

# St. Clair County



## Drug Task Force

Sheriff Tim Donnellon





# DTF HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Established in 1985
- One of two millage based task forces
- No increase since 1985
- 4 year renewable - .28 of one mil
- Based on a \$100,000 home (\$50,000 S.E.V.)
  - Current Cost -  $.00028 \times \$50,000 = \$14$  per year
  - Proposed Cost -  $.00056 \times \$50,000 = \$28$  per year





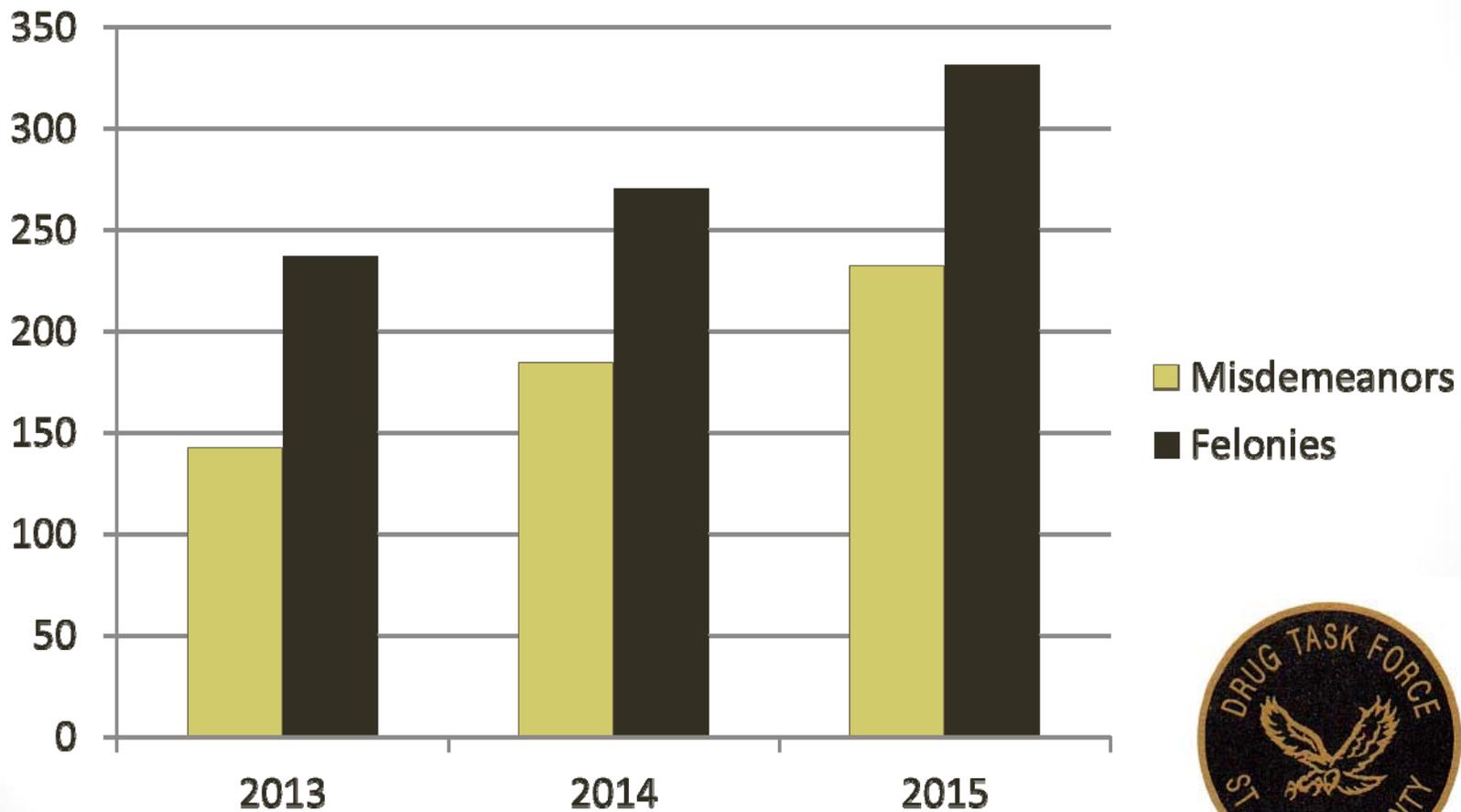
# Drug Task Force Staffing

- 1 Lieutenant
- 1 Sergeant
- 5 Deputies
- 1 Port Huron Police Officer
- 2 Border Patrol Agent
- 1 Border Patrol Air/Marine
- 1 U.S. Customs Agent
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Assistant Prosecutor



