

***Huron Undercover Narcotics Team***



**2015**  
***Annual Report***



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# Introduction

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) is a multi-jurisdictional task force dedicated to the reduction of narcotics and narcotics related crimes, as well as providing general detective support to other law enforcement agencies. HUNT provides these services primarily to the counties of Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, in Northeastern Michigan.

HUNT was established in 1990 and is 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. HUNT is overseen by a board of directors made up of the prosecuting attorneys from the four counties and the law enforcement officials from the member departments.

The team is comprised of undercover officers/detectives from local police agencies as well as a detective sergeant and a detective lieutenant from the Michigan State Police. All of those detectives have been specifically trained in narcotics and special investigations, undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry. They are also trained in meth lab response as those trainings are available.

During the team's 25 years of service, HUNT has removed over 9 million dollars worth of illegal drugs from the streets of the community, as well as 451 illegal firearms. A total of 3,817 investigations have been initiated by the team, resulting in the arrest of 1,898 felons, 496 misdemeanants, and 609 fugitives.

# Board of Directors



Chairman	Mr. Edward Black Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney
Vice Chairman	F/Lt. John Grimshaw Michigan State Police Alpena Post Commander
Legal Advisor	Mr. Thomas Weichel Alcona County Prosecuting Attorney
Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Joel Jett Alpena City Police Department
	Sheriff Doug Atchison Alcona County
	Capt. Mike Caldwell Michigan State Police 7th District Commander
	Ms. Vicki Kunding Montmorency County Prosecuting Attorney
	Sheriff Donald Edwards Montmorency County
	Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski Alpena County
	Sheriff Robert Paschke Presque Isle County
	Chief Matthew Quaine Rogers City Police Department

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## Investigations

HUNT initiated 180 new investigations in 2015. Of those, 95 were drug related, 34 involved the location and arrest of fugitives, 40 were providing assistance to other departments, and the remaining cases included witness intimidation, felony firearms, breaking and entering, larceny, flee and elude, operating while intoxicated, and various other crimes.

### DRUG RELATED INVESTIGATIONS

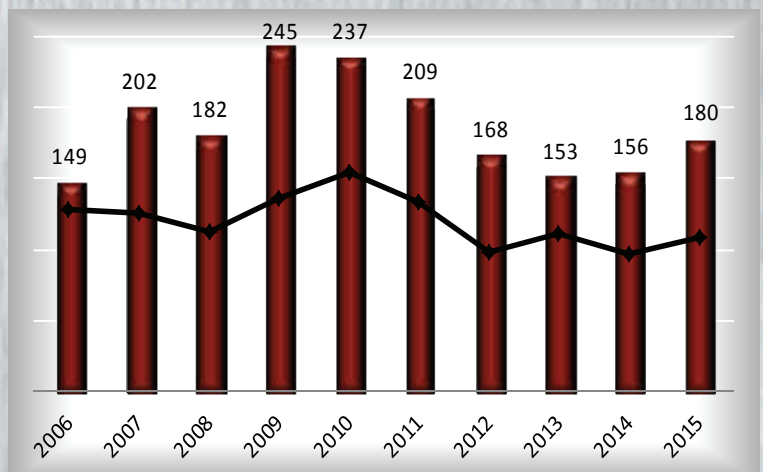
Cocaine Trafficking	2
Hashish Trafficking	3
Heroin Possession	3
Heroin Trafficking	23
LSD Trafficking	1
Marijuana Manufacturing	19
Marijuana Possession	6
Marijuana Trafficking	10
Meth Lab	4
Meth Trafficking	3
Opiate Pills Trafficking	16
Prescription Diversion	3
Psilocybin Trafficking	2

### OTHER AGENCY ASSISTS

Alcona County Sheriff Dept.	3
Alpena County Sheriff Dept.	1
Alpena City Police Dept.	7
DHS	1
ICAC	4
ICE	1
Indianapolis Police Dept.	1
MDOC	6
Michigan State Police	10
Montmorency Co. Sheriff Dept.	1
SANE	4
STING	1

