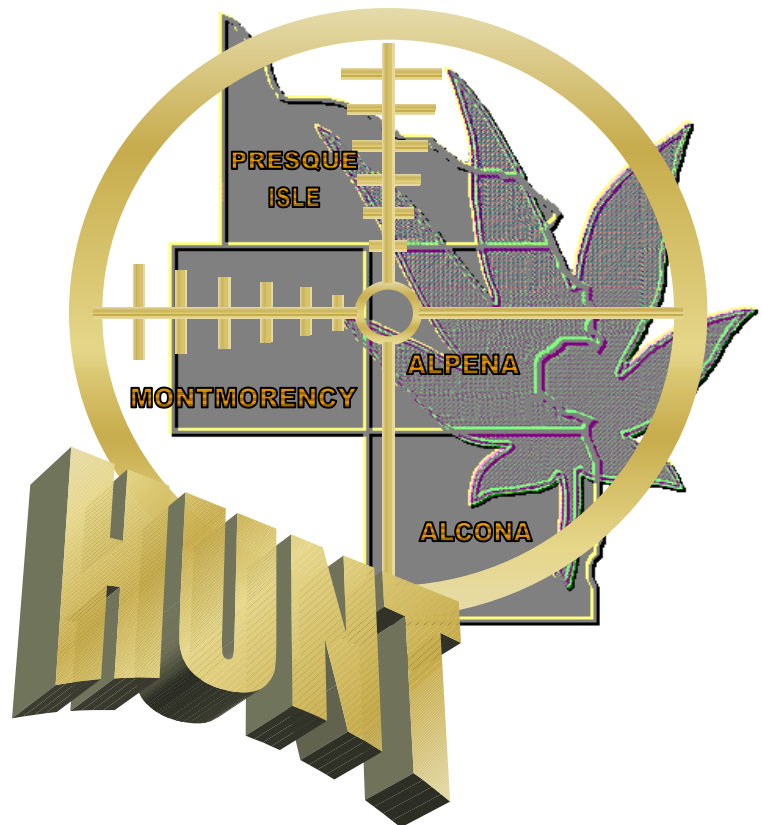


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Overview

As detailed in this annual report, the year 2003 was yet another successful one for the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team.

The team consisted of a Detective Lieutenant and Detective Sergeant from the Michigan State Police, and Detectives from the Alpena City Police Department, the Alcona County Sheriff Department, the Rogers City Police Department, and the Michigan State Police. Each of these officers are specifically trained in narcotics investigations, undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry. Two officers from the Alpena County Sheriff Department were added in October, for the purpose of locating and arresting fugitives.

The team initiated 103 narcotics related complaints during the year, resulting in the seizure of \$86,000 worth of narcotics, as well as 22 firearms. Some of these investigations led to the discovery of other crimes, such as carrying concealed weapons, solicitation for murder, home invasion/burglary, probation violations, and recovery of stolen property. The inception of the fugitive division, in mid October, resulted in an additional 54 complaints, which resulted in 114 warrants being satisfied.

There was a noted increase in the use/trafficking of heroin, as well as continued activity in marijuana, ecstasy, cocaine, and oxycodone. Statistics have shown that trafficking and/or use of narcotics is directly related to other violent crimes. The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team is dedicated to the reduction/control of narcotics activity, in order to provide a better quality of life in our communities.

The following pages reflect the team's activities/statistics for the year 2003, as well as highlights of several significant cases that were encountered.

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Alpena Post Commander, Michigan State Police

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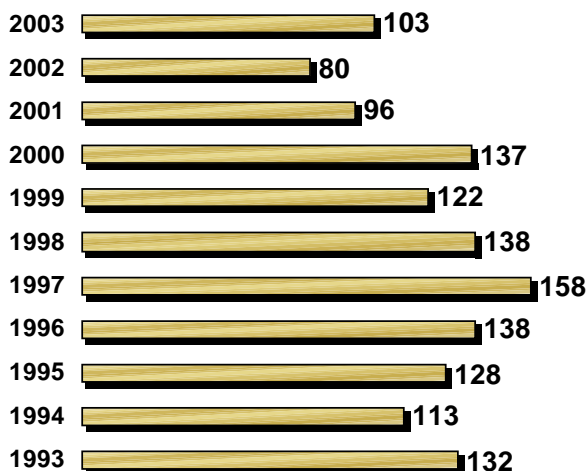
Thad Taylor

