

NOT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD!

COMET received tips from neighbors in Macomb County that a large scale indoor marijuana grow was operating in their subdivision. A COMET investigation revealed that the suspects were not only growing marijuana, but were also renting numerous houses and converting the basements into additional large scale, sophisticated, grow operations.

The COMET investigation identified at least 12 suspects. The suspects have been connected to the trafficking of marijuana to New York and the East Coast with possible funding from financial sources in Russia.

HEAVY LOAD

COMET and DEA officers have successfully dismantled a large marijuana trafficking organization in southeast Michigan. Authorities believe more than 40 TONS of marijuana was being moved through Michigan by the criminal organization. As a result of the COMET and DEA investigation, 20 federal indictments were issued and all suspects have been arrested.

MORE BAD GUYS OFF THE STREETS

Officers from DEA and COMET conducted multiple search warrants resulting in the disruption of a large organization involved in marijuana and cocaine trafficking, homicide, conspiracy and money laundering. Two arrests were made, with additional grand jury indictments expected. Several hundred thousand dollars was seized, in addition to jewelry, guns and various pieces of electronic equipment.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN



D/F/Lt. Amos Horton

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 Macomb County partnered with the Michigan State Police and federal agencies to establish the County of Macomb Enforcement Team (COMET). COMET 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 COMET 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.

COMET's Goal:

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

As Commander of COMET, 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 650 cases, made 553 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than \$1,745,909 dollars worth of drugs

directed toward our children, family and friends in Macomb County.

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As a citizen of Macomb County, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts of COMET. 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, COMET officers are committed to making a difference in our community.

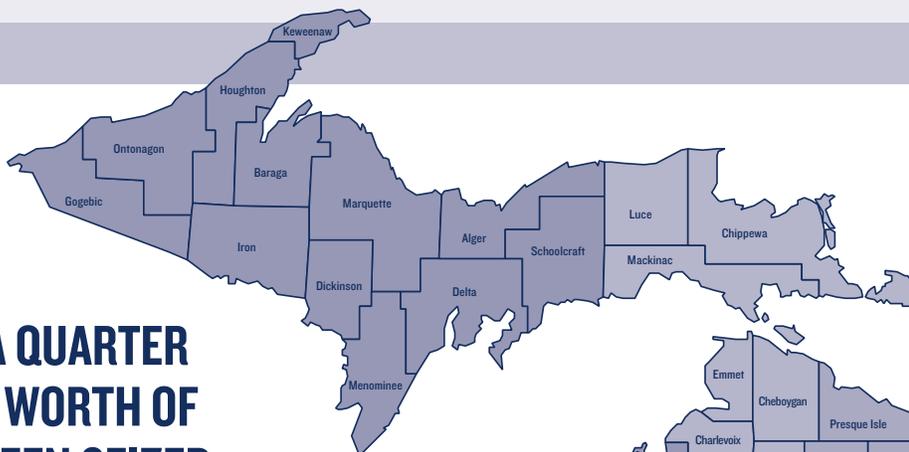
While cocaine and marijuana still seem to be the drugs of choice found in many of our communities, now on the scene, and positioned to spread like a brush fire, is methamphetamine. Counties across the state have seen an alarming increase in methamphetamine clandestine labs (cooking sites) and meth related 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, 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 COMET officers in their efforts to keep this devastating drug from taking over our community.

TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL (586) 790-3990
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LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TEAMS HAVING IMPACT ON MICHIGAN DRUG EFFORTS