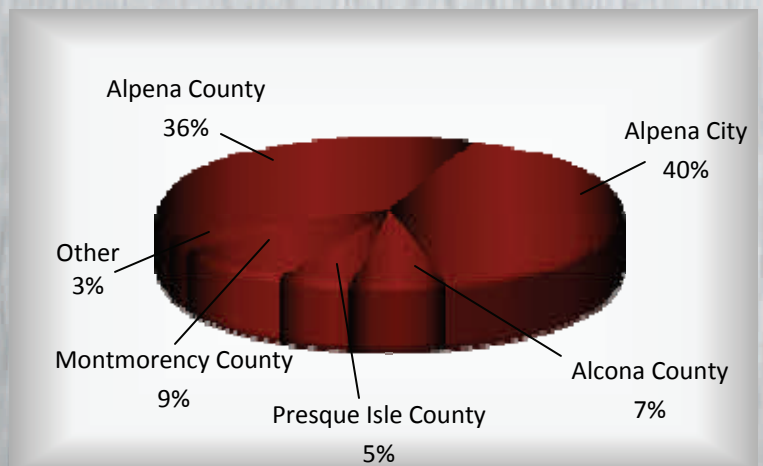
### ANNUAL INVESTIGATION TRENDS

The chart to the right depicts the number of annual investigations for the past 10 years, as well as a trend line (1%) of officer hours. A total of 11,244 hours were spent during the year by officers investigating the 180 complaints initiated, as well as handling intelligence reports, tips from the web site or other agency officers, training, court, and public awareness campaigns.



### INVESTIGATIONS BY JURISDICTION

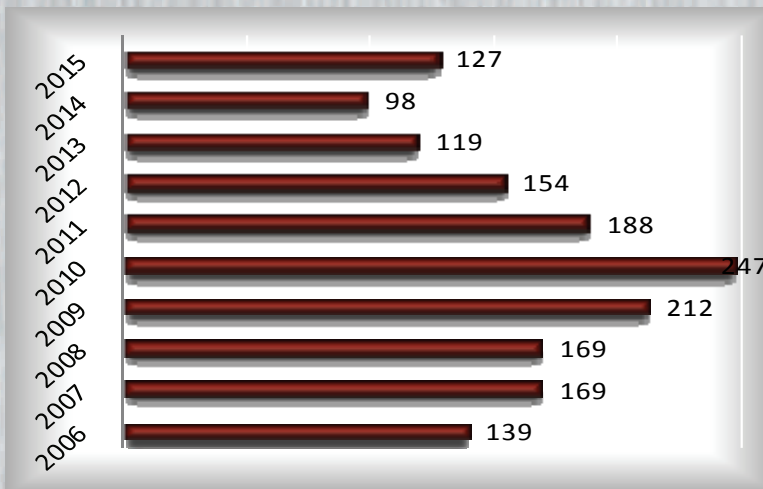
The city of Alpena is the largest municipality in HUNT's area of service. Therefore in many cases the city is where drug transactions are conducted, with the drugs then being transported to the surrounding communities. Some of the team's investigations crossed county lines, while some of the activity in other counties was due to assistance to other agencies.



# 4 Arrests

HUNT arrested 127 people in 2015. Of those arrested, 78 were felons, 10 were misdemeanants, and 39 were fugitives or other agency warrants.

