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 x $50,000 = $14 per year
  - Proposed Cost - .00056 x $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

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Current Trends

St. Clair County is geographically unique

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

- 2013: 10
- 2014: 25
- 2015: 30

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Methamphetamine

Grams of methamphetamine seized

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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

Prescription Drugs seized (doses)

- 2013: 2250 doses
- 2014: 2050 doses
- 2015: 1950 doses
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)

- 2013: 80 grams
- 2014: 40 grams
- 2015: 160 grams
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)

- 127 grams in 2013
- 202 grams in 2014
- 444 grams in 2015
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

- **Plants**
- **Processed (LBS)**

![Graph showing marijuana seizures from 2013 to 2015](Image)
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

- 2012: 30
- 2013: 40
- 2014: 60
- 2015: 50
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\textsuperscript{nd}, 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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