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1—Commander's Message

Methamphetamine has ravaged our service area and has consumed most of HUNT's time and energy. In 2017 HUNT arrested 3 people for possession of or delivery of meth, that number rose to 40 in 2021. Meth has stripped our area of its youth, families and the foundation of community. It has exposed rural Northeastern Michigan to the deprivation of a "big city" scourge. For members of the HUNT team, it has drawn more clearly the path of distribution networks, drawing a clear picture of how our four-county service area is so tightly connected.

To illustrate the importance of HUNT to our community I will briefly explain a case from December. The Team Commander was contacted by an HSI agent located in Tennessee regarding a person that purposefully moved into the city of Alpena with the sole intention to grow marijuana in support of the Brotherhood Forever, a white supremacist group involved closely with the Arian Nation. The Tennessee president of Brotherhood Forever paid for the relocation of a female from Tennessee to Alpena. He instructed her how to grow marijuana and provided continued funding for her efforts. He did this while serving a life sentence and while incarcerated in prison. HUNT members were able to disrupt this criminal organization by arresting the female and an associate member of the gang for the manufacture and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. A team member provided testimony in a federal criminal trial in Tennessee resulting in the conviction of the gang's president for several crimes. He faces up to another life sentence.

This annual report is a snapshot of the hard work the dedicated members do with little recognition. Because of the continued support of participating member agencies and their leadership, HUNT has made a substantially positive impact on criminal activity.

It is an honor for me to be associated with every member of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team.

D/Lt. Stuart Sharp, Team Commander

2—Board of Directors

F/Lt. John Grimshaw Board Chair	Michigan State Police, Alpena Post Commander
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Sheriff Joe Brewbaker	Presque Isle County Sheriff Department
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Vicki Kunderling	Montmorency County Prosecuting Attorney
Chief Jamie Meyer	Rogers City Police Department
Cynthia Muszynski	Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff Scott Stephenson	Alcona County Sheriff Department
Capt. Christopher Stolicker	Michigan State Police 7 th District Commander

Governance

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. The Board of Directors is comprised of members from each of those entities, as is the Advisory Board.

Advisory Board

Carl Altman
Presque Isle County Commissioner

Ken Bielas
Rogers City Councilman

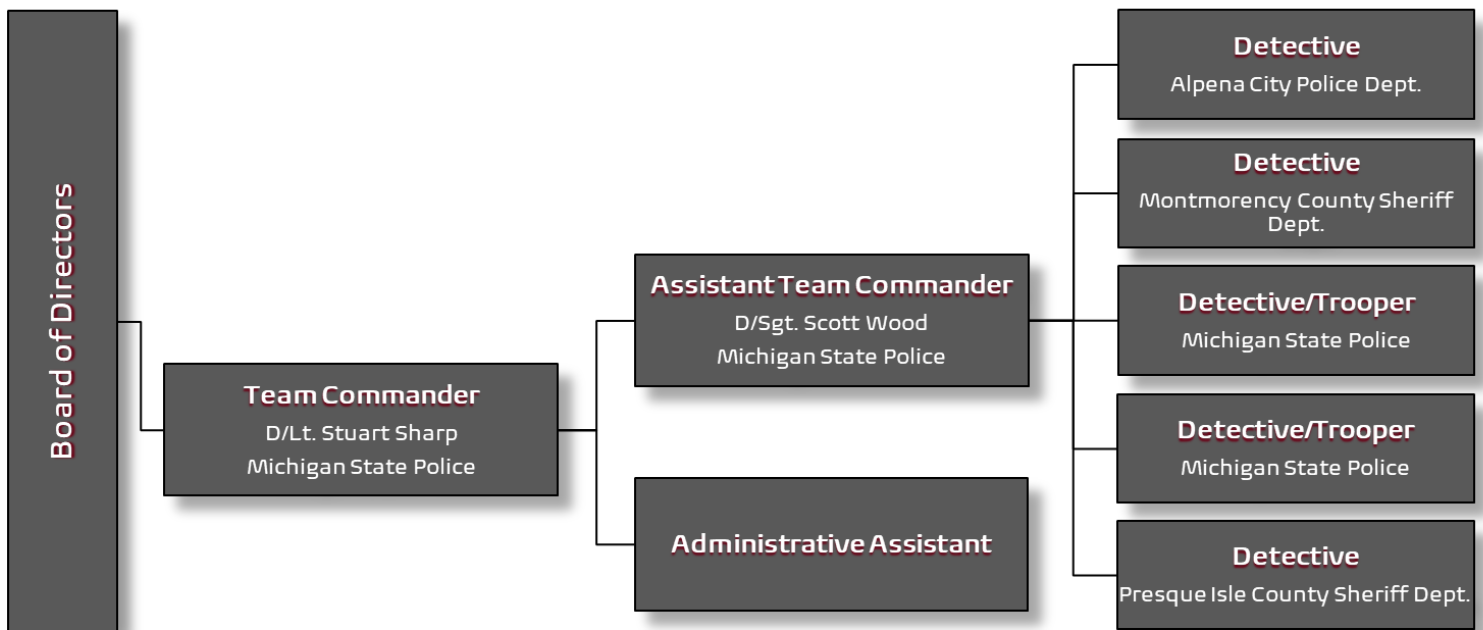
Carolyn Brummund
Alcona County Commissioner