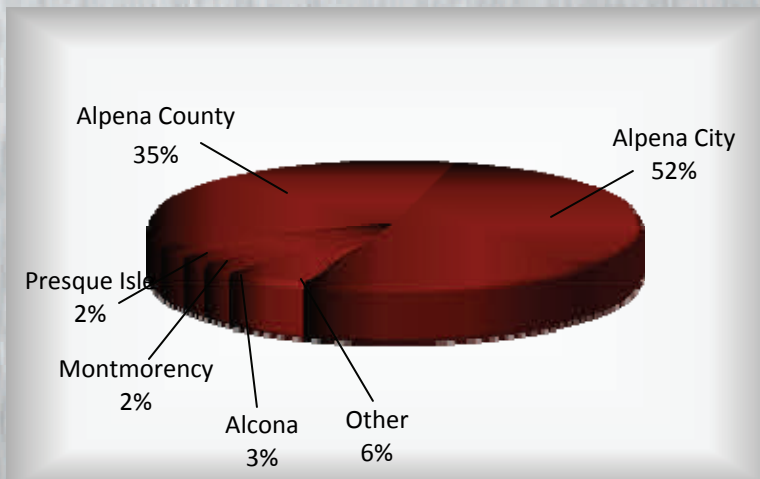
## ANNUAL ARRESTED PERSONS



## ARREST STATS

Persons Arrested	127
Male	87
Female	40
Over 18	125
Under 18	2
Repeat Offender	113
Habitual Offender	38

## ARRESTS BY JURISDICTION

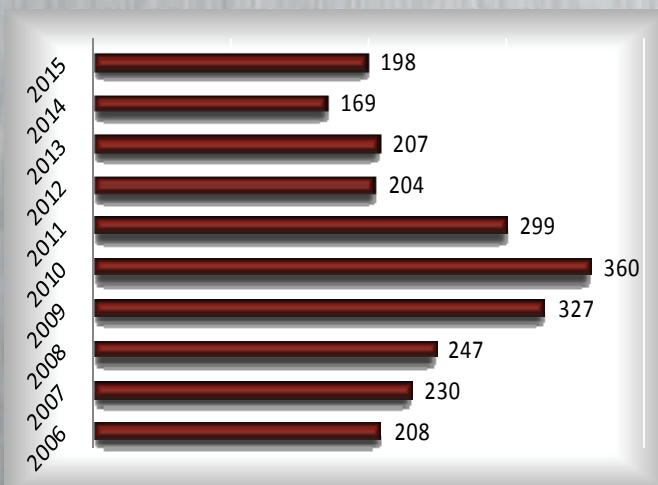




## ARREST COUNTS

Of the 198 arrest counts during 2015, 146 were felony charges, 13 were misdemeanor, and 39 were fugitive related. A total of 153 of these were drug related as listed to the right. The other charges included felony firearm, resist and obstruct, witness intimidation, operating while intoxicated, and driving while license suspended.

## ANNUAL ARREST COUNTS



## DRUG RELATED ARREST COUNTS

Cocaine Delivery	1
Cocaine Delivery Conspiracy	2
Heroin Delivery	47
Heroin Delivery Conspiracy	31
Heroin Conduct Criminal Enterprise	2
Heroin Possession	2
Lorazepam Possession	1
Marijuana Delivery	11
Marijuana Production	3
Marijuana Possession	8
Methamphetamine Delivery	3
Methamphetamine Lab	6
Methamphetamine Mfg. Conspiracy	4
Methamphetamine Possession	1
Prescription Opiates Delivery	17
Prescription Opiates Delivery Conspiracy	11
Prescription Opiates Possession	1
Pseudoephedrine Over-purchase	1
Maintain a Drug House	1

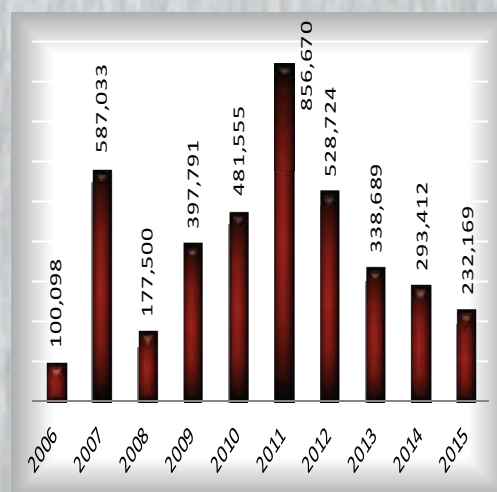
# 5 Searches / Seizures

HUNT seized \$232,169 worth of illegal drugs during 2015. Drugs were seized throughout the year by means of controlled or undercover purchases, possession during arrests or traffic stops, search warrants, HEMP flights, consent searches, etc.

