

**UPPER  
PENINSULA  
SUBSTANCE  
ENFORCEMENT  
TEAM**

2017 Annual Report

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# PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

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- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Delta County Sheriff Department
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Escanaba Public Safety Department
- Houghton City Police Department
- Houghton County Sheriff Department
- Marquette City Police Department
- Marquette County Sheriff Department
- Menominee City Police Department
- Michigan State Police
- U.S. Customs and Border Patrol
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Homeland Security Investigations

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### BOARD OFFICERS:

- **Chairperson: Chief Brett Botbyl**  
Menominee City Police Department
- **Vice Chairperson: Chief John Donnelly**  
Houghton City Police Department
- **Treasurer: Tom Sabor**  
Delta County
- **Secretary: Director Robert Lamarche**  
Escanaba Public Safety Department

### BOARD VOTING MEMBERS:

- Captain John Halpin, Michigan State Police
- D/F/Lt. Robert Pernaski, Michigan State Police
- Chief Blake Rieboldt, Marquette City Police Department
- Undersheriff Phil Griebel, Delta County Sheriff Department
- Sheriff Mark Valesano, Iron County Sheriff Department
- Sheriff Greg Zyburt, Marquette County Sheriff Department
- Matt Wiese, Marquette County Prosecutor
- Phil Strom, Delta County Prosecutor
- Undersheriff Kevin Coppo, Houghton County Sheriff Department
- Chief Gordy Warchock, Forsyth Township Police Department

# SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

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- UPSET West detectives conducted several controlled buys of crystal meth in the Western U.P. The investigation pointed towards a major supplier located in the Ontonagon area. UPSET West detectives obtained both an arrest warrant for the suspect and a search warrant for the suspect's residence. The suspect, having just returned from Wisconsin, was arrested without incident. Nearly a quarter pound of crystal meth, along with a loaded handgun was found on the suspect at the time of his arrest. In the suspect's residence, UPSET detectives located and seized additional crystal meth and loaded firearms. In October 2017 UPSET West detectives arrested the suspect girlfriend who had taken over the crystal meth distribution. The suspect girlfriend was arrested and detectives seized several ounces of crystal meth, a loaded handgun, and over \$3,000 in cash.

# SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

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- UPSET detectives investigated the report of a 16-year old Marquette County high school student who had brought cocaine to school. The student was about to get kicked off the football team for missing too many practices. The high school student had taken the cocaine from his parents, who were drug dealers, and brought it to the football coach to show his parents were dealing drugs. The student explained to the coach he had to miss practices so he could take care of his younger siblings. Upon gaining this information, UPSET executed a search warrant at the parents' residence where 30 grams of cocaine and a loaded firearm were seized. The living conditions within the residence were deemed unhealthy for the children and they were placed in protective custody before being transferred to a foster home. UPSET staff created a fund and were able to purchase clothing and family board games for the children. UPSET staff also received additional donations from Walmart, Comfort Inn and Suites, Public Service Garage, and many private citizens for the foster children.

# SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

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- UPSET detectives assisted the Michigan State Police Iron Mountain Post with an investigation of the burglary of over 15 guns. UPSET detectives had intelligence on the suspects involved, and after conducting several lengthy interviews and obtaining additional evidence from the suspects' phones, it was determined the three suspects had stolen the guns and brought them to a drug dealer's residence located in Milwaukee, WI in order to trade the firearms for narcotics. UPSET detectives worked with agents from Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, who executed a search warrant at the residence in Milwaukee, seizing all of the long guns that had been stolen in Iron Mountain. The three burglary suspects plead guilty in federal court and received sentences ranging from 5 years to 12 years in federal prison.

# SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

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- UPSET East detectives received information regarding a suspect allegedly manufacturing methamphetamine. Subsequent investigation revealed two suspects were manufacturing methamphetamine together and one of the suspects had reached out to UPSET East detectives in the attempt to conduct counter surveillance against the second suspect. After establishing probable cause and monitoring NPLEX, UPSET East detectives, along with TRIDENT detectives, executed a search warrant at the residence, which was also located within a school zone. Multiple items used to manufacture methamphetamine were seized from the residence. Felony warrants were authorized for 12 suspects, all related to the manufacture of methamphetamine.



# SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

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- In May 2017 UPSET East detectives began coordinating with the Michigan Department of Corrections to disrupt a smuggling ring. An MDOC employee was suspected to be smuggling contraband into the facility. Multiple warrants for electronic monitoring devices were drafted for the suspect's vehicle. UPSET East detectives eventually received information that a second suspect was going to be renting a vehicle and transporting contraband to the first suspect. UPSET East detectives were able to draft a search warrant for the second suspect's vehicle and conduct a traffic stop. Inside the vehicle UPSET East detectives found 88 grams of marijuana, 250 suboxone strips, and 9.5 grams of heroin laced with fentanyl. UPSET East detectives then conducted a search warrant on the first suspect's residence and seized an additional 30 suboxone strips. Both suspects were arrested and lodged.

# SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

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- UPSET East detectives received information regarding a possible smuggling attempt into a correctional facility. UPSET East detectives arrived at the correctional facility and observed a subject attempting to place 3.3 grams of crushed suboxone into a hamburger while inside of the correctional facility's visitor's room. MDOC officers detained the suspect and UPSET East detectives drafted and conducted a search warrant for the residence where the suspect and an additional suspect resided. Based on recorded phone conversations from the correctional facility, UPSET East detectives had reason to believe the proceeds from the illegal smuggling activity would be hidden throughout the residence. During the search warrant, UPSET East detectives seized and forfeited \$10,080 in U.S. currency.

# SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

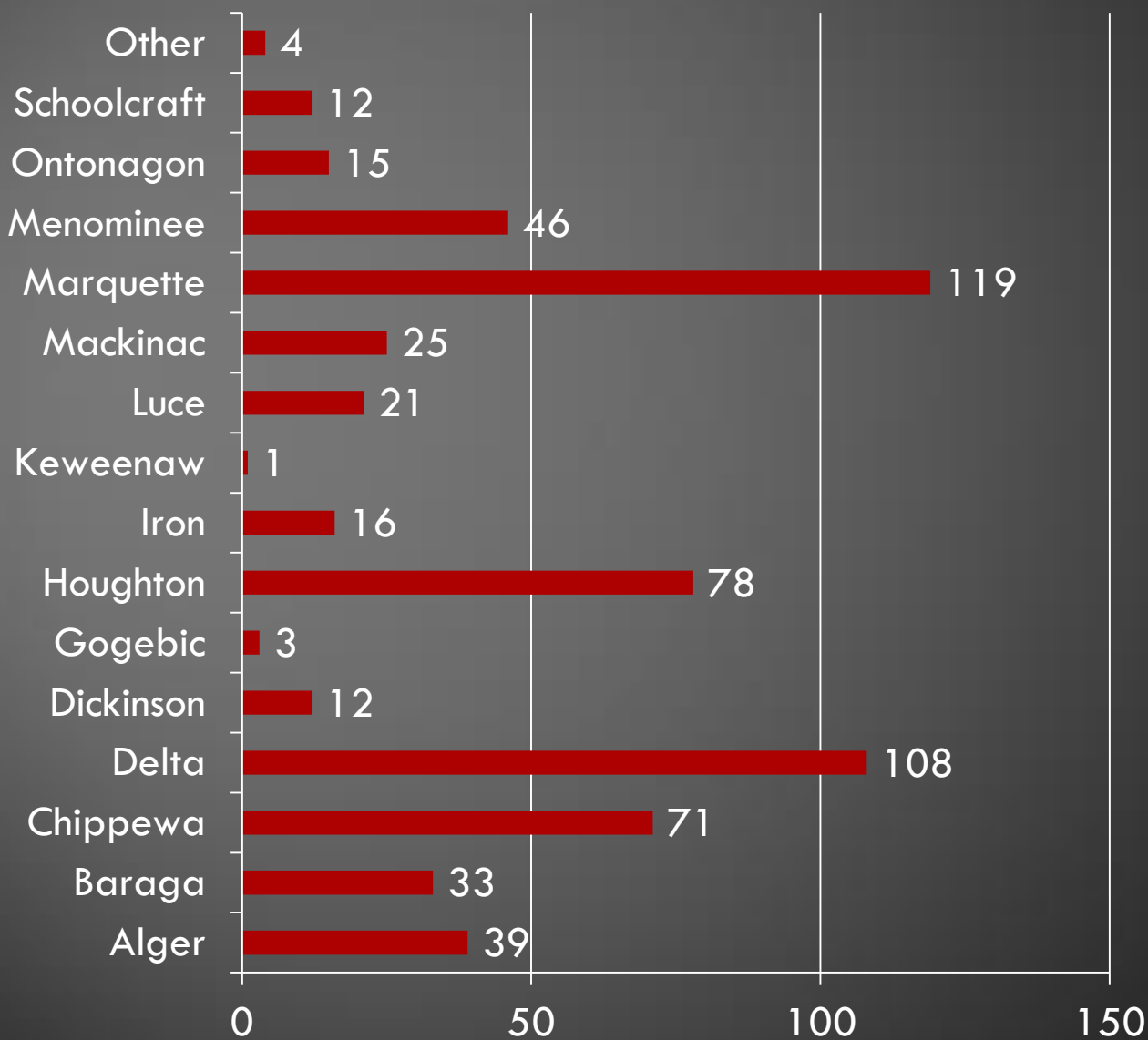
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- UPSET detectives concluded a two-year heroin distribution investigation which dismantled a drug trafficking organization spanning from Detroit to Houghton, MI. Detectives worked in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Assistant United States Attorney's Office in Marquette and federally indicted 16 people, all of whom received prison sentences ranging from 18 months to 17 years. Three of the suspects involved in the investigation were found guilty on all counts and will be sentenced in June 2018.
- UPSET East detectives conducted a controlled purchase of suboxone utilizing an undercover officer. The suspect delivered the suboxone strips to the undercover officer and then instructed the undercover officer how to smuggle them in the nearby correctional facility. After the delivery, the suspect was arrested. Search warrants were drafted for the suspect's hotel room and vehicle. The suspect was arrested and the suspect's vehicle was forfeited by UPSET East detectives.

# COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY

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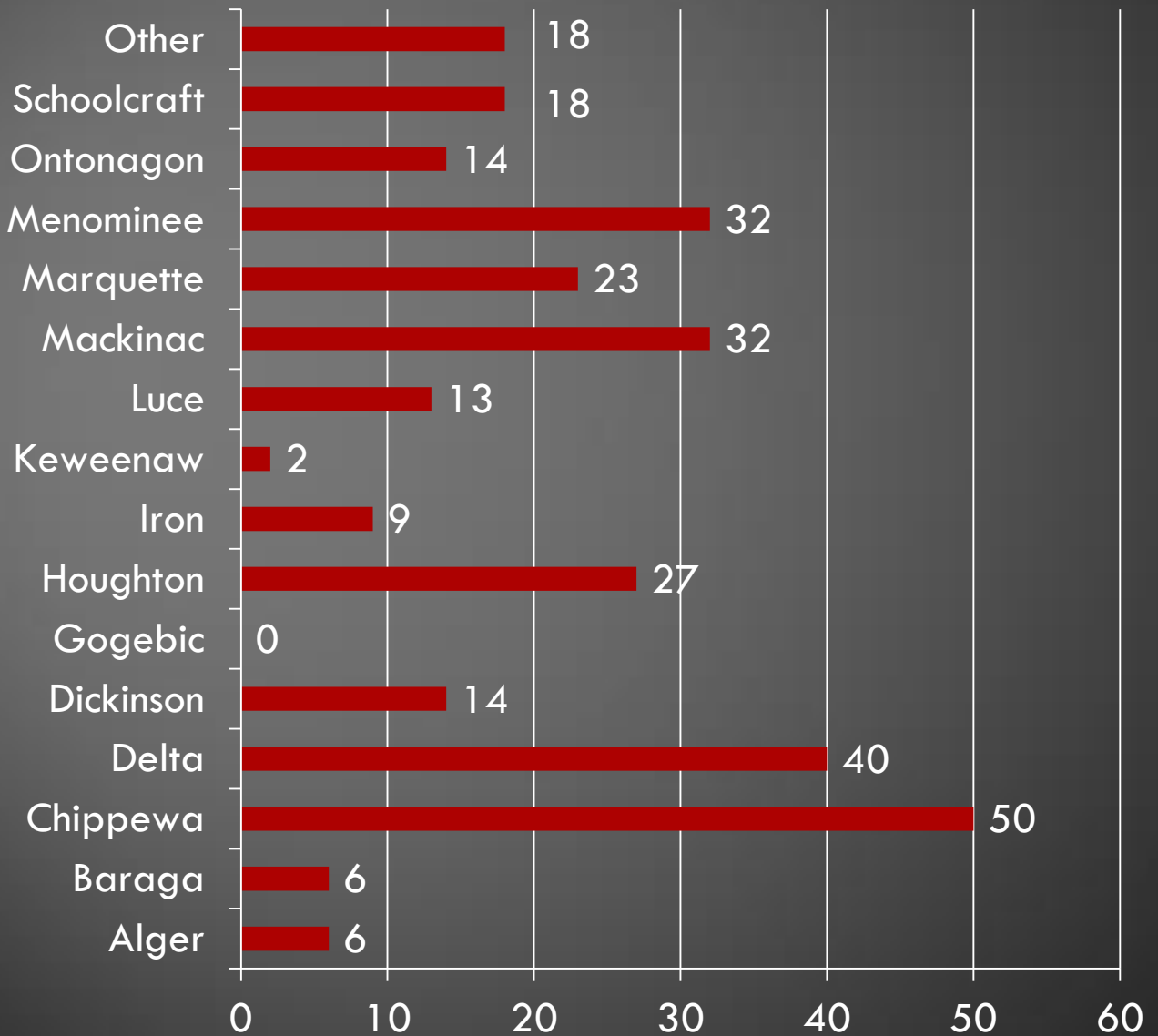
603 Total Complaints