Bill Peterson
Alpena County Commissioner

Robert Stacey
Montmorency County Commissioner

Matt Waligora
Alpena City Mayor

3—Organizational Chart

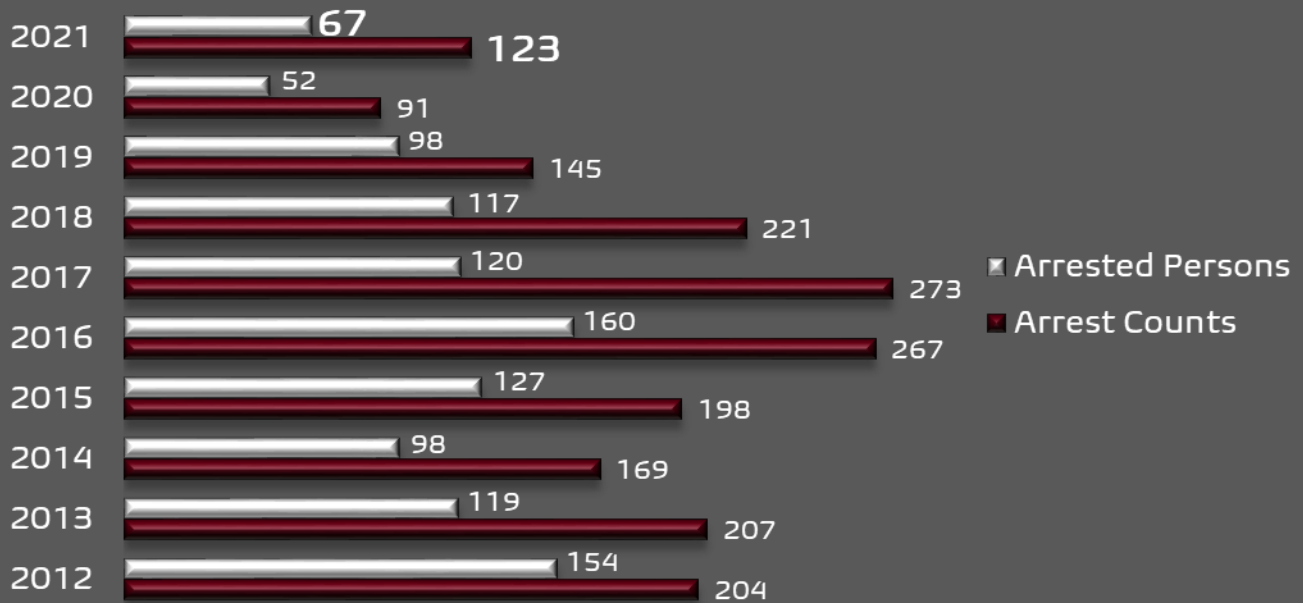


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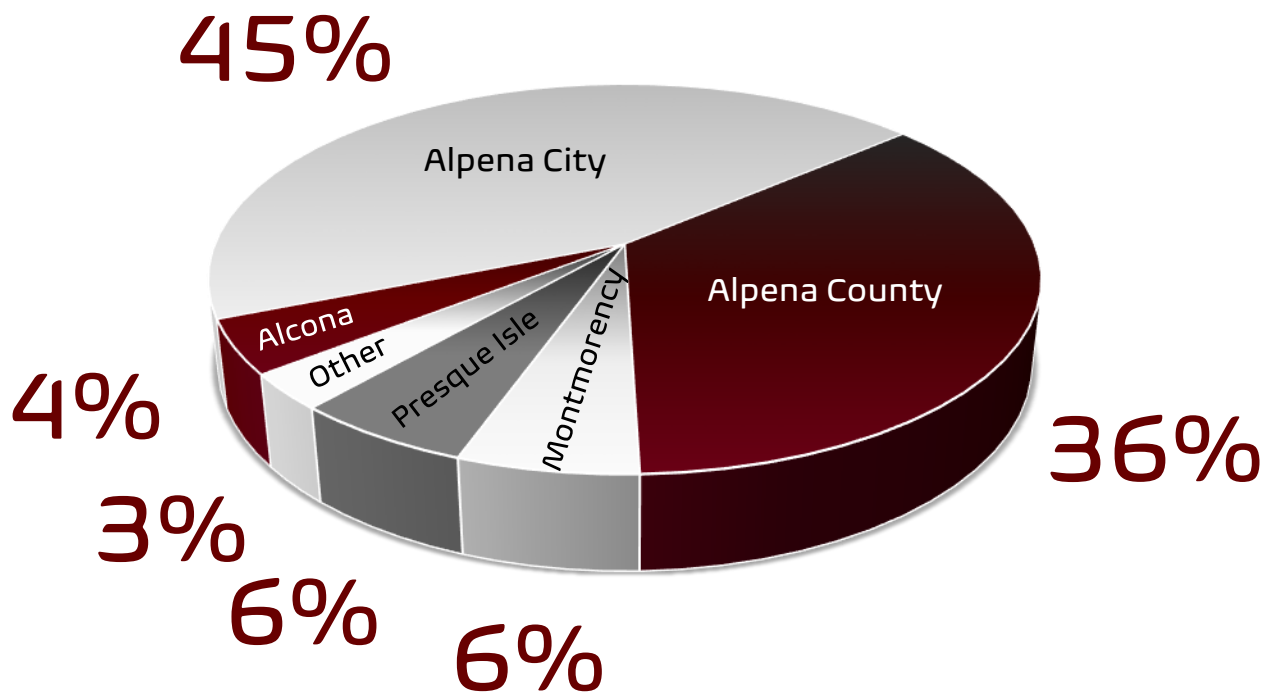
Member Entity	Monetary Funding	In-Kind Provisions
Alcona County	\$8,000	
Alpena City	\$8,000	One Full-Time Officer
Alpena County	\$8,000	Fiduciary Services
