

## SUCCESS (continued from cover)

temporary agent to assist UPSET in major drug cases.”

Just recently, UPSET received a federal grant entitled, “Project Safe Neighborhoods” (PSN). The grant pays for one extra detective to assist UPSET officers and ATF agents on cases involving guns. PSN also allowed for UPSET officers to go into the community and provide education about the dangers of drugs and guns. Through the grant, more than 50 educational programs were presented to schools, colleges, civic groups, and members of the U.P. communities.

“The drug problem in the U.P. is not just a law enforcement problem, it is a community problem,” continues Racine. “We need help from our communities, schools and everyone who cares about the quality of life and future of those living in the U.P. This is still the best place to live, work and raise a family, however, things are changing and changing fast.”

## WISCONSIN AND UPSET DETECTIVES TEAM UP TO BUST COCAINE RING

In a joint investigation, detectives from UPSET and Racine, Wisconsin, busted up a major crack-cocaine ring operating in the Escanaba/Gladstone area. Officers from both agencies recently executed search warrants in Wisconsin and Michigan’s Delta County; resulting in multiple arrests for cocaine, crack cocaine, and marijuana possession and distribution. They also found stolen property, drugs and drug paraphernalia. Authorities expect that several of the suspects will be tried on federal drug trafficking charges.

One of the suspects, however, will not be serving jail time. Ironically, he died from a drug overdose while downstate picking up a supply of crack cocaine.

# COMMANDER’S COLUMN



## D/Lt. Jeffery Racine 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 Michigan’s central and western Upper Peninsula counties partnered with the Michigan State Police and federal agencies to establish the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET). UPSET 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 UPSET 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,

As a citizen of the Upper Peninsula, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts of UPSET. Whether using local

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street enforcement efforts, interdiction, education/prevention, or taking full advantage of the highly specialized crime fighting tools offered by state and federal agencies, UPSET 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.

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

aimed specifically at removing drug criminals from our streets.

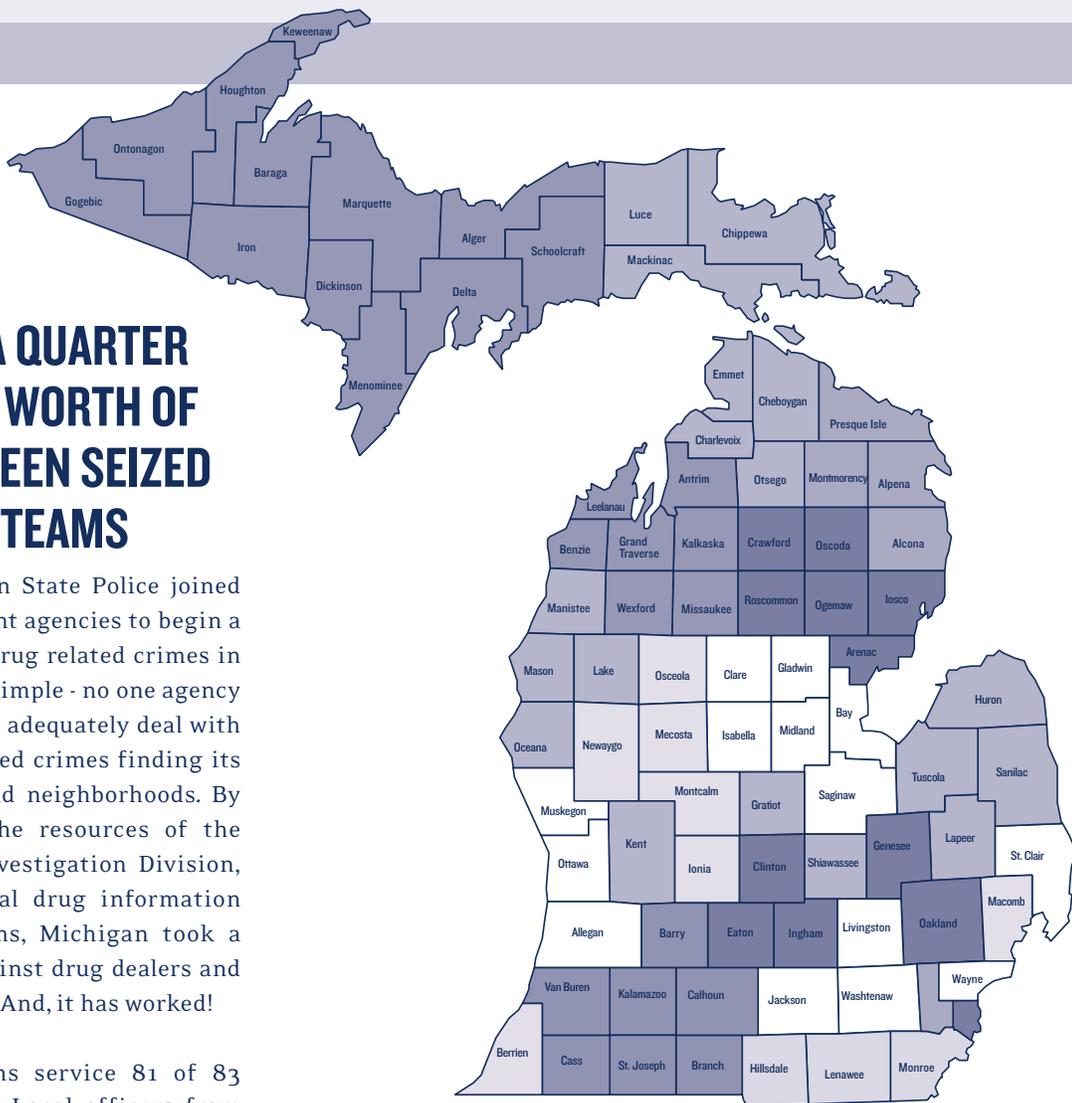
As Commander of UPSET, I am convinced that by combining the talent, resources and technology of our local agencies with those of state and federal agencies, we are more successful in our drug fighting efforts. As you can see by our 2004 numbers, we investigated 171 cases, made 223 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than \$1,589,000 dollars worth of drugs directed toward the children, family and friends in our Upper Peninsula communities.