Public Safety Director, City of Alpena

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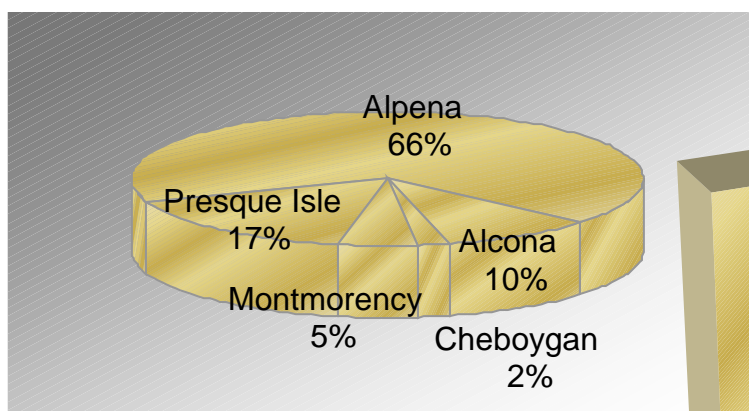
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Investigations



HUNT initiated 103 new investigations in 2003. 65 people have been arrested as a result of those investigations and 19 are still pending warrants, the total being 84, or 82%

Investigations by County

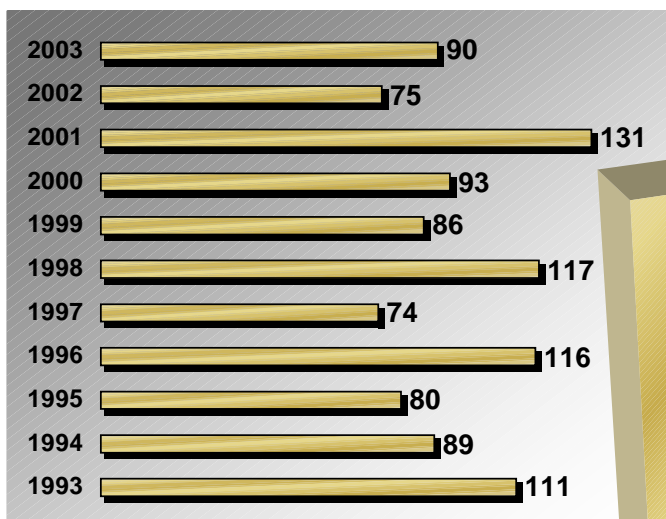


Alcona	10
Alpena	69
Cheboygan	2
Montmorency	5
Presque Isle	17

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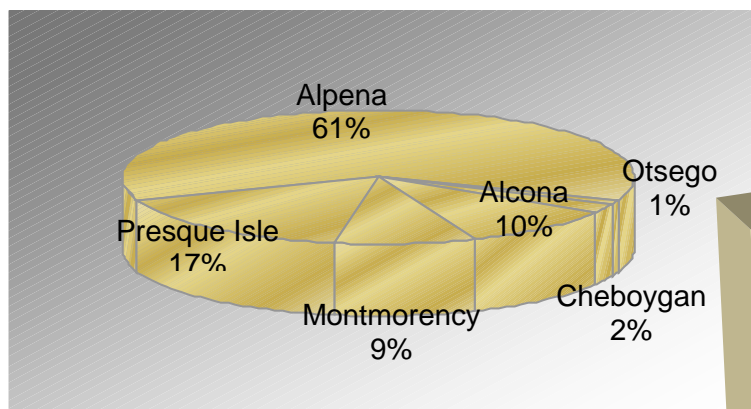
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Persons Arrested



Of the 90 people HUNT arrested in 2003, 36 had previous criminal histories, and 22 had previously been arrested by HUNT. Totaling 64% repeat offenders. 16 of these individuals were sentenced to state or federal prison.