Michigan State Police		4 Full-Time Officers, Office Space, Utilities, Supplies/Equipment
Montmorency County	\$8,000	One Full-Time Officer
Presque Isle County	\$8,000	One Full-Time Officer
Rogers City	\$5,000	

*Additional Funding, \$141,475 Byrne Jag Grant

5—Arrests



Arrests by Jurisdiction—2021



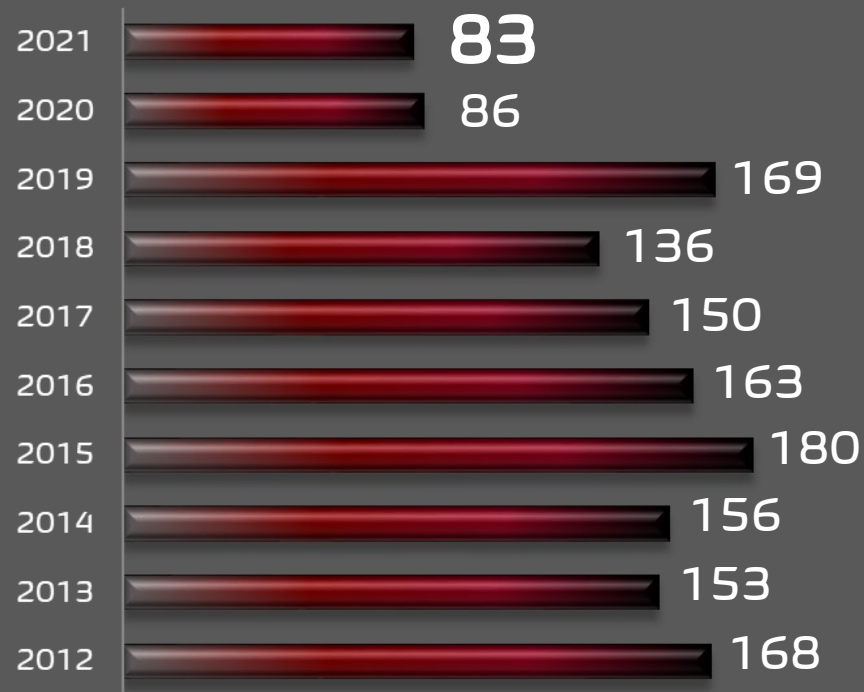
Drug Arrest Tiers

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 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			