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

**TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL (800) 882-8202  
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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.

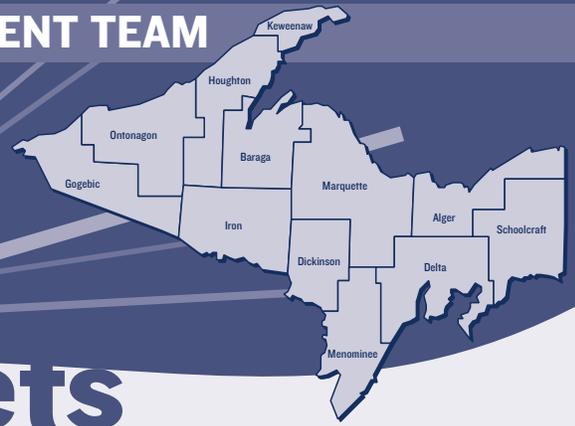
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B.A.Y.A.N.E.T.	Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/790-6581
C.M.E.T.	Central Michigan Enforcement Team	989/352-6738
F.A.N.G.	Flint Area Narcotics Group	810/233-3689
H.U.N.T.	Huron Undercover Narcotics Team	989/356-3395
J.N.E.T.	Jackson Narcotics 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

# UPPER PENINSULA SUBSTANCE ENFORCEMENT TEAM

## TAKING DRUGS & DRUG CRIMINALS

# Off our streets



### WILL SHE REPRESENT HERSELF?

Recently, UPSET officers, with the assistance of the Michigan National Guard, were flying over Delta County when they spotted marijuana growing next to a house. Alerting the ground crew, UPSET officers arrived at the house to find two pounds of processed marijuana and three dozen freshly baked marijuana brownies. UPSET officers also confiscated a gun reported as stolen from Wisconsin. Charges are now pending on the homeowners. The female suspect is a local attorney.

### JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET THE MESSAGE

UPSET detectives received a tip that two Escanaba residents would be transporting crack cocaine into to the Escanaba area. Officers from the Escanaba Public Safety Department conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle, and found a small amount of cocaine. Securing a search warrant for the suspects' residence, UPSET officers found additional amounts of cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, scales, scanners, surveillance equipment and a miter-detecting device.

The suspects were no strangers to UPSET officers. Both suspects had been previously investigated and arrested on drug trafficking. UPSET officers don't expect to see either suspect any time soon. The male suspect is now serving eight years in federal prison and the female is serving four years in Federal prison.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT KEY TO SUCCESS

Drug activities and related drug problems in Upper Peninsula (U.P.) communities have now grown to equal those of bigger downstate cities, according to D/Lt. Jeffery Racine, drug team commander for the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET).

Racine indicates that the U.P. has seen a dramatic increase in drugs such as heroin, cocaine, crack, methamphetamine, marijuana and prescription drugs. With this dramatic increase brings increased drug related problems such as violent crimes, over-doses, gang activity and property crimes. In addition, U.P. jails, court systems and treatment centers are being overwhelmed with people involved with drugs and drug related activities.

Over the past few years, in an effort to help stem the tide of drug activity, UPSET has recruited the help of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms



(ATF) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

"Ninety percent of our drug cases involve guns," states Racine. "Two federal ATF agents were assigned three years ago as a pilot program to help us. Those positions are now permanent due to the large range of activities here in the U.P. Also because of the number and scope of heroin, methamphetamine and crack cocaine problems, the DEA has also assigned a

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## UPSET 2004 DRUG FIGHTING STATS

TOTAL CASES

**171**

TOTAL ARREST COUNTS

**223**

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED

**197**

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED

**\$1,589,621**

(STREET VALUE)



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