# ARRESTS BY COUNTY

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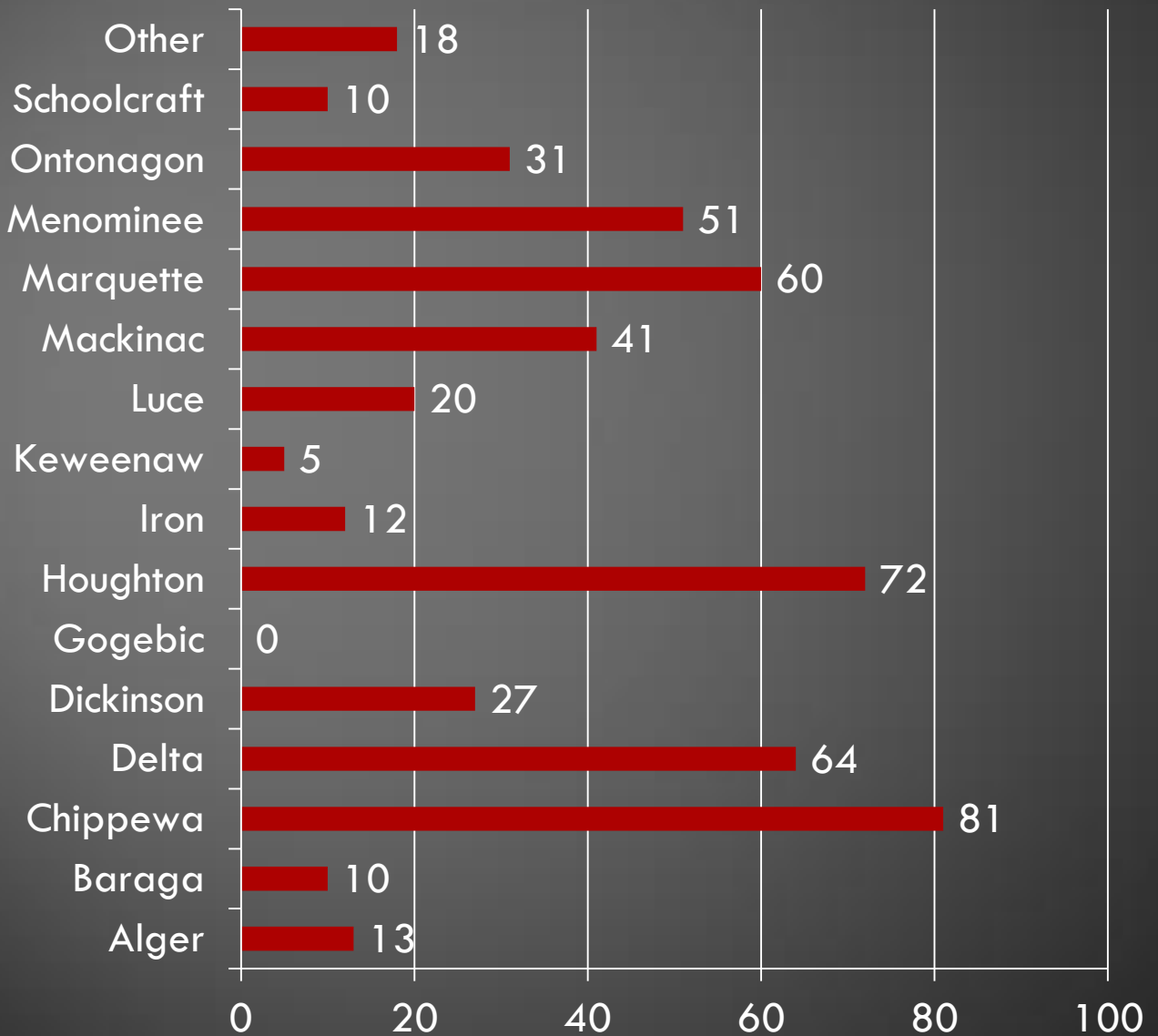
**301 Total Arrested Persons**



