The suspect was arrested and charged by the Presque Isle County Prosecuting Attorney's office with possession of methamphetamine, purchasing pseudoephedrine to make meth, operating/maintaining a meth lab near a specified place (dwelling), and operating/maintaining a lab involving hazardous waste.



Alcona County Marijuana Growing Operation

In the fall of 2018, HUNT detectives received anonymous information from an individual who had met an Alcona County man on Tinder. The tipster advised that the man had boasted of his large-scale marijuana growing operation and had even sent a video clip of the marijuana plants he was growing. HUNT detectives were able to identify the man and made contact with him through the same social media application. A fictitious date was arranged, with the meeting at a location away from the man's home. Detectives made contact with the man, a 54 year old Glennie resident, who had in his possession a substantial amount of cash, as well as marijuana, LSD, and vape. A subsequent search warrant at the man's home resulted in the seizure of approximately 50 pounds of processed marijuana as well as 193 plants at various stages of growth and 8 guns, most of which were loaded and in close proximity to the plants and the marijuana processing area.

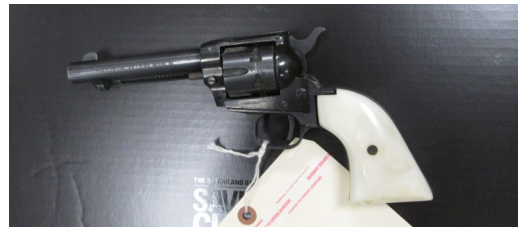
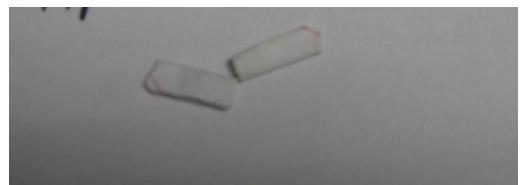
The man was charged by the Alcona County Prosecuting Attorney's office with 6 counts including delivery/manufacture 5-45 kilograms of marijuana, delivery/manufacture marijuana, operating/maintaining a laboratory, possession of LSD, maintaining a drug house, and felony firearm.



Significant Activity

Pistol and Heroin Purchased

In March of 2018, a controlled purchase of heroin was conducted from a male individual in the city of Alpena. After that controlled purchase, the informant who had purchased the heroin was contacted by the suspect via Facebook Messenger. The suspect told the informant that he had a pistol for sale, as well as more heroin. Another controlled purchase was then conducted, in which the informant bought the pistol for one hundred dollars (\$100.00), ammunition for twenty dollars (\$20.00), and an additional quantity of heroin for one hundred dollars (\$100.00). After a third controlled purchase of heroin, a search warrant was conducted at the suspect's residence where narcotics paraphernalia was recovered, along with some of the official funds utilized during the controlled purchases. The suspect admitted that he had gotten the pistol from an unknown individual, in exchange for heroin. The suspect was charged with 3 counts delivery of heroin on or near school property and felony firearms with the addition of habitual offender, 4th offense. He has since been convicted and sentenced to 3-20 years in prison.



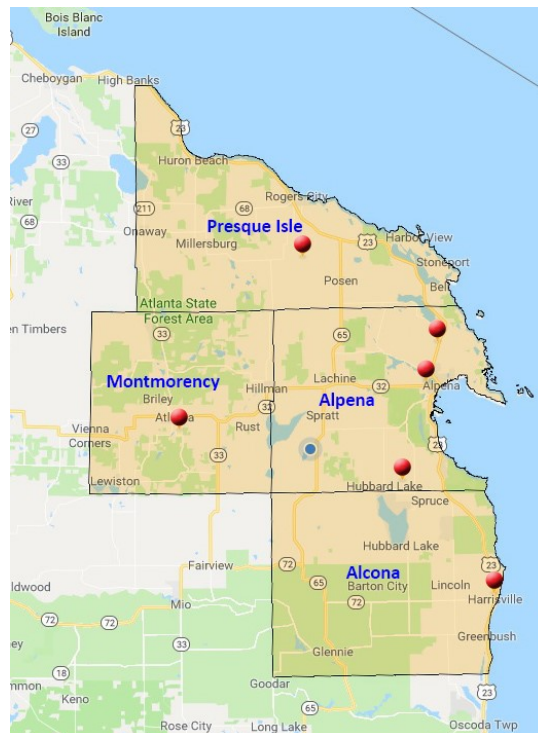
Sex Offender Re-Jailed

In August of 2018, HUNT detectives were contacted by the Montmorency County Sheriff Department and advised that they had been notified of a registered sex offender who was attempting to contact, via Facebook and Instagram, multiple Hillman girls, ranging in age from 10 to 16. HUNT was requested to assist in investigating the matter.

