



STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Gang and Drug Oversight Council

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The Honorable Leo Foley, Chair  
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Senate Judiciary Budget Division

The Honorable Debra Hilstrom, Chair  
The Honorable Bruce Anderson  
House Public Safety Policy and Oversight Committee

Governor Tim Pawlenty  
State of Minnesota

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As required by Minnesota Statute §299A.641 Subd. 12; the Gang and Drug Oversight Council shall report to the chairs of the senate and house committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and funding on the activities of the council and any strike or task forces. The 2009 report is complete and enclosed for your reference.

As required; this report contains a description of the council's previous year's accomplishments, goals for the upcoming year and data and related information related to the work of the multijurisdictional task forces that the council has created. We are particularly pleased with the results achieved by the task forces that we represent. You will note an impressive number of arrests, drug and gun seizures, and tracking of numerous suspected and confirmed gang members in 2008. These results can only serve to make Minnesota a safer place.

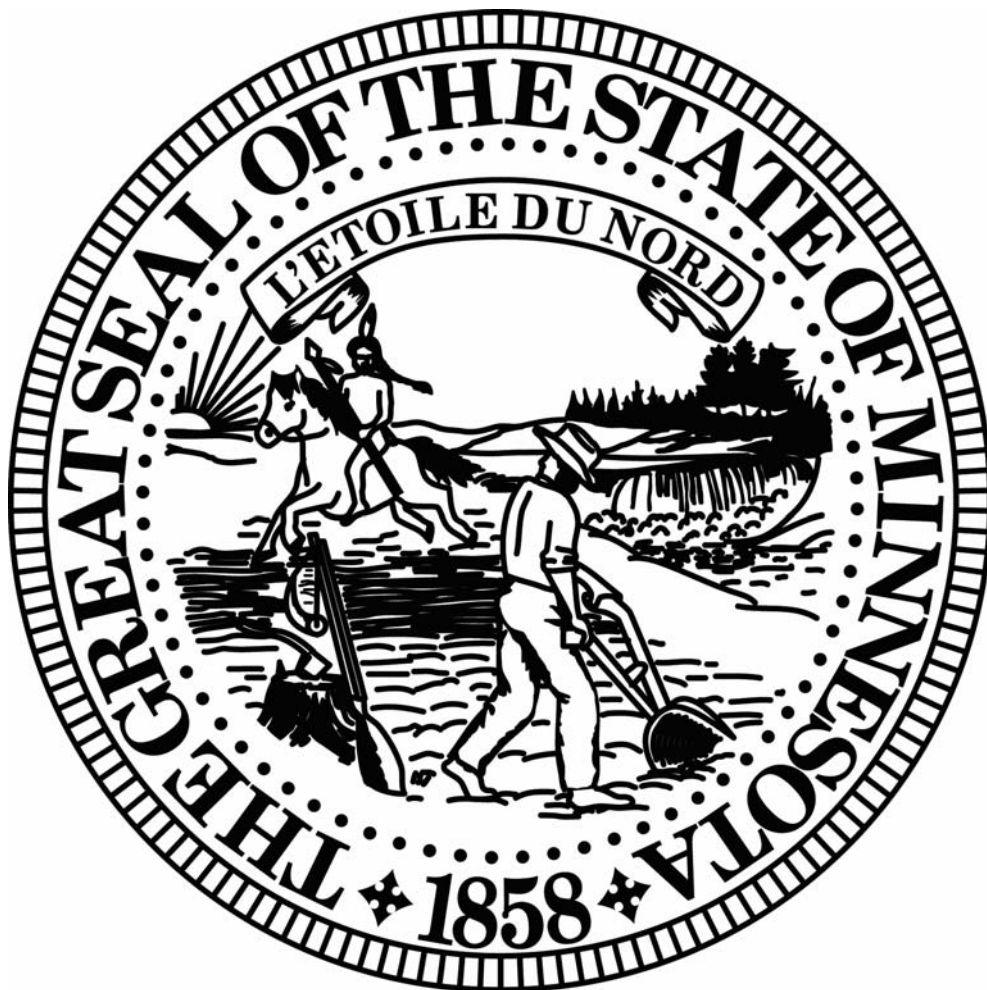
On behalf of the council, please accept my thanks for the support we receive from the Minnesota Legislature. This has been particularly important as federal resources have been dramatically reduced. If you have any questions or concerns related to the work of the council or the multijurisdictional task forces that operate throughout the state, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rodney L. Bartsh".

