

NOT YOUR TYPICAL OUT OF TOWN VISITOR

Missaukee County Sheriff's Deputies, with assistance by TNT, recently executed a search warrant at a house in Missaukee County. While there, the owner of the house and a passenger in her vehicle pulled into the driveway. When TNT officers asked the male passenger for identification, he attempted to flee but was subdued. Further questioning revealed the suspect had just recently arrived in the Lake City area from Oklahoma and was staying with the homeowner.

In the suspect's possession were 13 coin size zip-lock baggies, each containing methamphetamine. TNT officers also found marijuana, \$2,000 in cash and drug records. When entering the suspect's bedroom, TNT officers found more than 200 empty zip-lock baggies apparently awaiting future packaging and delivery of methamphetamine.

WAR OF THE ROSES? NO, GRASS!

Acting on a tip regarding a marijuana grow and distribution operation, TNT officers executed a search warrant at a secluded residence in Wexford County. Upon searching the house, TNT officers found 52 healthy growing marijuana plants.

TNT officers questioned the suspect, who it seemed had not been gainfully employed for some period of time - legally that is! The plants were started indoors, taken outside to continue growing, harvested, then sold to provide the suspect with his income.

The suspect's downfall - his ex-wife provided the authorities with photographs of the marijuana plants growing inside the residence. Forfeiture action against the suspect's property is presently pending in Wexford County Circuit Court.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

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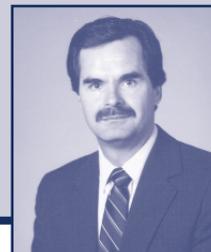
We are all well aware that there is a direct correlation between drugs and crime in our community. We also know that criminals do more than destroy lives, they also steal the sense of safety, well-being and freedom in our community.

Armed with this knowledge, community leaders and law enforcement agencies in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Wexford (and now Osceola) Counties partnered with the Michigan State Police and federal agencies to establish the Traverse Narcotics Team (TNT). TNT 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 TNT 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

As a citizen of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee Osceola or Wexford County, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts

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of TNT. Whether using local street enforcement efforts, interdiction, education/prevention, or taking full advantage of the highly specialized crime fighting tools offered by state and federal agencies, TNT 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 dangerous meth related activities.

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, 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 TNT officers in their efforts to keep this devastating drug from taking over our community.

**TNT's Goal:
Removing drug dealers from streets and neighborhoods, and restoring a sense of peace and tranquility in our community.**

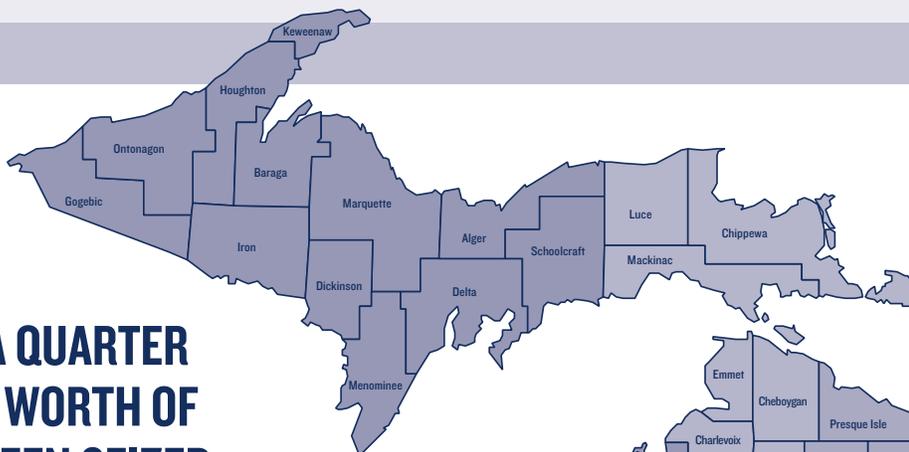
enforcement team, aimed specifically at removing drug criminals from our streets.