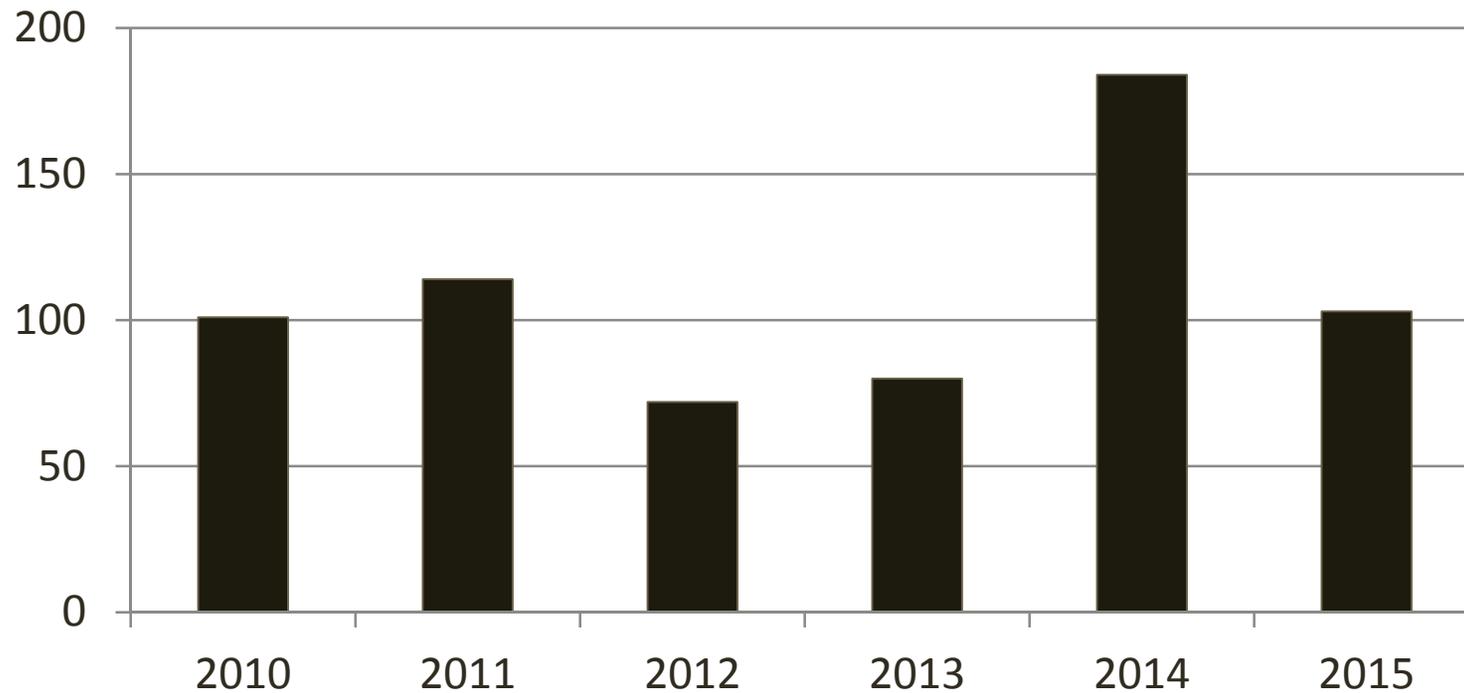


# Misdemeanor and Felony Charges



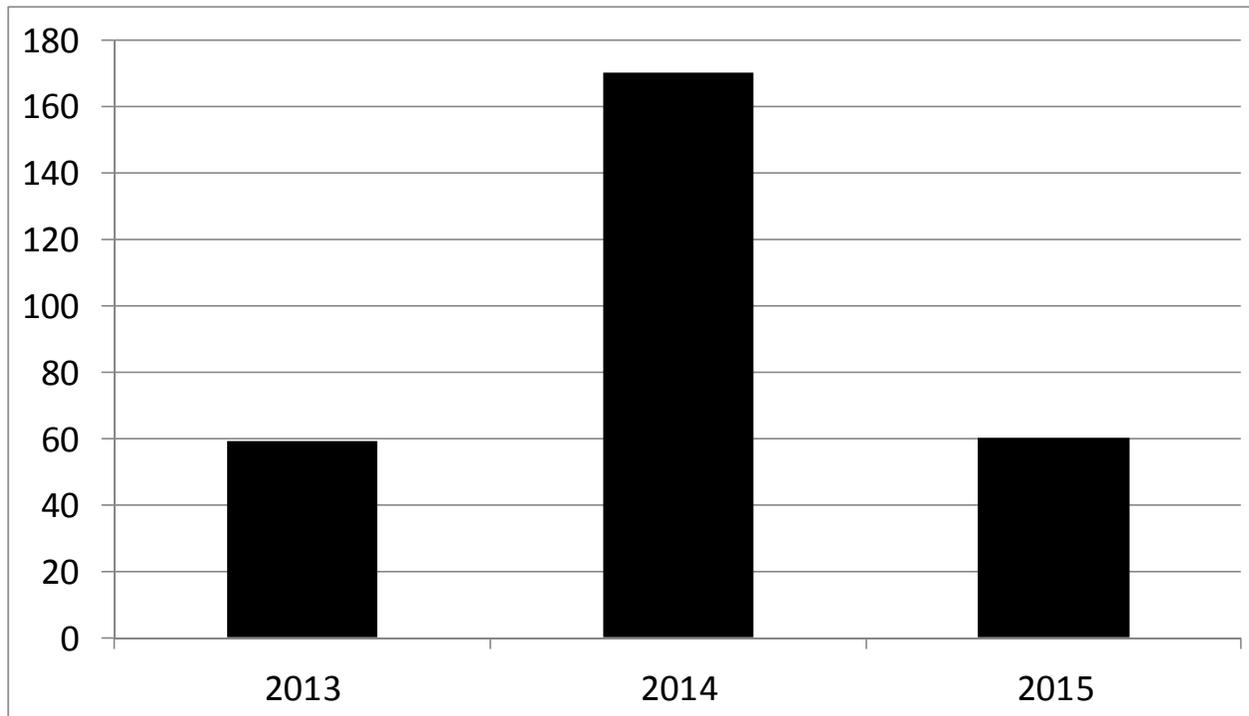


# Search Warrants and Traffic Stops





# Weapons Confiscated



# Current Trends

St. Clair County is geographically unique

- Over 700 Square miles
- International border
- bridges
- ferry service
- 110 miles of coastline

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# Narcotic activity has gotten more complex



Over the past few years, prescription drug abuse, heroin and methamphetamine have combined to stretch thin our Drug Task Force





# GROWING DANGER

The increase in methamphetamine labs poses a danger to the person cooking the meth and the public at large.