Rodney L. Bartsh, Chair  
Wabasha County Sheriff

Cc: Commissioner Michael Campion, Department of Public Safety  
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**MINNESOTA GANG AND DRUG  
OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
2009 Annual Report to the Legislature  
(MN Statutes §299A.641, subd. 12)

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## **BACKGROUND**

The 2005 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation to improve coordination of gang and drug enforcement efforts throughout the state. To ensure an effective outcome, the legislature established a Gang and Drug Oversight Council (“Council”) to provide guidance related to the investigation and prosecution of gang and drug crime. One of the Council’s primary responsibilities is to establish multijurisdictional task forces to combat gang and drug crime throughout the state. To support their efforts, the legislature currently appropriates \$10.1 million in funding for the SFY 08-09 biennium.

The Council is comprised of 32 voting members that represent federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecution agencies. Effective in 2007, two non-voting legislative members now serve on the Council: Senator Linda Higgins and Representative Debra Hilstrom. The Council’s primary duty is to “develop an overall strategy to ameliorate the harm caused to the public by gang and drug crime within the state of Minnesota. In addition, the Council is charged with additional responsibilities that include (1) establishing a Metro Gang Strike Force, a St. Cloud Metro Gang Strike Force and other multijurisdictional task forces to combat gang and drug crime, (2) selecting a Statewide Coordinator to coordinate, facilitate and monitor all the task forces, (3) working with the Department of Public Safety to develop a grant process and funding recommendations, (4) adopting criteria and identifying characteristics for use in determining whether individuals are or may be members of gangs involved in criminal activity, and (5) assisting in developing an information sharing system and operating budget.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITY and ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The 2005 legislation was effective July 1, 2005, and the Council was in place and holding their first meeting shortly thereafter. The Council operates according to By-Laws established in early 2006. A chair and vice chair are selected in even numbered years and they guide the Council at bi-monthly meetings. By the end of 2006, the Council had met their statutory obligations:

- Created a Metro Gang Strike Force, St. Cloud Metro Gang Strike Force and twenty multijurisdictional gang and drug task forces.
- Selected a Statewide Drug and Gang Coordinator.
- Developed a statewide strategy.
- Adopted criteria and identifying characteristics for use in determining suspected or confirmed gang members.
- Determined the critical design elements that must be in place for a task force to be eligible for grant funding.
- Developed a sound request for proposal (RFP) and objective and conflict-free grant review process in order to establish grant awards for multijurisdictional task forces.
- Developed an annual operating budget.

- Published an Operating Procedures and Guidelines Manual to which all funded task forces must adhere in order to ensure proper investigative protocols and record keeping.

The Council's role has now evolved after meeting their initial responsibilities. Its primary functions at this point are to:

- Monitor gang and drug trends throughout the state. In doing so, the Council can inform stakeholders of emerging threats and ensure that there are adequate financial and other resources to address emerging gang and drug crimes.
- Monitor the work of the multijurisdictional task forces. The Council believes in accountability and in rewarding the most effective efforts and in providing needed technical assistance to those task forces that have not yet achieved their full potential.
- Identify promising strategies at the regional and federal level that could be replicated throughout the state in order to improve operating effectiveness and outcomes.
- Develop an overall annual budget and determine grant eligibility parameters and awards. This includes monitoring federal legislation related to the Byrne/JAG formula grant program and how proposed and approved funding levels will affect Minnesota efforts.
- Review proposed state and federal legislation that could impact the effectiveness and outcomes of task force operations. This includes legislation related to criminal procedure, sentencing and data practices. As appropriate, the Council establishes its position on issues and communicates it to appropriate policymakers.
- Meet periodically with the Councils of Color to discuss the Council's plan, activities, and decisions.

Specifically, the Council did the following in 2008:

- Discussed semi-annual presentations from Department of Public Safety staff related to statistical data and case summaries provided by task forces.
- Reviewed bi-monthly briefings from the Metro Gang Strike Force Commander, Statewide Gang and Drug Coordinator and the Law Enforcement Training Coordinator.
- Approved the task force "Report Card" elements to be reviewed during the 2008 review process and reviewed individual task force reports. Utilized performance and Report Card information to make funding decisions for 2009.