## DRUGS SEIZED

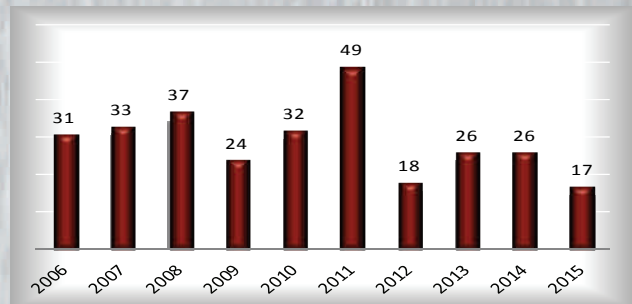
Drug	Seizures	Street Value
Cocaine	3 Grams	\$330
Hashish	159 Grams	\$1,585
Heroin	72 Grams	\$17,875
Hydrocodone	95 Units	\$1,425
LSD	41 Units	\$123
Marijuana	2,957 Grams	\$29,569
Marijuana	176 Plants	\$176,000
Methadone	10 Units	\$150
Methamphetamine	5 Grams	\$500
Morphine	52 Units	\$780
Oxycodone	19 Units	\$570
Psilocybin	47 grams	\$2,838
Tramadol	12 Units	\$24
Other Prescriptions	158 Units	\$400

## ANNUAL DRUG SEIZURES



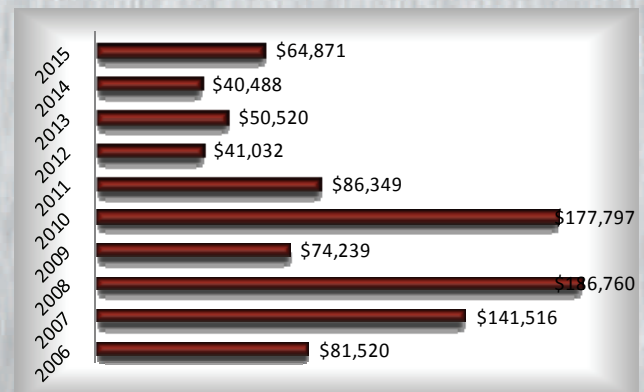
## SEARCH WARRANTS

HUNT conducted 17 search warrants in 2015. Most of the search warrants were for residences/properties to collect evidence of narcotics activity, while some were for records. As a result, 6 illegal firearms were seized as well as drugs and drug trafficking evidence.



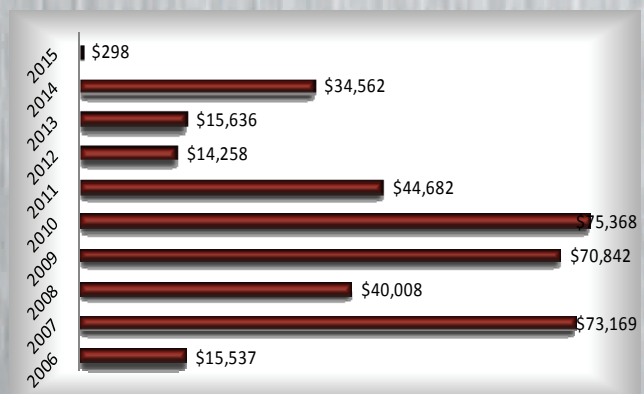
## PROPERTY SEIZURES

HUNT seized \$64,871 worth of property during the year. This property consisted of 7 vehicles, \$14,571 in cash, 4 long guns, and other items used to facilitate drug trafficking operations. Some of these items will be sold at public auction, some will be destroyed, some will be retained by HUNT, and some will be returned in settlement agreements.