# High Cost

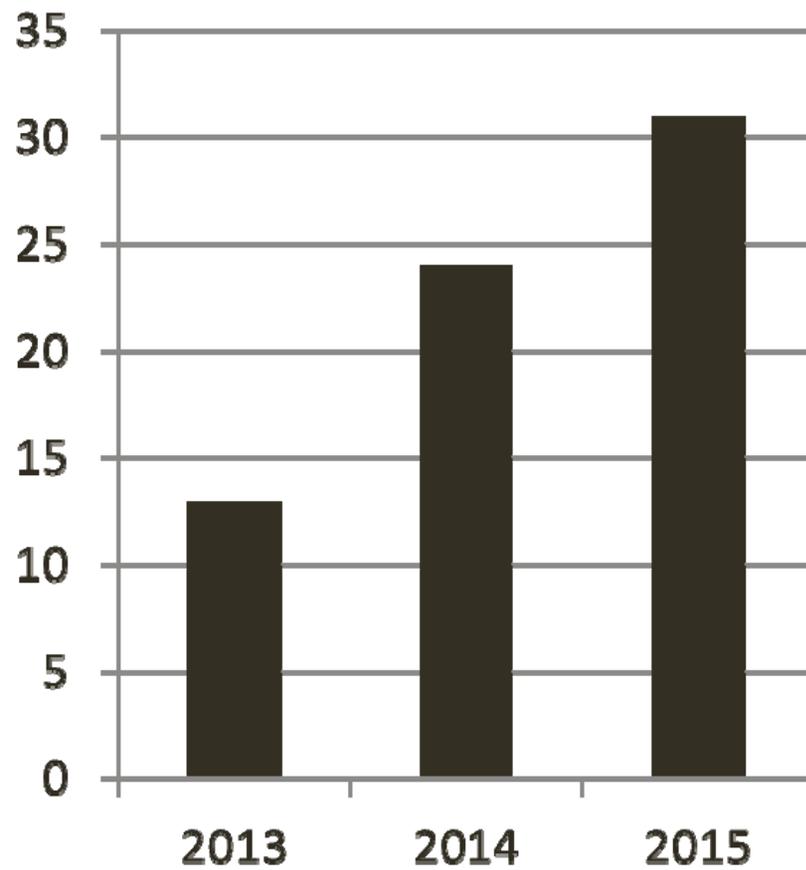
- Once the DTF conducts an investigation and executes a search warrant on a meth lab, the man hour costs are just beginning.
- It takes a minimum of six highly trained members of the DTF to dismantle, decontaminate and dispose of the lab.