- Discussed a presentation from the Chemical Health Director at the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) addressing drug trends and Minnesota's treatment efforts. At the Council's request, DHS subsequently presented information on opiate addiction treatment and guidelines and monitoring for methadone programs.
- Reviewed and discussed the growing prescription drug abuse problem. The Council heard a presentation from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Office of Diversion Control. Members discussed efforts underway in prescription abuse enforcement, prevention, turn-in programs, and disposal issues.
- Monitored the planning for the installation of the RISSafe deconfliction system. RISSafe is a web-based law enforcement event monitoring system that alerts law enforcement agencies to operational event conflicts that could compromise officer safety.
- Reviewed and discussed a presentation from the DEA related to indicators that, in Minnesota, Mexican traffickers control the transportation, distribution, and bulk sales of cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, and black-tar heroin and that street gangs control distribution at the retail level.
- Closely followed and commented on 2008 legislation related to medical marijuana, hemp, and task force funding. Followed the efforts of a working group created by the 2008 Legislature to conduct a comprehensive review of Minnesota's controlled substance laws, including sentencing guidelines and policies, to determine whether changes to these laws should be made. Two members of the Council served on the working group.
- Appointed a legislative subcommittee to discuss 2009 issues relevant to the law enforcement community and to establish positions on issues related to the sharing of intelligence data, the availability of CIBRS to task forces, law enforcement access to records related to the sale of pseudoephedrine, medical marijuana and drug sentencing.

## **2009 GOALS**

In addition to its ongoing duties and functions, the Gang and Drug Oversight Council intends to address the specific issues noted below. Some of these large-scale goals are on-going from the previous year and some goals have recently been added.

On-going Development of a Metro Area Enforcement Strategy - How can we make sure that all task forces and specialized local units have strategies and tools to work together in the most effective manner given that they may be targeting the same crimes and same criminals?

Performance Measures - Are there data elements or other information that task forces should be collecting to better demonstrate their impact on local communities?

RISSafe – The council supports the use of the RISSafe deconfliction system and will continue to work to ensure its successful implementation and appropriate use by all task forces in Minnesota.

Coordination with Tribal Law Enforcement - In task force regions that include reservations and where multijurisdictional task forces have tribal law enforcement participating or coordinating with task force operations, results have been enhanced. What action can be taken to reduce barriers and encourage tribal participation on task forces?

Use of Technology/Data Practices - Case management systems and technology have the capacity to improve operating efficiency and case outcomes. What data sharing barriers exist in legislation that inhibit the appropriate sharing of data? What models exist on the effective use of technology? What training and/or equipment is needed by task forces to improve effectiveness? How do we provide task forces with these resources?

Prevention – How can the Council best support the prevention and public education efforts of task forces and other providers of these services?

Coordination of Efforts with Federal Agencies – Over the past two years, task forces throughout the state have benefited from close working relationships with federal law enforcement agencies such as the DEA, ATF and FBI. How can the council resolve jurisdictional issues and further encourage and enhance federal-local partnerships?

Emerging Trends – Results and reports from 2008 indicate emerging trends that must be addressed: the illegal sale and theft of prescription medications; an increase in the number of meth labs being seized; increases in the use of heroin by young adults; and an increasing number of large scale marijuana grow operations. The council will ask all task forces to make verbal presentation to the Council and local stakeholders in 2009. The presentations will provide further detail to the Council on emerging trends, promising strategies and barriers that need to be addressed at a statewide level.

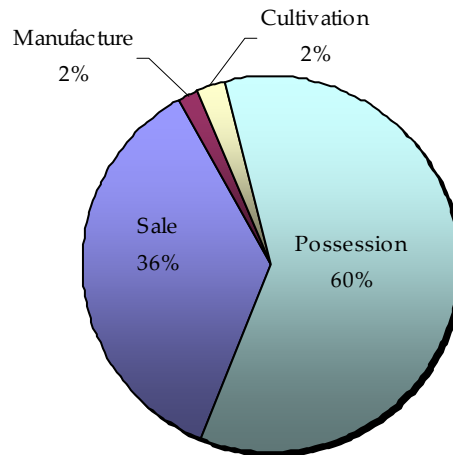
Disposal of Prescription Drug and Illegal Substances – Law enforcement throughout the state have seized/collected vast quantities of illegal drugs and prescription medications. At times, task forces have encountered difficulty in disposing of these substances. The Council will work with the Pollution Control Agency and Pharmacy Board to determine safe and effective means of disposal of these substances.

## RESULTS OF 2008 TASK FORCE OPERATIONS

The true measure of the Council's effectiveness is the outcomes of the multijurisdictional task forces that it creates and supports. The following is a summary of task force efforts throughout the state.