# ARREST COUNTS BY COUNTY

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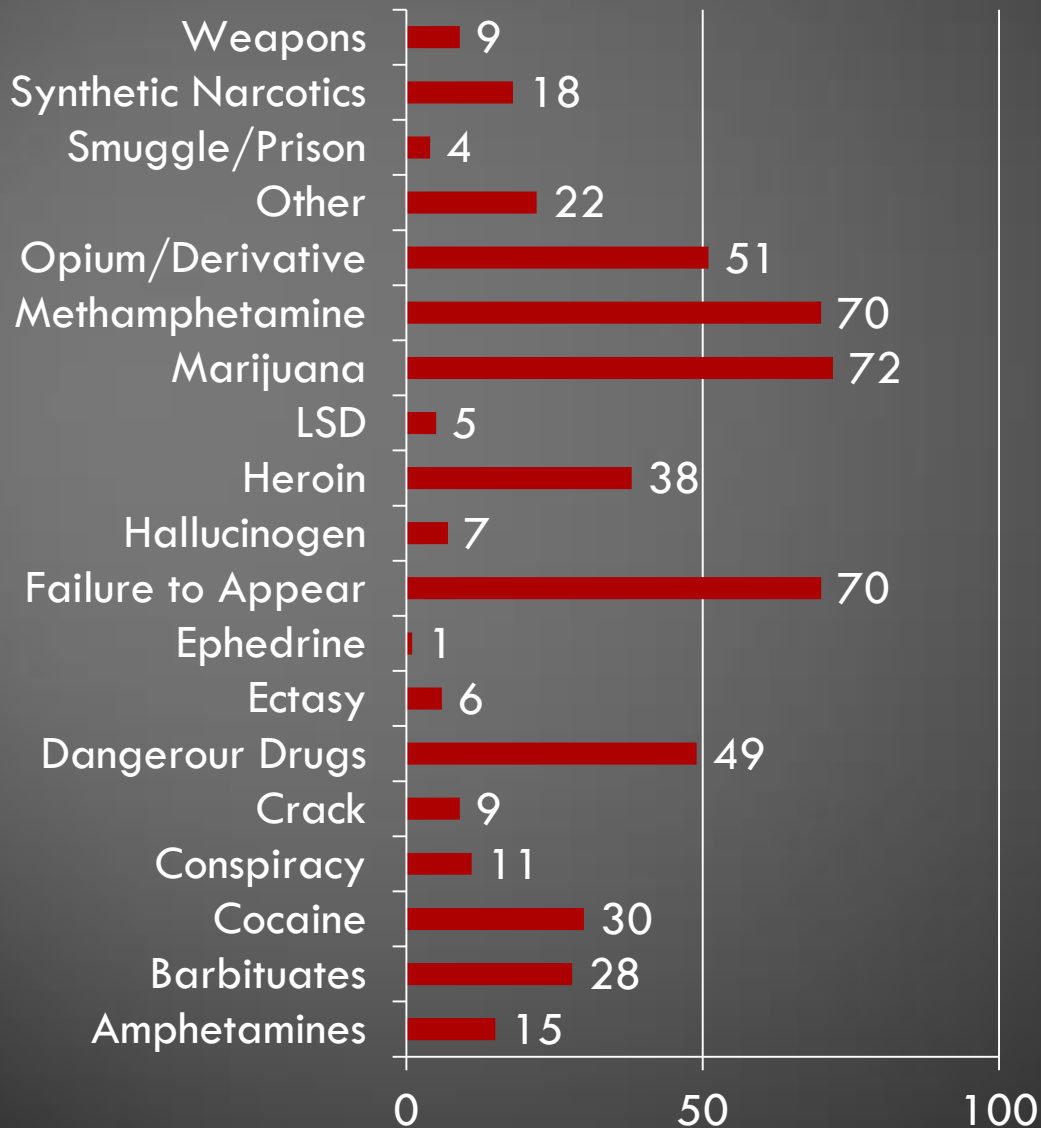
515 Total Arrest Counts



