

## LAWNET (NOT THE POSTMAN) CAME KNOCKING

LAWNET officers, working with U.S. Postal Inspectors, recently intercepted three pounds of marijuana being sent to an Ann Arbor house. LAWNET undercover officers posed as the deliverymen and delivered the package to the suspect; however, it wasn't just your ordinary package. Authorities had rigged the package with a homing device so the officers would know the precise moment when the package was opened. Sure enough, upon delivery, the suspect signed for the package and quickly opened the box. He was then arrested for possession with intent to deliver marijuana and weapons violations.

## DRUG OVERDOSE DEATH LEADS TO CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE

LAWNET officers, while investigating the death of a 19-year old Ann Arbor woman, also uncovered a major crack cocaine criminal drug enterprise operating in the Ann Arbor area.

The woman was found dead from an overdose in an Ann Arbor drug house. The house was one of five houses being used to deliver and distribute drugs. As a result of LAWNET's investigation, two main drug bosses, three workers, four local runners and six "associates" (who supplied transportation for the drug crew and provided them a house to work from), were arrested.

In addition to charges for operating a criminal enterprise, a total of more than 40 arrest counts were issued against the suspects. They included: 21 counts of delivery of cocaine; 13 counts for conspiracy to deliver cocaine; 3 counts for possession with intent to deliver cocaine; 1 count for possession with intent to deliver marijuana; and, 3 counts for delivery and possession within a school zone.

## JUST NOT GETTING THE MESSAGE

LAWNET officers recently assisted the Chelsea Police Department with a rolling meth lab in the downtown Chelsea area. The suspects had an active meth lab in the trunk of their vehicle. Three subjects were arrested and proved to be no strangers to LAWNET officers. The three were associated with a motel lab in Taylor just one week earlier.

# COMMANDER'S COLUMN



## D/F/Lt. Garth Burnside

### Michigan State Police

We are all well aware that there is a direct correlation between drugs and crime in our community. We also know that criminals do more than destroy lives, they also steal the sense of safety, well being and freedom in our community.

Armed with this knowledge, community leaders and law enforcement agencies in Livingston and Washtenaw Counties joined together to establish the Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team (LAWNET). LAWNET is a multijurisdictional team with one common goal in mind, removing drug dealers from our community's streets and neighborhoods, so you can live your life with a sense of peace and tranquility.

The concept of LAWNET is based on the simple premise that no one agency has the ability or resources to respond single-handedly to the drug problems in our area. Therefore, we had to look at combining our talent and resources into a strong specialized drug enforcement team, aimed specifically at removing drug criminals from our streets.

As Commander of LAWNET, I am convinced that by combining the

As a citizen of Livingston or Washtenaw Counties, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts of LAWNET. Whether using local street enforcement efforts,

**"I am convinced that by combining our talent, resources and technology, we are more successful in our efforts."**

interdiction, education/prevention, or taking full advantage of the highly specialized crime fighting tools offered by state and federal agencies, LAWNET officers are committed to making a difference in our community.

While cocaine and marijuana still seem to be the drugs of choice found in many of our communities, now on the scene, and positioned to spread like a brush fire, is methamphetamine. Counties across the state have seen an alarming increase in methamphetamine clandestine labs (cooking sites) and meth-related activities as well.

Methamphetamine is like no other drug we have seen before in this area, especially due in part to the fact that

it is manufactured (cooked) right here in our community and not imported, as is the case with other illegal drugs. As you read about methamphetamine in this newsletter,