## FORFEITURE PROCEEDS

A Total of \$298 in forfeiture proceeds were adjudicated during the year. These proceeds were obtained through public sale of seized items, retention of seized cash, and settlement agreements.



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# Public Affairs

## PRESENTATIONS

HUNT personnel conducts 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 staff at Alpena High School, the Alpena Optimists, Alpena Regional Medical Center, and the Kiwanis Club, as well as participating in a news talk on WBKB regarding the heroin epidemic.

## 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. The team's assistant commander participates in Alpena County's drug court, which is a program aimed toward reducing the number of repeat drug offenders.

## YELLOW JUG PROGRAM

The team continued to participate in the "Yellow Jug Old Drugs" program sponsored by the Great Lakes Clean Water Organization through June of 2015. HUNT was able to collect 9,198 units of controlled prescription medications that were expired or no longer needed, and properly dispose of them in an effort to prevent them from reaching the water supply or being diverted for street sales.

Midway through the year, the Red Barrel Program was instituted, providing repositories for unneeded prescription pills at the local police agencies and therefore thwarting the need for HUNT's participation.

# Significant Activity

## **METH LAB AT LOCAL HOTEL**

HUNT detectives responded to a local hotel after a hotel employee found remnants of a meth lab in a trash can. Evidence was discovered at the scene that allowed HUNT detectives to quickly identify 3 suspects from North Carolina who were believed to be involved in manufacturing methamphetamine while they stayed at the hotel. Within hours of being called, HUNT detectives and Michigan State Police troopers located the 3 suspects and took them into custody.

Multiple search warrants were conducted with additional evidence relating to manufacturing methamphetamine being seized. All 3 suspects were lodged in the Alpena County Jail and charged with operating/maintaining a meth lab and conspiracy to operate a lab.

## **HEROIN DISTRIBUTION**

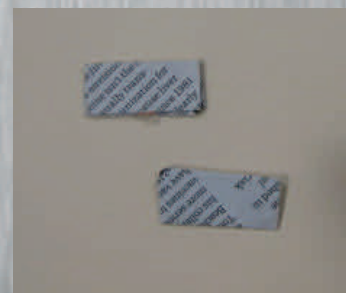
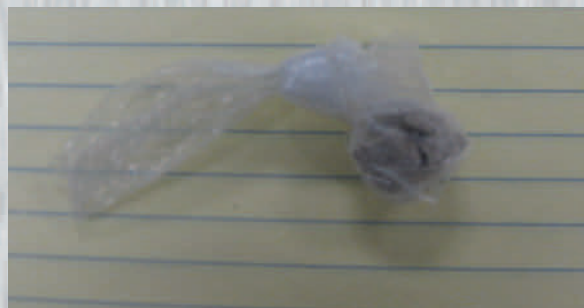
Around mid-year, HUNT detectives began an investigation into heroin distribution. The investigation resulted in the initiation of 19 separate complaints, with most of those having multiple suspects, all of whom were involved in heroin trafficking. A network of heroin users and traffickers was eventually uncovered resulting in the arrest of 21 people on over 60 counts of delivery of heroin and/or conspiracy to deliver heroin.

Over 68 grams of heroin was seized as a result of those intertwined cases, the equivalent of 680 doses of the drug. The primary source locations of the heroin coming into the area were Detroit, Flint, and Saginaw. Some of those same traffickers were bringing crack cocaine and crystal meth into the area as well as the heroin.