# Methamphetamine

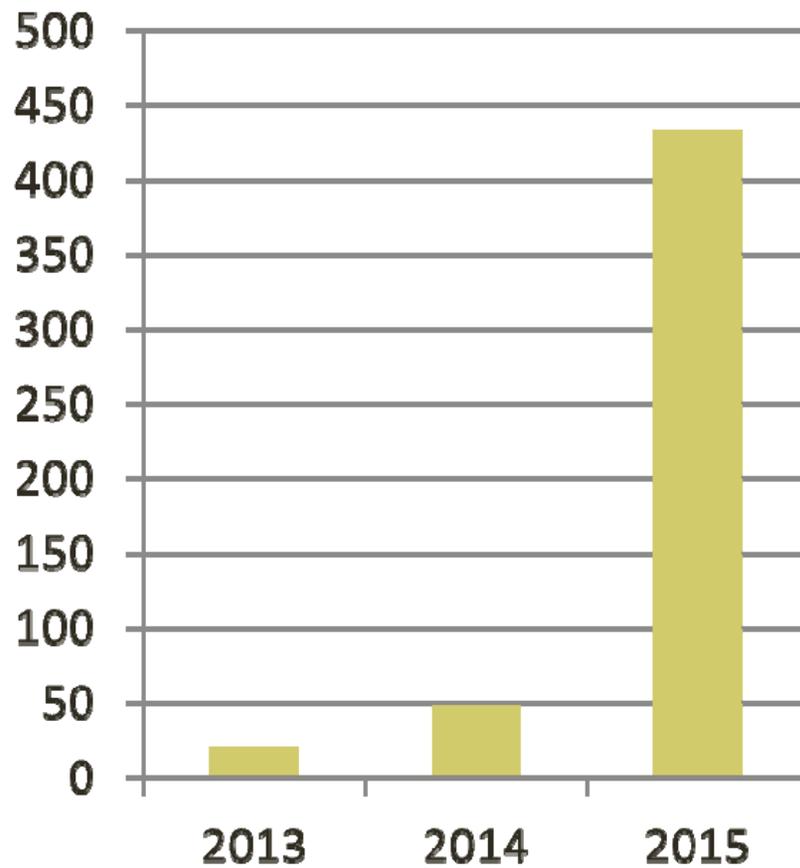
Laboratories Dismantled





# Methamphetamine

Grams of methamphetamine seized





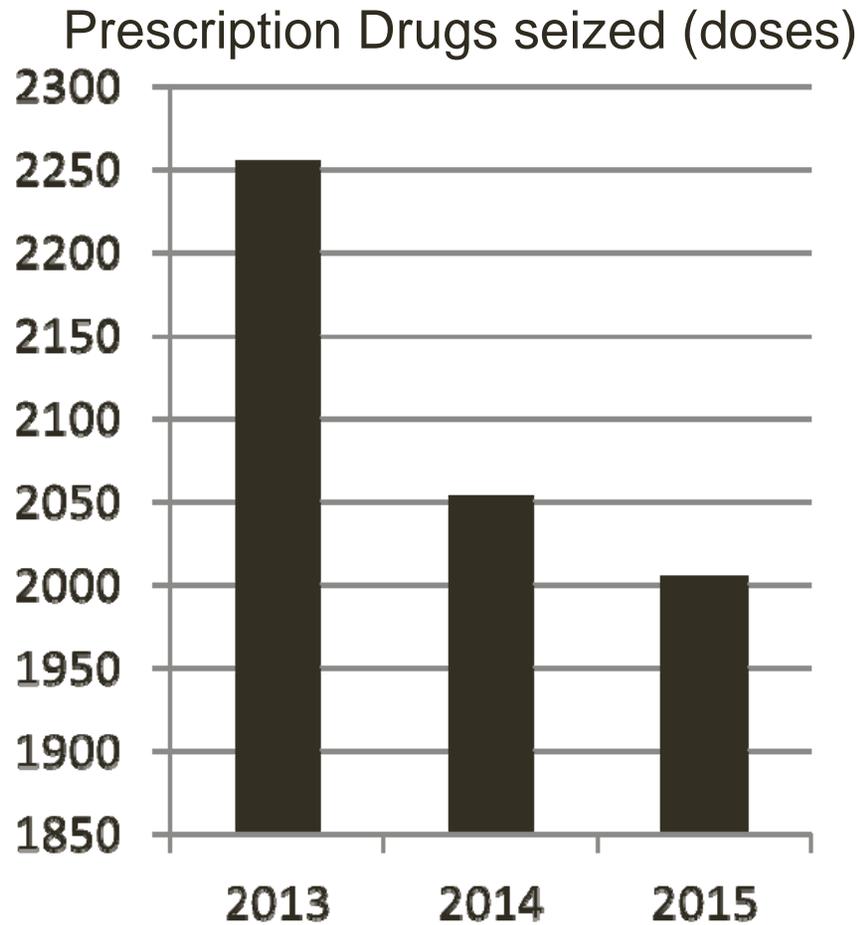
# PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

- Many abusers begin as users, prescribed by their physician
- When they can no longer get a prescription for the pills, they will buy them on the street