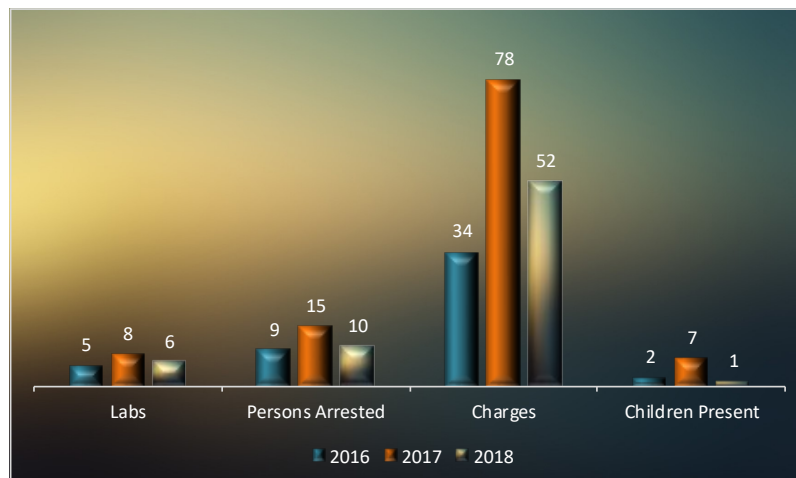
HUNT launched an extensive investigation which included searches of the suspect's home, vehicles, electronic devices and Google account. HUNT made use of the Michigan State Police 7th District Computer Crimes Unit to conduct forensic examinations on the electronic devices which did reveal some pictures of the Hillman girls that had been downloaded from their Instagram accounts. The Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team and Homeland Security also provided assistance in the investigation. The suspect was not only following young girls on Facebook and Instagram, but was also downloading CSAM (child sexual abuse material) from the dark web onto his electronic devices. As a result, the suspect was arrested and charged by the Montmorency County Prosecuting Attorney with possession of child sexually abusive material and utilizing an electronic device in the commission of a felony. The suspect pled to the charges and was sentenced in February of 2019 to 4-20 years in prison. The investigation of the web site the suspect downloaded the child pornography from has been referred to Homeland Security.

Meth Labs

Location of Meth Labs - 2018



Meth Lab Stats—3 Years



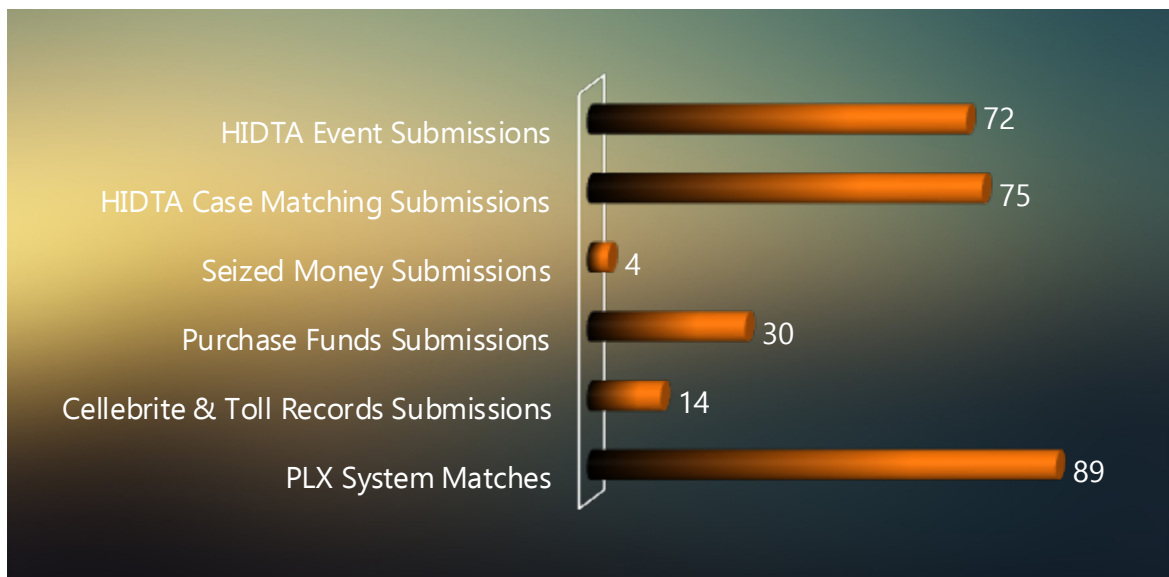
Team Metrics

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All MSP/multi-jurisdictional task forces report metrics for deconfliction/analytical purposes. Following is a list of the metrics submitted by HUNT during 2018:

- HIDTA Event Submissions: Deconfliction of Events
- HIDTA Case Matching: Deconfliction of Individuals
- Seized Money: Analysis of monies seized compared to other team's monies spent
- Purchase Funds Submissions: Official funds utilized in controlled purchases
- Cellebrite & Toll Records Submissions: Seized telephone data downloads
- PLX System Matches: Telephone number cross-reference matches

HUNT 2018 Metrics



Participation Levels

Member Entity	Monetary Funding	In-Kind Provisions
Alcona County	\$ 8,000	
Alpena City	\$ 8,000	One Full-Time Officer
Alpena County	\$ 8,000	One Full-Time Officer, Fiduciary Services
Michigan State Police		3 Full-Time Officers, Office Space & Utilities, Supplies/Equipment
Montmorency County	\$ 8,000	One Full-Time Officer
Presque Isle County	\$ 8,000	

* The listed figures reflect the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018

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