Persons Arrested By County

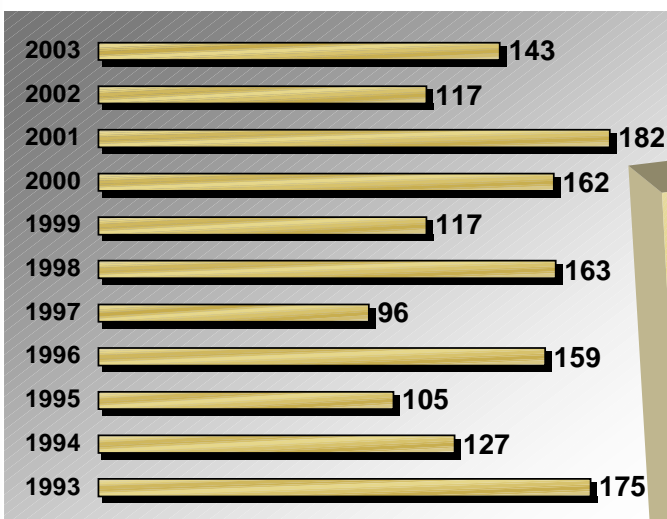


Alcona	9
Alpena	55
Cheboygan	2
Montmorency	8
Otsego	1
Presque Isle	15

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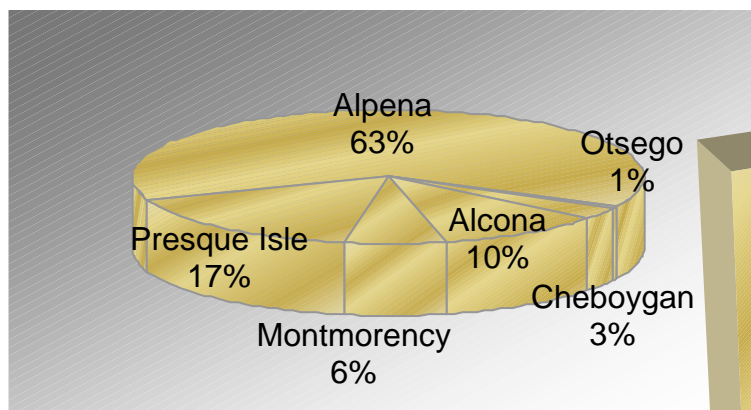
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Arrest Counts



Of the 143 arrest counts HUNT obtained warrants for, 118 were for felony charges, and 25 were for misdemeanor charges. 131 of these charges were drug related. The others were carrying concealed weapons, larceny in a building, absconding, probation violation, drive on expired license, possess a knife with a mechanical opener, and harboring an escapee.

Arrest Counts By County

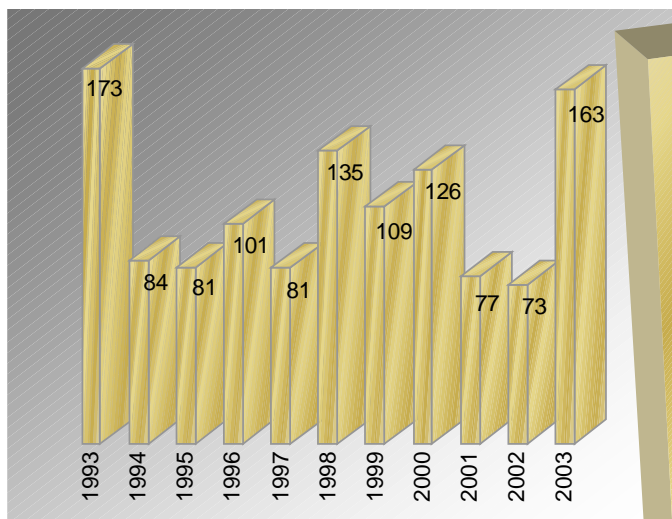


Alcona	15
Alpena	90
Cheboygan	4
Montmorency	9
Otsego	1
Presque Isle	24

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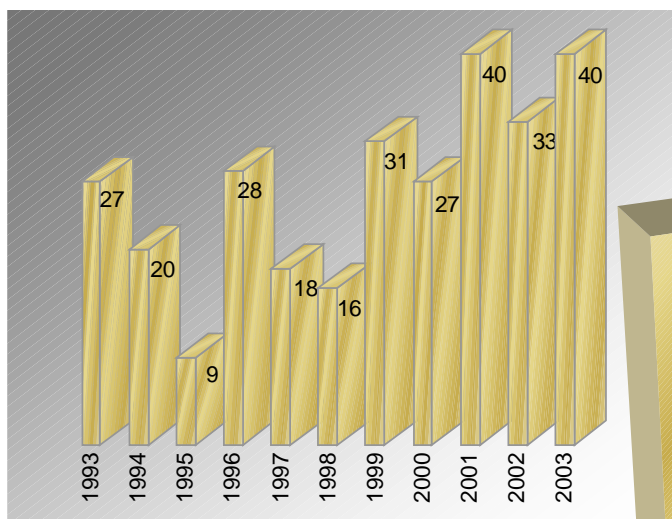
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Intelligence Reports



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

Search Warrants



HUNT conducted 40 search warrants during the year 2003, during which 20 minor children were present, with follow-up reports being sent to Protective Services, and 5 weapons were encountered.

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Drug Seizures



A substantial increase in heroin activity was noted during the year, in which 25 grams were seized, and 24 individuals were arrested for delivery of the drug. These numbers are both higher than the rest of the years of the HUNT team combined.