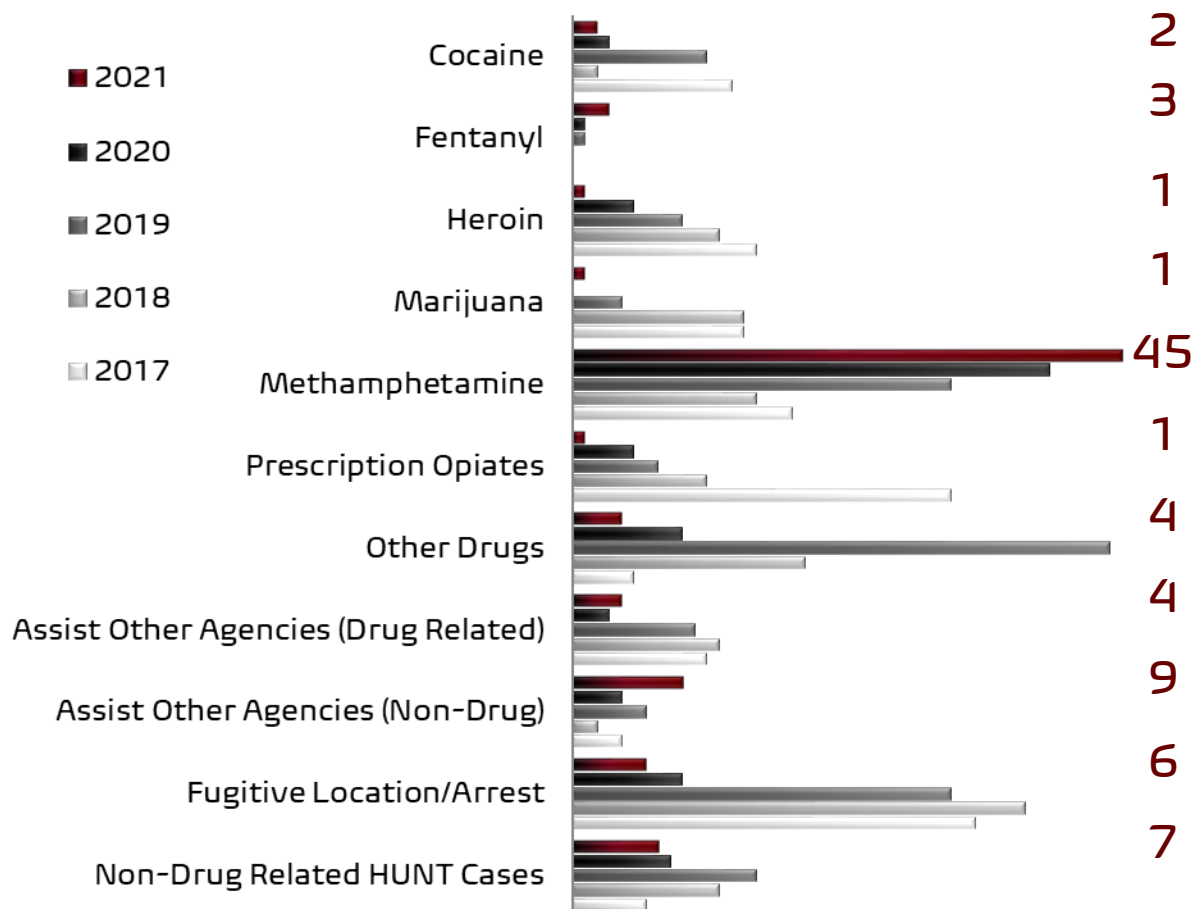
HUNT Arrests by Tier

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Tier 1	20	27	18	22	20
Tier 2	58	40	29	13	25
Tier 3	6	4	2	2	10
Tier 4	3	0	0	1	0
Parole, Fugitive, and Other Non-Drug Related Arrests	33	46	49	14	12