**Drug Enforcement** - In calendar year 2008, over 140 officers participated in 20 task forces statewide covering 58 counties that contain over 86% of the state's population. These task forces made 4,285 arrests for narcotics violations with 93.6% of the arrests at a felony-level. Individuals prosecuted at the federal level numbered 249. Of the arrests, 34.3% were for methamphetamine, 28.6% for marijuana and 23% for cocaine. In the course of their investigations, task forces seized 49 methamphetamine labs, 91 pounds of cocaine/crack cocaine, 87.2 pounds of methamphetamine, 14,351 dosage units of prescription drugs, over 1,884 pounds of marijuana and 7,538 cultivated marijuana plants. Firearm seizures totaled 726. In addition to drug arrests, task force officers made 405 arrests for other criminal activity. It is important to note that beyond their objective of combating drug trafficking through law enforcement, task force officers spent a significant amount of time educating the public about drugs and gangs. In 2008, task force officers made 439 presentations with a total attendance of 16,020 people. Finally, task force officers sought to develop their professional skills, completing over 10,000 hours of POST certified training.

### 2008 Arrest Data by Drug Act

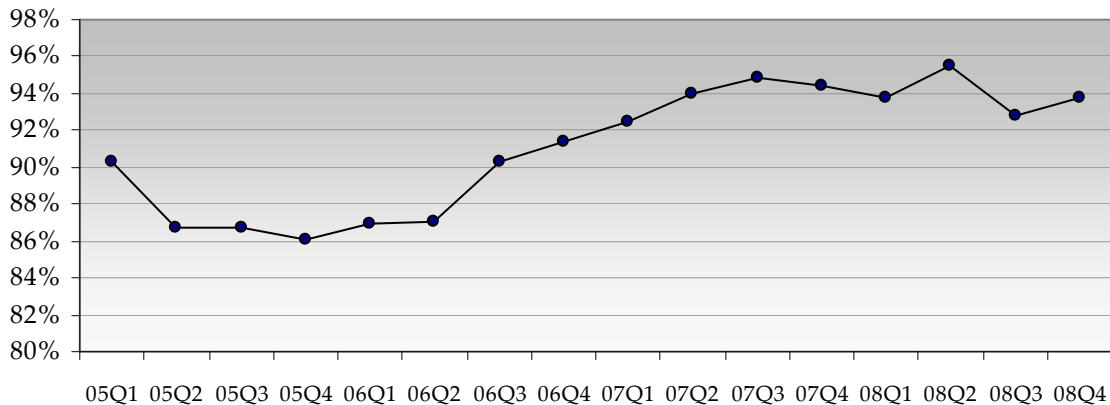


Results since 2007 indicate that task forces are improving and addressing what the Council intends: major cases that have the potential to significantly affect drug trafficking and related crimes within their regions. Working these complex cases requires collaboration with other task forces, as well as other local, state and federal agencies. Data from 2008 indicates the highest level of case coordination in the 20 years that task forces have been funded in Minnesota.

The year 2007 saw the highest results ever in terms of: percentage of felony arrests, percentage of cases prosecuted federally, and arrests for drug sales. Results in 2008 were down somewhat and this appears to be related to the impact of more large scale, time-consuming cases, but also to vacancies and turnover in task force personnel as a result of local budget issues.

## Felony Arrests

Percentage of Total Arrests by Quarter



**Gang Enforcement** – In 2008 results from the Metro Gang Strike Force, the St. Cloud Metro Gang Strike Force and gang officers attached to narcotics task forces in Greater Minnesota were equally impressive.

### ❖ Metro Gang Strike Force

There are 32 investigators and two commanders assigned to the metro region from thirteen local agencies. Three analysts and several federal enforcement officers are also assigned to the strike force. In 2007, the Metro Gang Strike Force (MGSF) posted the highest statistical outcomes in its ten-year history. In 2008, the numbers were slightly lower, but this was more a result of several major cases that occurred this past year. This year, metro investigators made 615 arrests of gang members with 437 of the arrests involving felony-level criminal activity. Eighty-three of the arrests were filed federally and charged through the U.S. Attorney's Office. The arrests included crimes of homicide, aggravated assault, robbery, sex offenses and narcotic violations. These investigations required the execution of 219 search warrants. An additional 438 arrests were made and 69 search warrants executed while assisting other police agencies. Investigators seized 122 firearms and a substantial quantity of narcotics: 1,323 pounds of marijuana, 80 pounds of cocaine/crack cocaine and 47 pounds of methamphetamine. The seized narcotics have a street value in excess of \$10 million. In addition to their enforcement duties, investigators conducted training for criminal justice system partners and made presentations to civic and school groups. A variety of topics related to gang characteristics, gang investigations and gang prosecution were presented to 67 groups totaling 3,524 people.