# Significant Activity (continued)

## HEROIN SHIPMENT INTERCEPTED

HUNT detectives had gathered intelligence on an individual believed to be involved in the distribution of a significant amount of heroin in the area. In late September, detectives received information that this individual was currently in the Detroit area for the purpose of obtaining heroin for resale in and around Alpena. Detectives were able to establish what vehicle the suspect was travelling in and began surveillance in an effort to observe the vehicle as it entered back into northern Michigan. Subsequently the vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted shortly after the vehicle crossed into Alpena County. HUNT was assisted by a marked unit from the Michigan State Police as well as a K-9 unit from Hamtramck who happened to be in the area for training. As a result, the suspects were found to be in possession of over 50 grams of heroin, as well as a quantity of marijuana, all destined for resale in Alpena. A 2 year-old child was in the vehicle at the time of the stop, and was determined to have been in the vehicle when the heroin was obtained in Detroit. The driver, a 27 year-old Alpena woman and passenger, a 23 year-old from Detroit, were both arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver heroin and conspiracy to deliver heroin. The street value of the heroin seized from the vehicle was estimated to be around \$13,000.00.



### **METH LAB / DELIVERY OF METH**

An Alcona County case began in 2014 and completed in 2015, in which HUNT was requested to assist the Michigan State Police with a stolen vehicle parts investigation. HUNT assisted with a search warrant at the suspect property and discovered evidence of methamphetamine production. The suspect was subsequently arrested and lodged in the Alcona County Jail. In early 2015, HUNT detectives were called to assist the Alcona County Sheriff Department with an investigation into possible delivery of methamphetamine to an inmate at the Alcona County Jail. The inmate turned out to be the same one that had been arrested on the 2014 case. HUNT obtained a search warrant for the residence of the individual suspected to have sent the methamphetamine to the jail, and searched her residence for evidence. There, evidence was obtained pertaining to the Alcona County Sheriff Department case and the new suspect was lodged for delivery of methamphetamine. The original suspect was convicted in 2015 and sentenced to 7-20 years in prison for maintaining a meth lab.

### **ASSIST PAROLE AGENTS**

HUNT detectives were requested by parole agents to assist them with an inspection at the residence of a parolee. Detectives entered the residence that was already occupied by parole agents and the parolee. While checking the residence for any other occupants, detectives found another individual hiding in a dark room, behind a locked door. This subject appeared to be concealing something within her purse. The individual was secured and a search warrant was obtained for the residence. The search and investigation revealed evidence of heroin use by both subjects and heroin delivery by the second individual, who was subsequently arrested and charged with possession of heroin and delivery of heroin.

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# Funding Sources

## FISCAL YEAR 2015 FUNDING SOURCES

Alcona County	\$15,910
Alpena City	\$35,329
Alpena County	\$29,646
Green Township	\$1,000
Sanborn Township	\$375
Michigan State Police	\$605,143
Montmorency County	\$74,117
Byrne Grant	\$107,500
Restitution/Recovered Funds	\$5,346
Interest	\$194
Adjudicated Forfeitures	\$31,038
Total Operating Costs	\$905,598

\* The listed figures reflect the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.

\* A portion of the adjudicated forfeitures expended during the year were proceeds from previous years.



# Conclusion



2015 was another year of significant accomplishments for the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team. Marking 25 years of service to the community is an accomplishment in itself, in addition to the activity throughout the year.

While the mission of the team remains the same, the drug trends and associated crimes are ever changing. During the year 2015, the heroin epidemic clearly demanded the majority of the team's focus, while clandestine labs and the trafficking of prescription opiates, cocaine, and other illicit drugs still require attention. Equally important is the provision of assistance to our local police agencies in their endeavors against crime. I am proud that those agencies count on and request assistance from HUNT.

Moving forward into 2016, some of the 2015 cases will continue to develop while new investigations will follow the trends of narcotics activity in the community. What will remain the same is the commitment of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, to remove as many illegal narcotics from the streets of our community as possible, to reduce crime by incarcerating those responsible for the trafficking and manufacturing of narcotics, and to make our community a safer place through those efforts.

Respectfully,

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

D/Lt. Stuart Sharp  
Commander, Huron Undercover Narcotics Team

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