6—Cases



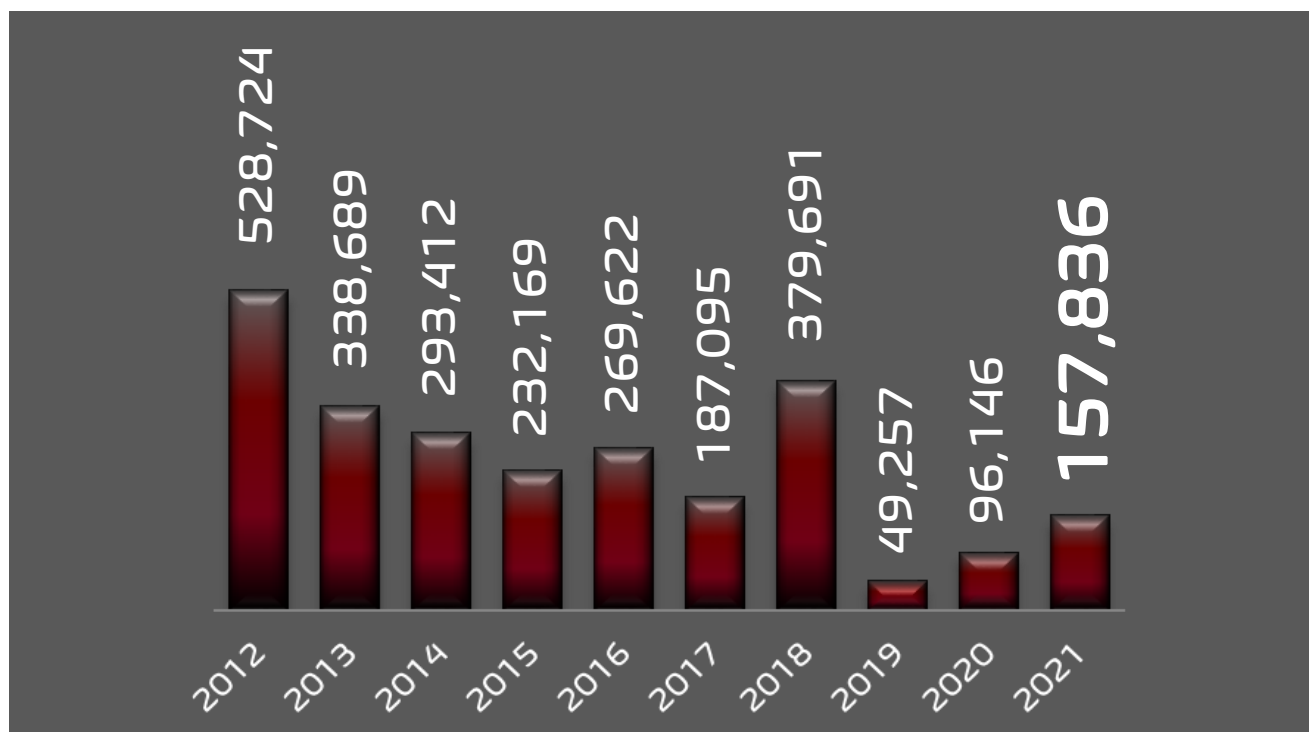
Substances/Nature of Cases



7—Drugs Seized

DRUG	SEIZURES	STREET VALUE
Cocaine	10.9 Grams	1,090
Fentanyl	297.1	4,457
Hallucinogens	428 Grams	25,680
Heroin	.2 Grams	50
LSD	225 Units	675
Marijuana	Processed, Oil, Wax	68,855
Methamphetamine	568 Grams	56,796
Prescription Opiates	8 Units	71
Other Prescriptions	141 Units	162
		\$157,836

Street Value of Drugs Seized

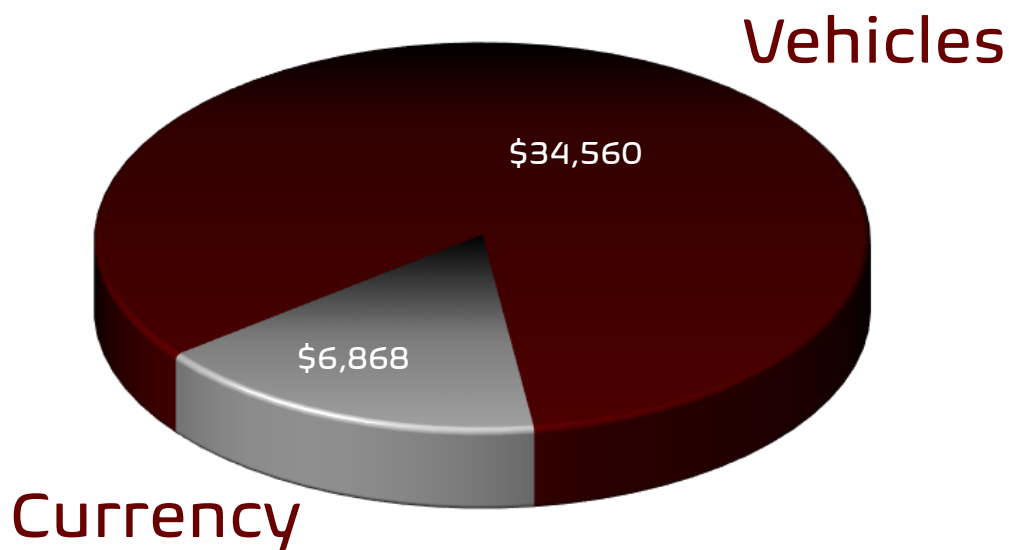


8—Forfeiture

2021 Forfeitures

	Seized Property	Adjudicated Forfeited Property	Forfeiture Expenses
Currency	\$6,868	\$11,672	0
Vehicles	\$34,560	\$3,500	\$677
Totals	\$41,458	\$15,172	\$677