# ARREST COUNTS BY ARREST CODES

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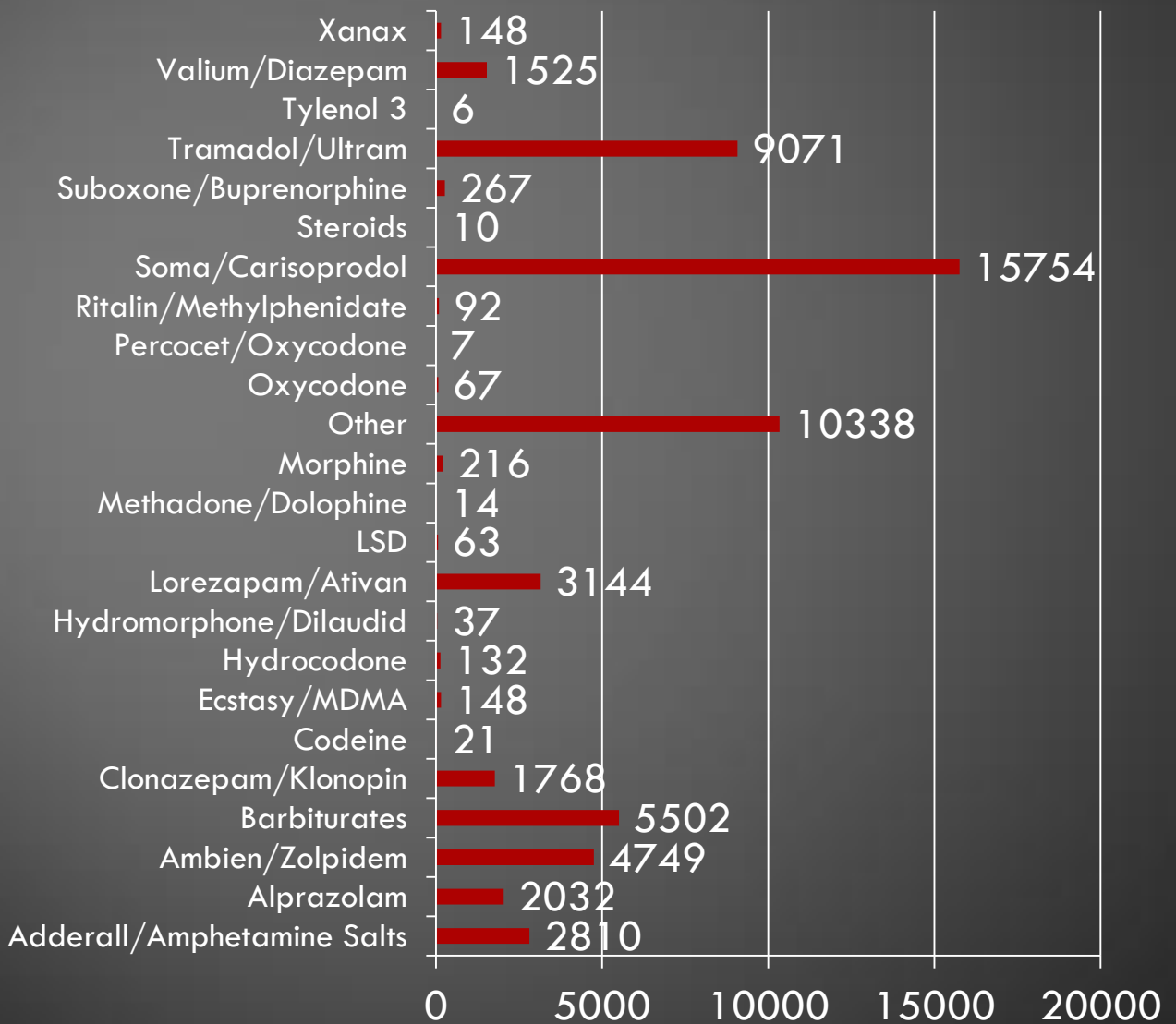
Other includes: resisting and obstructing, intimidation, child neglect, disorderly conduct, contempt of court, and prostitution.



# NARCOTICS SEIZED IN UNITS

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**Street Value of All Narcotics Seized:  
\$900,942.35**