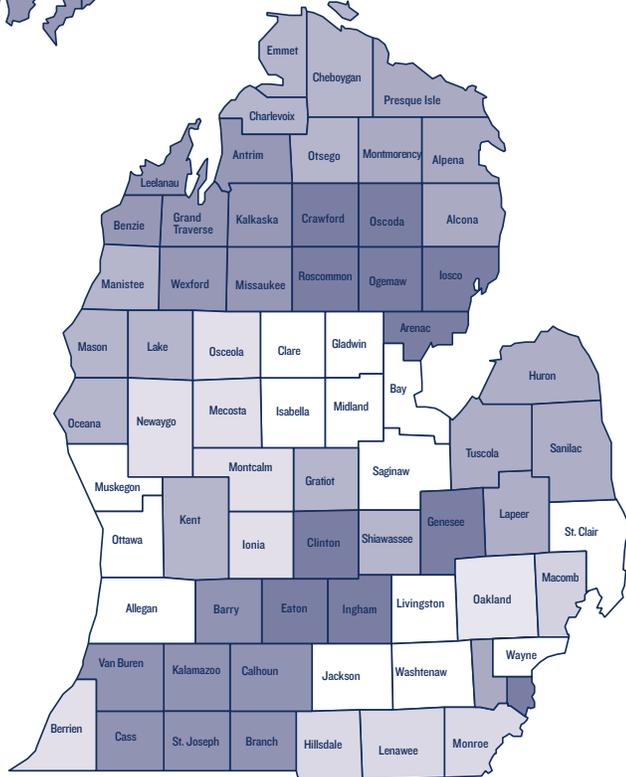


SINCE 2000, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STREET DRUGS HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN MICHIGAN BY DRUG TEAMS

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.



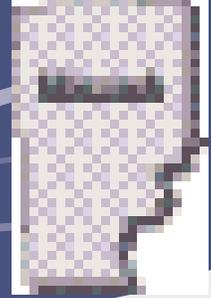
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B.A.Y.A.N.E.T.	Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/790-6581
C.M.E.T.	Central Michigan Enforcement Team	989/352-6738
F.A.N.G.	Flint Area Narcotics Group	810/233-3689
H.U.N.T.	Huron Undercover Narcotics Team	989/356-3395
J.N.E.T.	Jackson Narcotics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

COUNTY OF MACOMB ENFORCEMENT TEAM

TAKING DRUGS & DRUG CRIMINALS

Off our streets



BY LAND AND BY SEA

COMET officers received information from an anonymous source about large amounts of marijuana that were being delivered by boat from Harsen's Island to a St. Clair Shores marina. The primary suspect was a wanted felon known to COMET as a drug trafficker. Armed with this information, COMET officers were positioned to wait for the felon and the boat full of marijuana. Four individuals were arrested and charged with delivery of marijuana (30 lbs). Two vehicles were also seized.

JOINT INVESTIGATION NETS 3 ARRESTS

FBI, Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF), and COMET continued a historic joint investigation into a major marijuana and cocaine trafficking organization operating in southeast Michigan. Trucks containing marijuana were being shipped from the west coast to Michigan. Recently, more than 1,200 pounds of marijuana, bound for Michigan, was seized in Arizona. Officers from COMET, VCTF and the FBI were able to conduct a controlled delivery and buy in Michigan by utilizing a semi-tractor trailer and delivering the marijuana to a warehouse in Michigan. Three arrests were made as a result of the investigation.

COMET OFFICERS CLEAN UP

COMET officers received a tip that an individual associated with a local outlaw motorcycle gang was involved in the manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine. COMET officers, working in conjunction with the FBI, conducted surveillance of the suspect. As a result, five search warrants were executed at three residences and two commercial locations in Macomb County. COMET officers seized two active meth labs and quantities of methamphetamine. At one of the residences, the suspect ran to the sink and poured fresh product down the drain. Upon his arrest, COMET officers discovered that the suspect was also wanted for a probation violation on a prior meth charge out of Mt. Pleasant.



From information obtained during the execution of the Macomb County search warrants and the arrests in Macomb County, the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department executed a sixth search warrant in St. Clair County. The search warrant executed at the Devil's Disciple's clubhouse in Mt. Clemens resulted in three more arrests.

COMET 2004 DRUG FIGHTING STATS

TOTAL CASES
650

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED
553

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED
\$1,745,909
(STREET VALUE)



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