- Some opiate prescription pills can cost up to \$50 and more on the street





# Prescription Drugs





# HEROIN

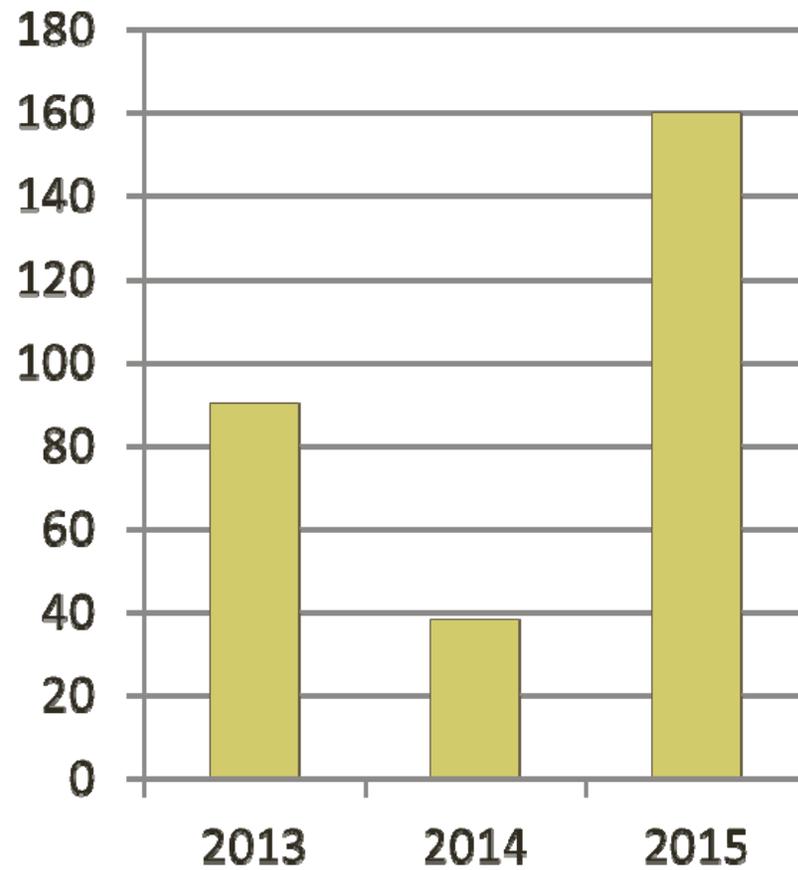
- Heroin abuse is also a serious problem in St. Clair County
- Tied with the increase of opiate based prescription drug abuse
- Prescription abuses may turn to heroin if they are unable to buy pills
- Heroin may be cheaper than buying pills on the street