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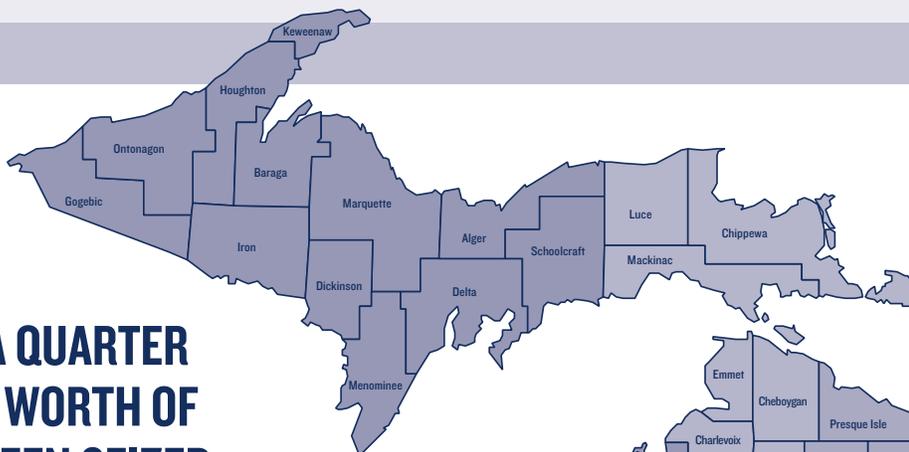
**Removing drug dealers from streets and neighborhoods, and restoring a sense of peace and tranquility in our community.**

talent, resources and technology of our local agencies with those of state and federal agencies, we are more successful in our drug fighting efforts. As you can see by our 2004 numbers, we investigated 415 cases, made 324 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than \$1,311,569 worth of drugs directed toward our children, family and friends in Livingston and Washtenaw County communities.

you will see how deadly and dangerous this drug really is. I encourage you to become aware of the dangers associated with methamphetamine, to report any suspicious activities, and to help LAWNET officers in their efforts to keep this devastating drug from taking over our community.

**TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL (734) 994-8881  
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# LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TEAMS HAVING IMPACT ON MICHIGAN DRUG EFFORTS

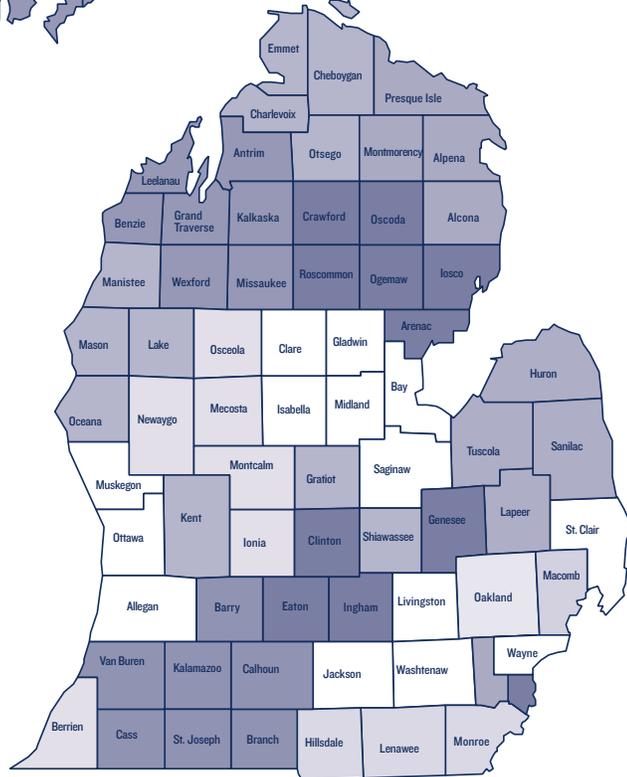


## SINCE 2000, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STREET DRUGS HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN MICHIGAN BY DRUG TEAMS

In the Spring of 1977, the Michigan State Police joined with local and county law enforcement agencies to begin a new concept in fighting drugs and drug related crimes in local communities. The concept was simple - no one agency had all the manpower or resources to adequately deal with the increase in drugs and drug related crimes finding its way into Michigan communities and neighborhoods. By combining local resources with the resources of the Michigan State Police, Criminal Investigation Division, along with state police and federal drug information identification and tracking systems, Michigan took a major step in bringing the fight against drug dealers and drug related crimes to the local level. And, it has worked!

Currently, multijurisdictional teams service 81 of 83 counties in the State of Michigan. Local officers from approximately 550 city and township law enforcement agencies, county deputies from 81 counties and troopers from the Michigan State Police are assigned to these task forces. The teams are funded in part through the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, Michigan State Police, and local governing bodies.