As Commander of TNT, I am convinced that by combining the 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 267 cases, made 463 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than \$2,280,800 worth of drugs directed toward the children, family and friends in our northern Michigan communities.

**TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL (231) 922-0993
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Formula for Disaster
METHAMPHETAMINE

LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TEAMS HAVING IMPACT ON MICHIGAN DRUG EFFORTS

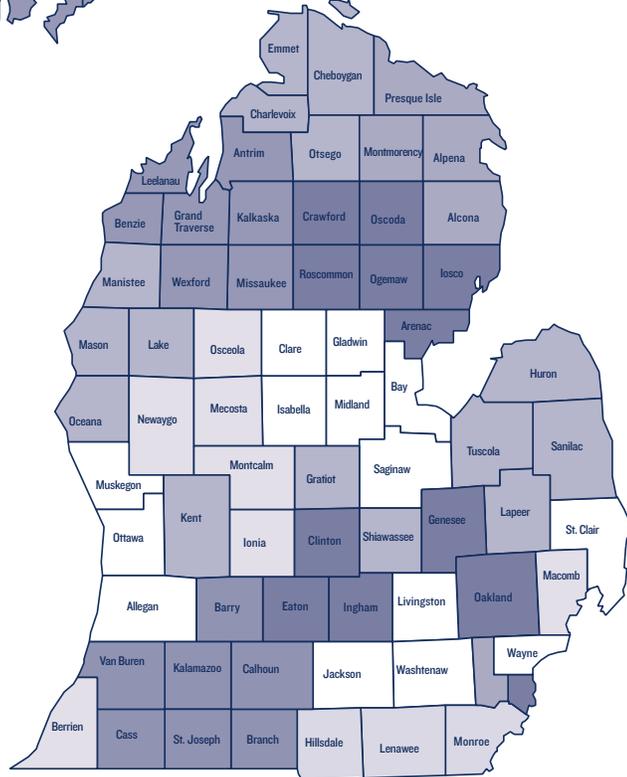


SINCE 2000, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STREET DRUGS HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN MICHIGAN BY DRUG TEAMS

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

TRAVERSE NARCOTICS TEAM TAKING DRUGS & DRUG CRIMINALS



Off our streets

TNT GETS NEW MEMBER

The Osceola County Sheriff's Department is the newest agency to join the Traverse Narcotics Team. With Osceola County, there are now ten agencies operating as part of TNT. The Sheriff's Department will provide an officer, vehicle and equipment. In addition, the Reed City State Police Post will provide a full-time trooper.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS

Recently, TNT undercover officers were successful in conducting several controlled buys with a suspect in Wexford County. As a result, TNT officers executed a search warrant at a rural location outside the town of Harrietta. What they found was a large-scale drug distribution network being operated from an out-building located on the property. TNT officers were able to seize marijuana and methamphetamine.

Surprisingly, TNT officers also found a complete surveillance system designed to announce any unwanted visitors. The suspect had surveillance cameras covering the exterior area and entryways into the out-building and into his house. The cameras were then connected to TV monitors in the house. Unfortunately, the suspect's fancy cameras couldn't tell the difference between TNT undercover officers and real drug customers.

METH LABS ON THE INCREASE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

TNT officers continue to be successful in locating and seizing meth labs in Northern Michigan.

TNT has successfully investigated complaints where precursor chemicals and compounds have been sold or stolen out of retail stores in the area. Local retailers have been able to identify suspect's vehicles and have reported that information to TNT.

To assist TNT officers in their meth investigations, law enforcement, fire departments, and retailers have been trained regarding what to look for and what information is needed to complete a successful meth investigation.



In 2004, TNT (north and south) had 18 complaints related to methamphetamine investigations. A total of 11 methamphetamine labs or dump sites, three methamphetamine component cases, one larceny of anhydrous ammonia, and three complaints involving delivery or possession of methamphetamine.

TNT 2004 DRUG FIGHTING STATS

TOTAL CASES

267

TOTAL ARREST COUNTS

463

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED

189

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED

\$2,280,966

(STREET VALUE)



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