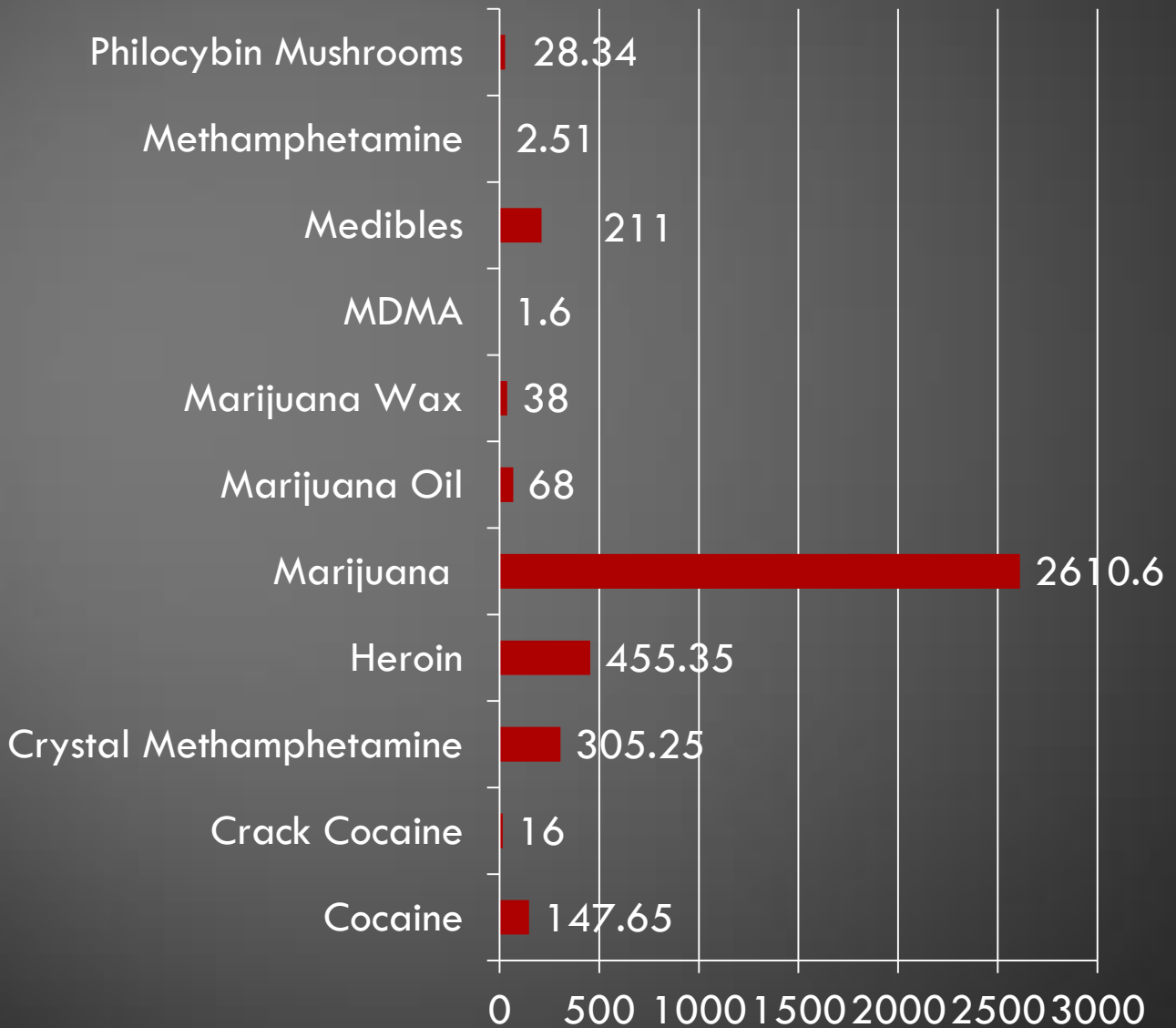




# NARCOTICS SEIZED IN GRAMS

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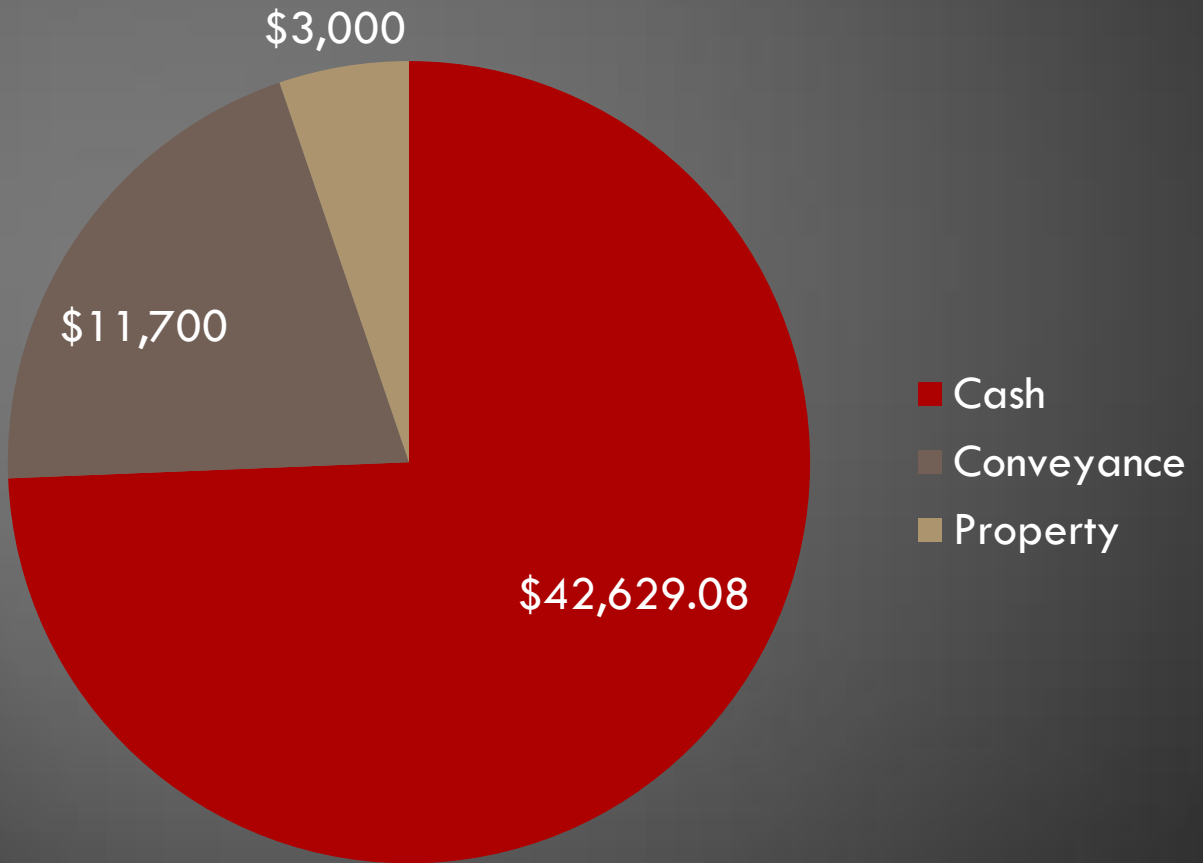
**65.5 Pounds of Processed Marijuana and 419 Marijuana Plants were also seized.**



# FORFEITURE

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**Net Forfeiture Income Deposited:  
\$35,323.08**



# EXPENSES

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• Audit	\$4,525.00
• Communications	\$7,058.85
• Controlled Buy Funds	\$44,062.48
• DCE/SP	\$629.00
• Equipment	\$11,417.10
• Forfeiture	\$12,144.30
• Insurance	\$1,635.00
• Lease	\$9,000
• Meth Response	\$3,003.01
• Office Expense	\$28,672.65
• Personnel	\$22,478.83
• Pole Building	\$14,343.48
• Training	\$1,522.31
• Travel	\$474.03
• Utilities	\$450.37
• Vehicles	\$45,269.45

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$206,685.86\***

\*Total Expenses also includes UPSET East and UPSET West controlled buy funds, training, and office expenses.

# MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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- Watersmeet Township  
\$500
- City of Iron River  
\$1,000
- Manistique Township  
\$1,500
- Bates Township  
\$400
- Thompson Township  
\$400
- City of Manistique  
\$1,500
- Marquette Township  
\$1,000
- McMillan Township  
\$2,000
- Village of Baraga  
\$1,000
- Forsyth Township  
\$10,000

# MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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- City of Caspian  
\$1,000
- City of Ishpeming  
\$8,000
- Chocolay Township  
\$5,000
- Spurr Township  
\$500
- Rockland Township  
\$500
- Iron County Sheriff Department  
\$1,500
- Iron County  
\$10,000
- Michigamme Township  
\$500
- Baraga County  
\$3,000

# PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS

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- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
\$20,000
- R.W. Fernstrum and Co.  
\$1,500
- Resolute Forest Products  
\$3,000
- Delta County Community Foundation  
\$2,000
- VFW 14<sup>th</sup> District  
\$135
- Beta Sigma Gamma  
\$100
- R.W. Fernstrum and Co.  
\$1,000
- U.P. Association of Realtors  
\$200

# OTHER INCOME

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- Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
\$7,000
- Drug Enforcement Administration  
\$10,000
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
\$5,000
- Restitution  
\$4,425
- State of Michigan\*  
\$5,000 \*Utilized for UPSET East Controlled Buy Funds
- Portage Health Foundation\*  
\$30,000 \*Utilized for UPSET West Controlled Buy Funds