# Heroin

Heroin seizures (in grams)





# COCAINE/CRACK COCAINE

- While there are growing numbers of meth, heroin and opiate prescription abusers, cocaine abuse has not gone away
- Confiscation of cocaine and crack cocaine had been on the increase over the past two years

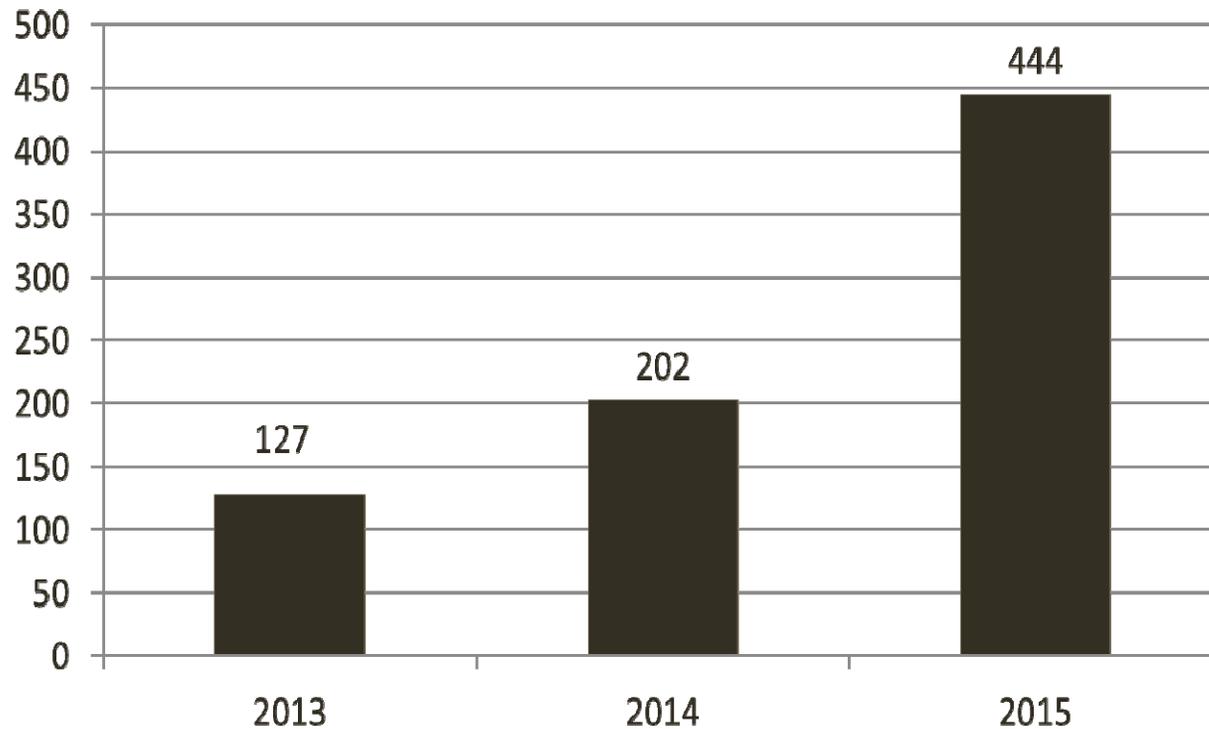




# Cocaine---

# Still an issue

Cocaine seized (in grams)