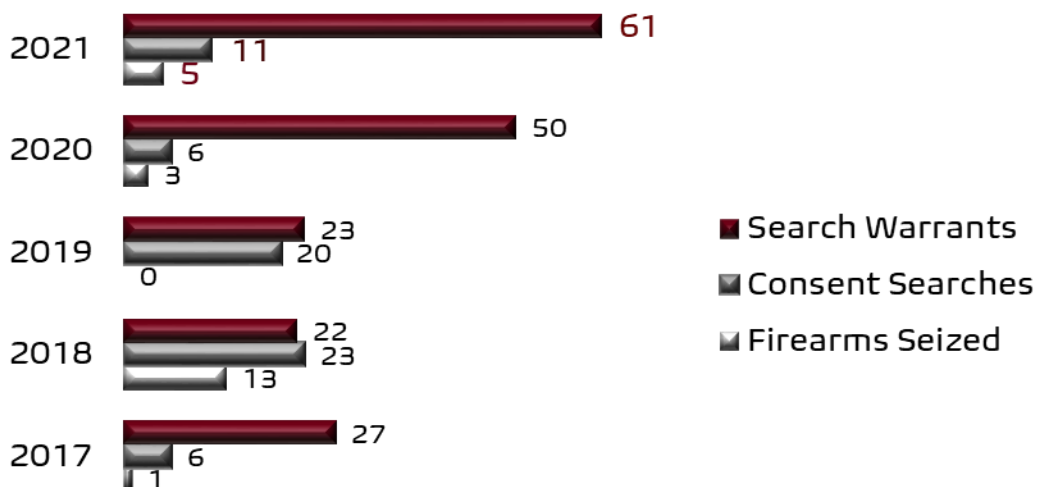
Seizures



Forfeiture Seizure Values



Search/Seizure Detail



10—Public Affairs

Teen Outreach Campaign

HUNT's Teen Outreach Campaign is intended to promote self esteem in teens. During 2021 the campaign consisted of ads on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. The ads focused on girls and boys age 13-18, and ran throughout Northeast Michigan (7th District). The final report on the campaign showed that the ads were viewed by 21,920 individuals, with 6,279 post engagements (clicking on the ad to go to the page, or "liking/following" the page).



Web Site

HUNT's Web site took on a new look in 2021. The site provides easy access to resources for substance abuse, information regarding the team, and a form to submit an anonymous tip.

After the new site went live in June, it received an average of 80 site visits per month and detectives received an average of 13 anonymous tips per month.