The MGSF served the metropolitan area in a variety of ways. It worked with federal agencies on long term organized crime cases involving gangs, initiated and assisted on local investigations involving criminal gang activity, gathered and shared information on suspected and confirmed gang members and worked with local departments on saturation details to prevent or address gang activity that negatively impacts citizen safety and quality of life in the metro area. One noteworthy achievement in 2008 was the collaboration with the City of Columbia Heights to target the "Circle Terrace Boys." This gang had a history of shootings, assaults, burglaries and other crimes that had a profound effect on the community. MGSF investigators working with Columbia Heights investigators targeted gang territory in the city and executed several search warrants where guns and narcotics were recovered. As a result of this effort, the crime rate in that part of Columbia Heights is down 30% according to the chief of police.

As part of its mission, the MGSF maintains the Gang Pointer File. This system was created to identify and track gang members in the state and to ensure that accurate information is available to all law enforcement agencies. Once confirmed, the gang member's information is posted in the gang pointer file until 3 years have elapsed without further activity. There are currently 2,438 confirmed gang members in the system representing 400 different organized criminal gangs. The gangs with the highest number of confirmed gang members in the state are: Gangster Disciples (455), Latin Kings (126), Vice Lords (145), Surenos 13 (106), White Power (105), Black P Stones (97), and Prison Motorcycle Brotherhood (82). During 2008 there were 23,561 "hits" indicating a confirmed gang member had contact with a law enforcement officer somewhere in the State of Minnesota. This is a 23% increase when compared to 2007.

#### ❖ St. Cloud Metro Gang Strike Force

This multijurisdictional effort between the City of St. Cloud and Sherburne County began in 2007 with a change to the statutes requiring the Council to create this strike force. In its second year of operation, this unit made 133 felony-level drug arrests. Sixteen of the individuals arrested were confirmed gang members. Thirteen additional arrests were made for felony-level violent offenses and ten of those arrested were confirmed gang members. Forty-two additional arrests were made for Part II offenses other than narcotics or probation violation or outstanding warrants. Three individuals were prosecuted federally. In the course of their work they executed 18 search warrants, seized 7 firearms, and took quantities of crack, marijuana and meth off the streets. The St. Cloud Metro Gang Strike Force added 61 suspected gang members into the state system. They responded to 89 requests for assistance from other agencies and expended 462 person hours in doing so. In addition to their enforcement duties they gave 12 presentations to a total of 495 people.

The St. Cloud Metro Gang Strike Force has 86 confirmed gang members in its area with the largest gang being the Gangster Disciples. Their number of confirmed gang members and Gang Pointer file inquiries are the largest outside of the metropolitan

area. The strike force added 61 suspected gang members into the state system in 2008.

#### ❖ Gang Officers in Greater Minnesota

In 2008, there were 9 task forces outside the metro area that had a total of 17 assigned gang officers. These officers worked hand in hand with the drug agents and their specialized knowledge of gangs, gang crimes and gang members enhanced the work of the task forces. These officers also consistently coordinated information and investigations with the metro gang strike forces. Specifically, of the arrests noted above under “drug enforcement,” 177 of the arrests were of suspected or confirmed gang members. Of the non-drug arrests noted, there were 42 violent Part I crimes, 20 non-violent Part I crimes and 41 Part II crimes committed by suspected or confirmed gang members. In addition, 58 individuals were arrested for outstanding warrants or probation violation. Thirty-three of those arrested were charged federally and 1 individual received enhanced sentences pursuant to MS 609.229. Seventeen handguns were seized from the individuals noted above.

#### ❖ Violent Offender Task Forces

Newly funded in 2008 are two task forces in Hennepin County that target violent offenders. The Violent Offender Task Forces (VOTFs) were started as a new strategy in combating violent crimes which were increasing in Minneapolis and the surrounding suburbs.

Analyses of the problem showed clearly that the vast majority of the violence was due to guns and drugs but, more importantly, that the same individuals were at the core of the problem time and time again. An overloaded system was ineffectively dealing with the same repeat violent offenders continually engaged in narcotics trafficking, gang activity and related violence.