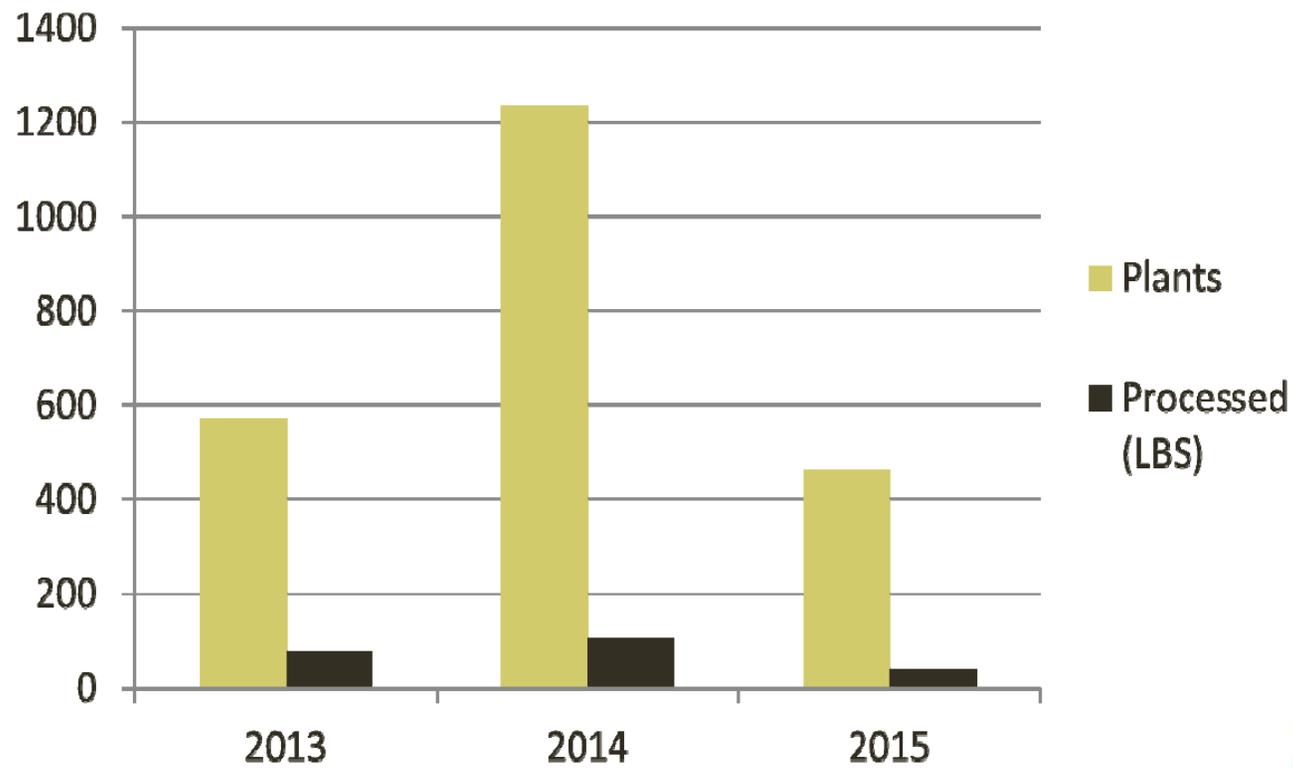
# MARIJUANA

- Although medical use marijuana has been legalized, there are those who abuse the law
- These people exceed the limits of their caregiver status, sometimes by dozens, if not hundreds of plants





# Marijuana Seized





# DRUGS ARE BRINGING DEATH

- The rise in the abuse of heroin and prescription drugs has led to a rise in the number of overdose deaths in St. Clair County.
- Narcan, a drug that reverses the lethal effect of opioid or heroin overdose is being used by EMS on those who overdose.