Drug	Amount Seized	Street Value
Cocaine-----	25 grams-----	\$ 2,756
Ecstasy-----	14 tablets-----	420
Heroin-----	25 grams-----	7,545
Marijuana-----	67 plants-----	67,000
Marijuana-----	6.34 pounds-----	6,340
Methamphetamine-----	.6 grams-----	60
Oxycodone-----	65 tablets-----	1,300
Other Drugs-----		978
		<hr/> \$ 86,399

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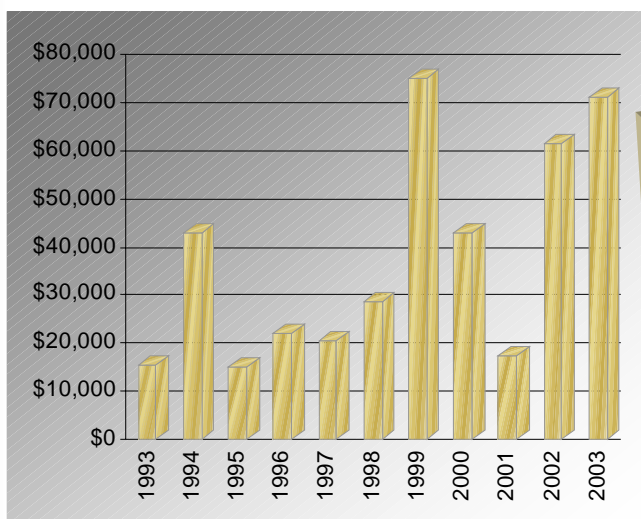
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Property Seizures



HUNT seized \$58,909 worth of property during the year. This property consisted of vehicles, police scanners, cell phones, cash, real property, etc., all of which was being used to facilitate drug trafficking, or proceeds from a drug trafficking enterprise.

Forfeiture Proceeds



\$70,834.00 in forfeiture proceeds were adjudicated during the year. These proceeds were obtained through sale of seized items at public auction, retention of seized funds, settlements on real property, and federal forfeiture sharing.

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Significant Cases

HEROIN INVADES NORTHEAST MICHIGAN

In January of this year the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team made its first controlled purchase of heroin in Alpena. This was the first of many controlled purchases of heroin, which appeared to have ingrained itself in the area's drug culture. Through a series of investigations initiated by the team, several individuals were identified as users and dealers in the Alpena community.



Law enforcement representatives from the three primary law enforcement agencies in Alpena County also had encountered on the street level, individuals who were in possession of heroin in small quantities.

The team's narcotic investigations involving this onset of heroin eventually focused on twenty-four individuals in the Alpena County area. The 25 grams identified in this annual report (Drug Seizures) represent approximately 250 individual hits/packets (a packet is commonly 1/10 gram). A common linkage in these investigations also saw the illicit use and sale of Oxycodone, along with methadone in increasing numbers.

As these investigations developed, the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team efforts identified one individual who is believed to be responsible for the trafficking of heroin from down state to sources in Alpena County. This individual is believed to be responsible for approximately one pound of processed heroin, which is equivalent to over 4,500 individual hits/packets that were trafficked in our community.

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, in a joint investigation with the DEA Saginaw Office has presented this conspiracy case to the U.S. Department of Justice, who has adopted this case for criminal prosecution.

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SALE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA CEASED AT LOCAL BUSINESS

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team identified a business in the city of Alpena that was selling/offering for sale, drug paraphernalia (i.e. bongs, pipes, etc.). The business had been in operation for several years, and had been freely selling these items that are specifically used in the consumption of illicit drugs. The HUNT team then made a referral to the Alpena County Prosecutor's office, citing a violation of law which

prohibits the sale of drug paraphernalia. As a result of this action, a judgement order was issued by the 26th Judicial Circuit Court, which identified those items that fell within the definition of drug paraphernalia, and prohibited the sale or offering for sale of those items.



MARIJUANA SEIZED IN PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY



In October of 2003, a controlled purchase of Oxycodone pills was conducted in Presque Isle County. In December, the same suspect was contacted, and a controlled purchase of ¼ pound of marijuana was made from him. A subsequent search yielded an additional 1¾ pound of marijuana in his vehicles, as well as approximately one pound in his residence. This suspect has since been arrested for one count delivery of Oxycodone and one

count delivery of marijuana. The approximate 3 pounds of marijuana seized in this case would have made 192, ¼ ounce bags (average street sale size), which would have ultimately sold for over \$9,500.00

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18 YEAR OLD AND JUVENILE ARRESTED IN ALCONA COUNTY FOR FELONY FIREARM AND DELIVERY OF MARIJUANA.