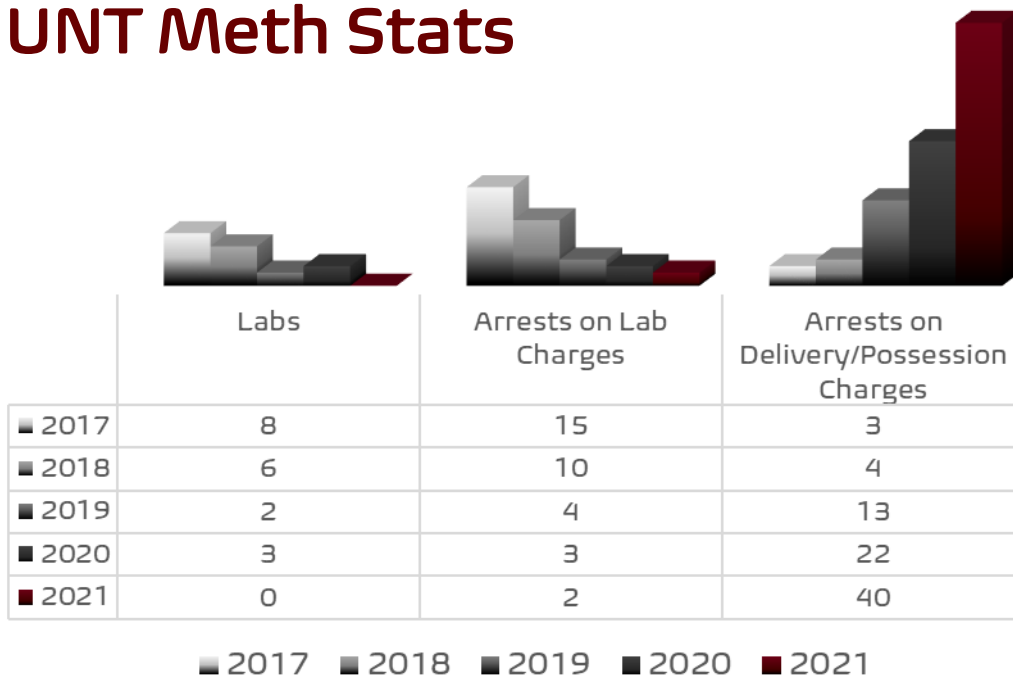
11 – Significant Activity

Crystal Meth

The use and trafficking of crystal meth continues to increase throughout Northeast Michigan. Crystal meth (also known as “ice” or “glass”) is being produced in labs in Mexico and ultimately distributed from downstate sources to Northeastern Michigan. The drug is highly addictive and its use is known to cause combative, violent behavior as well as paranoia, anxiety, confusion, and insomnia. Crystal Meth was the focus of 79% of the drug cases handled by HUNT during 2021.



HUNT Meth Stats

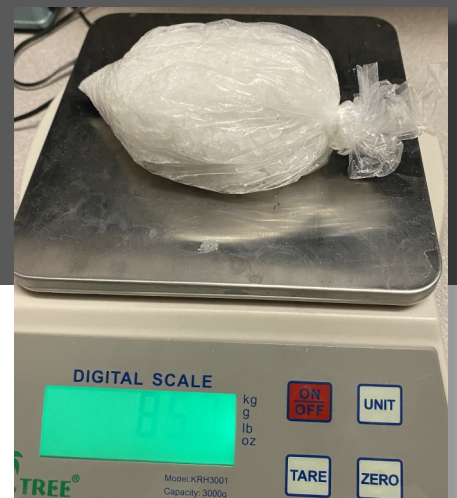
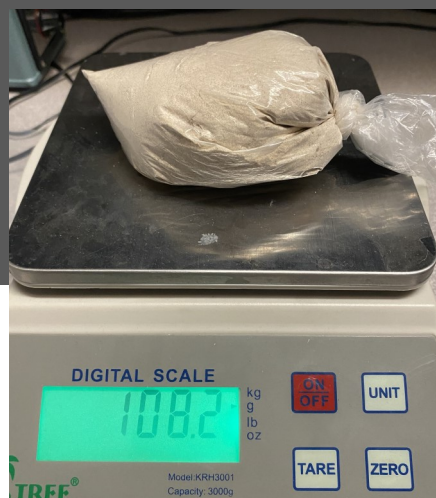


12—Significant Activity

During the spring of 2021 with the assistance of a confidential informant, HUNT conducted 2 controlled purchases of methamphetamine from an individual in Alpena. During both purchases, the suspect's female associate was present. A few weeks later, while investigating the source of the suspect's narcotics, detectives learned that he had travelled downstate to meet with his source and was on his way back. Detectives were able to locate the vehicle and conduct a traffic stop when it returned to Alpena County. Both the suspect and his female associate were in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the location of two false-bottom containers, one holding 108.2 grams of fentanyl and the other had 85.7 grams of methamphetamine.

Information on the downstate source was turned over to a team in that area who were able to locate him and intercept another quantity of drugs.

The suspects from Alpena were charged with delivery of methamphetamine, possession with intent to deliver heroin over 50 grams, and conspiracy to deliver. The female associate plead and was recently sentenced to 19 months to 20 years in prison. The original suspect plead and is awaiting sentencing.



Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid used medically to treat patients with severe pain. It is a schedule II controlled substance similar to morphine except it's about 100 times more potent. Though fentanyl is available in prescription form, it is also produced in illicit clandestine labs and smuggled into the United States through Mexico.

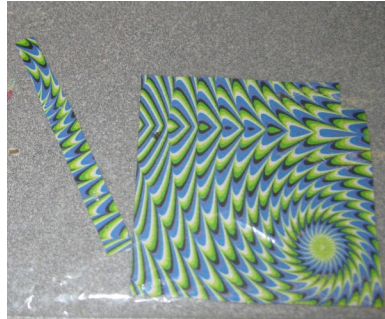
Because of its potency and low cost, drug dealers mix fentanyl with other drugs including heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine. This combination increases the likelihood of a fatal overdose.

Two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose depending on an individual's body size and tolerance. The quantity seized in the above listed case was 108.2 grams, which equates to a potential for 54,100 lethal doses.