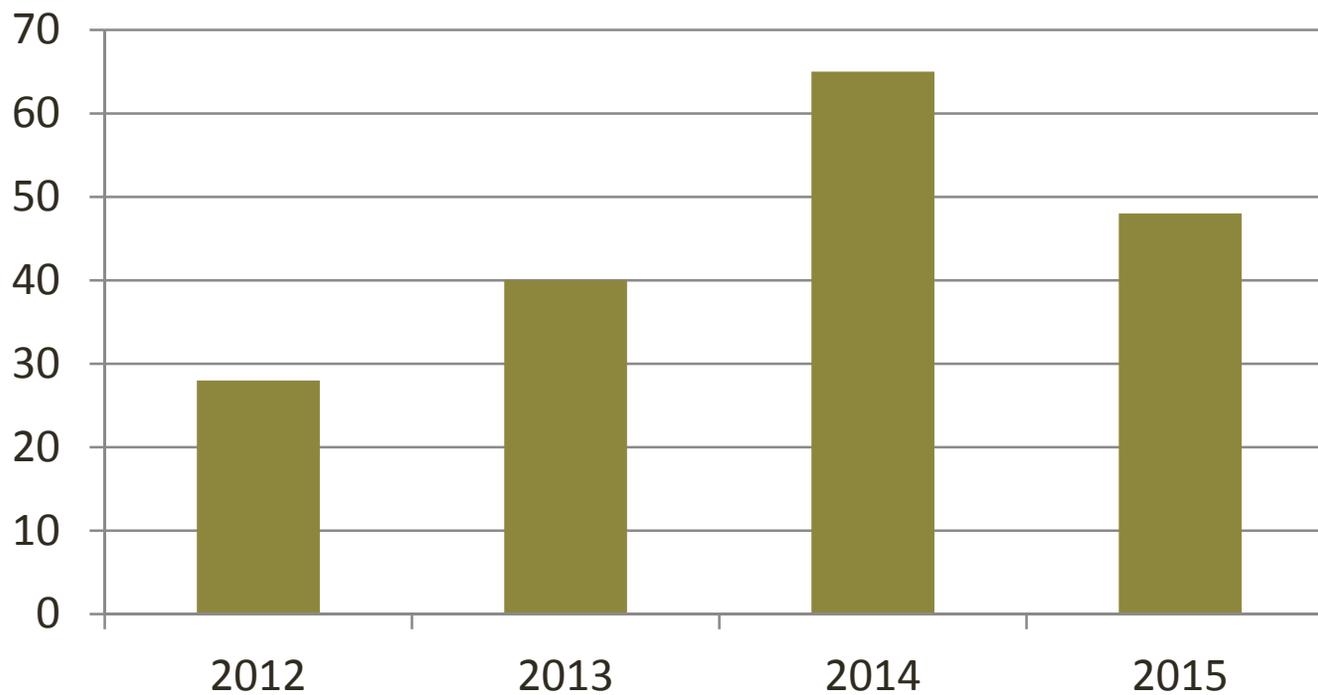
# Death toll could be worse

- Tri-Hospital EMS used Narcan 218 times in 2014 and 312 times in 2015
- Combined with the 48 overdose deaths that occurred in 2015, without Narcan there would have been a potential for a death a day from overdose in our county





# Drug Related Deaths





# STOPPING DRUG DEALERS

- The sales and use of illicit drugs continues to be a serious problem in St. Clair County and in our nation as a whole
- The St. Clair County Drug Task Force is working hard to get drug dealers off the streets





# HOW YOU CAN HELP

- If you have information on drug activity contact the St. Clair County Drug Task Force.
- The toll free number is 1-800-243-DRUG (3784)
- You can remain anonymous.
- Your tip may lead to a drug dealer being taken off the streets and a life saved.





# August Millage Vote

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are requesting a new millage rate of .56 mills to fund the Drug Task Force
- The increase will mean that a homeowner with a \$100,000 home (\$50,000 S.E.V.) will pay \$28 a year to support the DTF.
- **That is less than 8 cents per day**
- We need your help more than ever
  - Michigan had the largest amount of Meth lab seizures in the U.S. in 2015
  - Almost 1 overdose per day last year

**8 Cents per day = Boots on the Street**



# Thank you for your support



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