Just in the past four years, the multijurisdictional task forces have been responsible for arresting and removing approximately 14,450 drug criminals from our neighborhoods, streets and schools. In four years, the local task forces have also removed more than \$274,478,398 in street-drugs from local communities—drugs intended for our children and loved ones. As a result of the dedicated efforts of the multijurisdictional teams, tens of millions of dollars in assets and property that would have been used to continue drug trafficking in our communities - has been seized and removed from drug dealers.



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B.A.Y.A.N.E.T.	Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/790-6581
C.M.E.T.	Central Michigan Enforcement Team	989/352-6738
F.A.N.G.	Flint Area Narcotics Group	810/233-3689
H.U.N.T.	Huron Undercover Narcotics Team	989/356-3395
J.N.E.T.	Jackson Narcotics Enforcement Team	517/784-2990
M.A.G.N.E.T.	Mid-Michigan Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/725-7254
M.E.T.	Metropolitan Enforcement Team	616/456-4801
S.A.N.E.	Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement	231/238-8692
S.S.C.E.N.T.	State, Sheriffs, Chiefs Enforcement Team	231/843-7045
S.T.I.N.G.	Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group	989/345-2304
S.W.E.T.	South-West Enforcement Team	269/962-1225
T.N.T.	Traverse Narcotics Team	231/922-0993
T.N.U.	Thumb Narcotics Unit	989/673-8600
T.C.M.	Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad	517/394-5588
U.P.S.E.T.	Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team	906/346-9289
W.E.M.E.T.	West Michigan Enforcement Team	616/994-6520
C.O.M.E.T.	County of Macomb Enforcement Team	586/790-3990
W.W.N.	Western Wayne Narcotics	734/397-9811
D.R.A.N.O.	Down River Area Narcotics Organization	734/479-1710
L.A.W.N.E.T.	Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team	810/227-7897
O.M.N.I.	Office of Monroe Narcotics Investigations	734/848-3445

# LIVINGSTON AND WASHTENAW NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM TAKING DRUGS & DRUG CRIMINALS

# off our streets

Livingston

Washtenaw

## ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Recently, LAWNET officers met with detectives from the Ann Arbor Police Department to develop a strategy to deal with numerous home invasion crimes taking place in the city. It was determined that the majority of the home invasions were a direct result of suspects financing crack cocaine habits.

The officers decided to create a fictitious construction company as a front for buying stolen property from the thieves. LAWNET officers opened for business, complete with an advertising effort, through several well-placed informants, getting the word out that the owners of the construction company were paying cash for stolen property.

It didn't take long for the first customer to walk through the door. Within hours of opening, LAWNET undercover officers purchased a laptop computer and digital camera from a known suspect that was currently on parole for home invasion. The computer and camera were traced back to a home invasion on Ann Arbor's west side that had taken place just two hours earlier.

## A DEAL NOT ON RENT.COM

Acting on a tip, LAWNET and Washtenaw County Sheriff deputies began an investigation into illegal drug activities at an apartment complex in Ypsilanti Township. Officers found that the former manager was trading apartments in exchange for crack cocaine. A search of 11 apartments by LAWNET officers netted more than 2 grams of crack cocaine and 134 grams of marijuana - all packaged and ready for resale. Scales, guns and cash were also seized. Four subjects were arrested on outstanding felony warrants.

## TWO LARGE RABBITS AND ONE LARGE BEAR EQUAL ARREST

LAWNET officers, with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Agency, executed a search warrant at a house in Ann Arbor. Officers had become suspicious when they intercepted a package containing two pounds of marijuana placed inside a large stuffed rabbit. The rabbit was being shipped via UPS from Arizona to Ann Arbor.

A LAWNET officer, posing as a UPS driver, delivered the package to the suspect living in the home. LAWNET officers, armed with a search warrant based on the package interdiction, searched the house and the suspect's vehicle. They found two more stuffed animals - another large rabbit and a



large stuffed bear. Both animals had their stitching ripped out and their "guts" were missing. With compassion, LAWNET officers informed the suspect that he was under arrest for possession with intent to deliver marijuana because, sadly, his pets had "spilled their guts!"

## LAWNET 2004 DRUG FIGHTING STATS

TOTAL CASES

**415**

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED

**543**

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED

**\$1,311,569**

(STREET VALUE)



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