An undercover officer purchased marijuana from an 18-year-old subject, who was accompanied by another juvenile subject. During these controlled purchases, the officer became aware that this subject was in possession of a handgun. The subject also had an open warrant for his arrest, for felony firearm. During the controlled purchases, the subject had indicated an interest in buying Oxycodone pills. The undercover



officer subsequently made a deal with the subject, in which he traded placebo Oxycodone pills for the handgun, a quantity of marijuana, and a quantity of cash. Both the 18-year-old and the juvenile were subsequently arrested/apprehended, and charged with carrying a concealed weapon, felony firearm, and two counts delivery of marijuana.

DRUG ACTIVITY LEADS TO NUMEROUS OTHER CRIMES

The HUNT team encountered several examples of drug activity leading to other crimes during the year. In one case, a suspect admitted to a conspiracy consisting of stealing items from a local business, and returning them for cash to obtain money for drugs. In another instance, a suspect was caught trying to fill a forged prescription for morphine, and later admitted that she had done it because she was unable to obtain any heroin. In yet another instance, the HUNT team was asked for assistance in investigating three drive-by shootings, as several of the victims had known drug linkage. One of the motivating factors that were associated with some of the intended victims was debts owed for drugs. Also, the HUNT coverage area showed a drastic increase in drug related deaths, due to accidental overdose.

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Funding Sources

(FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003)

<i>Alcona County</i>	<i>51,500</i>
<i>Alcona Township</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>Alpena City</i>	<i>30,750</i>
<i>Alpena County</i>	<i>16,875</i>
<i>Greenbush Township</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Hawes Township</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Haynes Township</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Krakow Township</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>Michigan State Police</i>	<i>242,057</i>
<i>Mikado Township</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Moltke Township</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Ocqueoc Township</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>O.D.C.P. (Grant)</i>	<i>135,057</i>
<i>Ossineke Township</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Posen Township</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>Presque Isle County</i>	<i>21,675</i>
<i>Presque Isle Township</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Private Contribution</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Rogers City</i>	<i>15,867</i>
<i>Restitution</i>	<i>3,853</i>
<i>Interest</i>	<i>1,279</i>
<i>Forfeiture Proceeds</i>	<i>80,663</i>
<i>Stipends</i>	<i>700</i>

Total Funding 608,076

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Conclusion

Victimology involving the use of drugs in our community has far reaching effects: The users themselves, the family and friends of users, the individuals who are victimized by the acts of those under the influence, and the taxpayers/consumers who are paying the price.

The effort of the team this year is a reflection of some of the patterns in the criminal cultures that have fostered to long here. The strong linkages amongst those in the ever-present drug community and other related criminal populace continues to tax just not law enforcement resources, but our communities.

Part of our goal is to disrupt the availability of drugs and narcotics in the communities in Northeastern Michigan. By disrupting the availability of drugs and narcotics through our various criminal investigations, we have historically been affective. This has only been accomplished via the strong commitment of our officers and the secure partnerships that have been developed with various law enforcement agencies and the governmental/communities that are served.

The challenges that were presented before the team this past year, with the introduction of heroin and continued influx of oxycodone, along with methadone were combated with the same diversity that has historically been employed by the team.

In 2003 the team's narcotic investigations were up almost 28% from last year. Arrest counts related to narcotic investigations rose from 75 Counts in 2002, up nearly 89% in 2003, totally 142 Counts.

Historically, the primary narcotic investigations involved the sale/manufacturing of marijuana. This past year, roughly the total number of narcotic investigations and arrest counts were split 50-50 between marijuana offenses and other narcotics, which encompassed heroin, cocaine, methadone, oxycodone and other narcotics. This year also showed a significant rise in repeat offenders who either have a criminal history and/or other related prior narcotic arrest/conviction, at an astounding 50% ratio.

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Our mission is to protect the community, safe guard our children and provide a safe environment on our streets, in our homes, in the schools and in our businesses. Whether they are residents who have long standing here or the thousands who visit our communities, friends, and families, each year. This is the challenge, our duty and utmost our responsibility.

You and I know that there is not an alternative, no easy solution, and no quick fix. Rather than surrender, which will further reduce our quality of life here, we must exercise our responsibility. That responsibility extends just not with the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, but also extends to the governmental and community leaders here.

Health and social costs associated with the availability of drugs continues to tax our community and economy. Crimes too numerous to name will go unchecked and the moral fiber of our community will be torn apart if we as partners do nothing.

These challenges can only be accomplished with the commitment and support of the community and governmental representatives that we serve.

Notwithstanding, the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team accepts the challenge, to perform their duty, and to take on the responsibility.



D/Lt. Rick Schultz
HUNT Commander