13– Significant Activity

HUNT detectives conducted two controlled purchases of LSD from an individual in the city of Alpena. Further investigation revealed that this suspect was receiving his narcotics via the U.S. mail, from Las Vegas. He had been travelling to Las Vegas regularly to obtain narcotics which he then shipped via U.S.P.S. back to Michigan, with the scheduled delivery being the day after he returned home. Some shipments were also sent from Las Vegas from his source there, after he left. HUNT was able to intercept one package prior to it being delivered, and the package contained 388 grams of psilocybin mushrooms and 2 jars containing 1,596 grams of marijuana wax (including jars). This individual was having packages shipped to 3 different locations in Alpena, and was also sending money back, via U.S.P.S. to Las Vegas. Search warrants were executed which resulted in the seizure of an additional quantity of LSD, a loaded firearm, and a set of brass knuckles.

The suspect was arrested and charged with felony firearm, delivery of LSD, and possession with intent to deliver psilocybin mushrooms. He subsequently plead and was sentenced to 2 years in prison.



HUNT detectives received information that a former Alpena resident, now residing in Pontiac, was distributing crystal meth to the area. This individual had a history of drug related offenses dating back to 2004 and had been charged as a habitual offender, 4th offense, in 2009. He had been sentenced to prison twice, once for 42 months to 25 years, and once for 46 months to 20 years, on previous HUNT cases.

An investigation ensued and HUNT detectives were able to determine when the suspect was travelling from Pontiac to Alpena. Detectives were able to locate the vehicle, and after it reached Alpena County, conducted a traffic stop with assistance from Michigan State Police uniform troopers. Just over 94 grams of crystal meth was located as well as a digital scale and meth smoking paraphernalia.

The original suspect along with 2 other vehicle occupants were arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine. The original suspect has since been sentenced to 7-20 years in prison, one of the others with 2-20 years, and the third with 10 months jail.

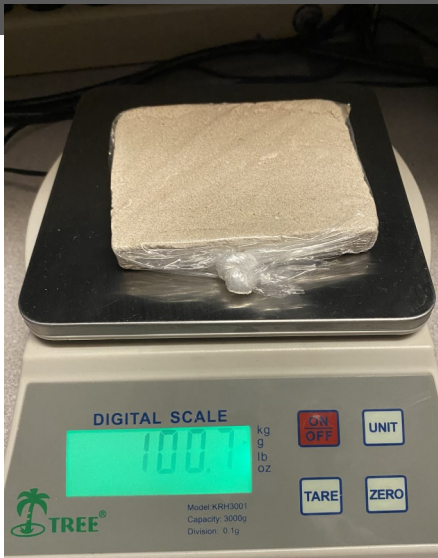
94 grams of crystal meth would sell for nine to ten thousand dollars (\$9,000 - \$10,000) on the street and would provide approximately 750 doses of the drug.

14—Significant Activity

HUNT detectives began receiving anonymous tips both via the website and telephone, that an individual was trafficking methamphetamine and heroin in the Alpena area. The tip information indicated who this person's source was, from the Detroit area, and that source had been investigated and arrested by HUNT in the past.

Through investigative means detectives were able to determine when this suspect would be making his next trip to Detroit. When it was time for the return trip, surveillance was initiated at common routes of travel from Detroit to Alpena, and the suspect was spotted in the Standish area. The suspect was surveilled northbound all the way to Alpena County. Once into Alpena county, a traffic stop was conducted with the assistance of uniform troopers from the Michigan State Police.

The suspect admitted to having drugs with him to sell, but stated that he was unsure if the substance was heroin or fentanyl. Later analysis determined that the substance was a fentanyl compound, and was a quantity of over 100 grams. Also in the vehicle were vape cartridges, and over 96 grams of marijuana wax. The suspect has recently plead to the charge of possession with intent to deliver and has yet to be sentenced.



As a result of the above investigation and the resulting arrest and seizure, the source from Detroit who was said to have gang associations, was owed money for the drugs that he had "fronted." An associate of the Alpena suspect made a trip to Detroit to procure more heroin/fentanyl and pay money toward the debt that the original suspect had for the narcotics that were seized. This trip too, was intercepted while northbound, with just over 65 grams of the heroin/fentanyl compound being seized. This suspect admitted to having paid \$4,500 toward the original debt with \$2,000 - \$3,000 still being owed, plus an additional \$6,000 owed for the drugs he'd procured this date. This suspect was charged with possession with intent to deliver heroin/fentanyl over 50 grams, with a habitual offender, fourth offense notice. He has since been sentenced to 6-20 years in prison.

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