To deal with these challenges, task forces were formed made up of local and federal investigators and prosecutors. The rationale behind the VOTFs is: rather than target a specific crime (i.e. narcotics, robbery, etc.), target the individuals who are repeatedly causing the violent crimes. The methods of investigation in these cases are lengthy, complex and resource intensive.

In 2008, the two Violent Offender Task Forces demonstrated very meaningful results. The VOTFs executed 188 search warrants and seized 108 firearms, including 77 handguns and 8 semi-automatic weapons. Substantial amounts of narcotics were also seized including: 13.5 pounds of cocaine and crack cocaine, 570 pounds of marijuana, one-half pound of methamphetamine, a quarter pound of heroin and over 13,000 doses of ecstasy. They arrested 249 individuals for narcotics violations, of which 125 were confirmed gang members. Sixty-five individuals were arrested for violent crimes and 35 were confirmed gang members. Ninety-seven of the individuals arrested were accepted for federal prosecution. Of those that are federally

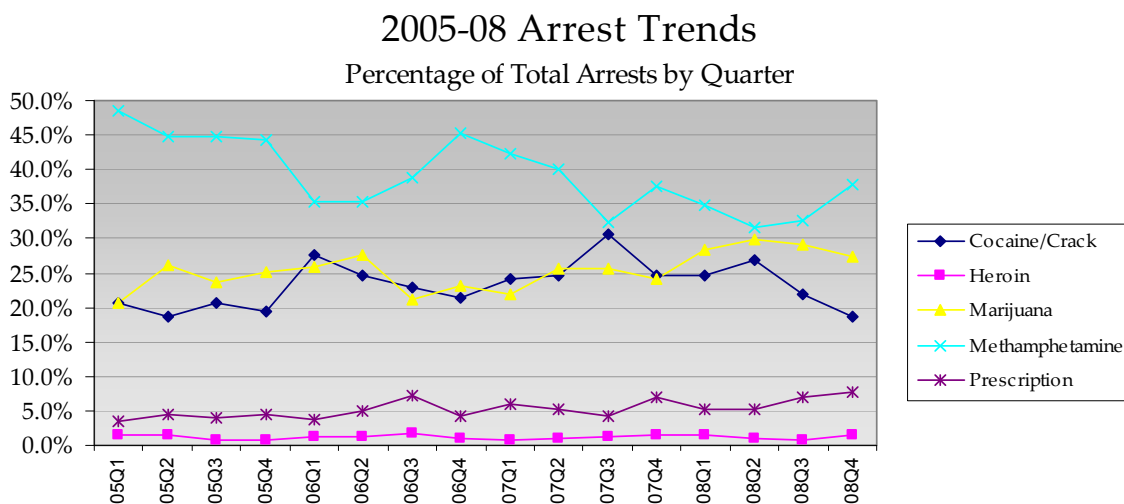
indicted, almost all dependents plead guilty to crimes that will result in sentences averaging ten years. In addition to their own arrests, the two VOTFs participated in the arrests of 91 other individuals while responding to requests for assistance from other law enforcement entities.

There are several excellent examples of the impact that the VOTFs are having on the quality of life and crime within neighborhoods in the metro area. The Minneapolis VOTF targeted individuals responsible for a great deal of violence in south Minneapolis. There have been no gang related murders in the last year and this in a unique circumstance when looking back ten years. In another case, an individual was targeted who purchases from legitimate gun stores and then obliterates the serial numbers and sells the guns to convicted felons, many of them gang members from North Minneapolis. The Hennepin County VOTF has partnered with the Sheriff's Warrant Unit to conduct home visits and warrant sweeps on Hennepin County's Top 20 violent juvenile offenders. In one noteworthy case, Hennepin VOTF officers were investigating a marijuana distribution network. Two search warrants were executed yielding the seizure of 140 pounds of marijuana, 3 handguns, a vehicle and \$60,000. The investigation revealed co-conspirators in Southern Minnesota and California.

### GANG AND DRUG TRENDS

A review of the 2008 statistical results, quarterly reports completed by all multijurisdictional task forces, and continuing discussions with task force commanders illuminate some interesting gang and drug trends in the State of Minnesota.

The abuse and illicit trade of pharmaceutical drugs continue to increase significantly. While community awareness of the growing problem is improving, rising abuse of pharmaceutical products persists and task force regions have reported increased unauthorized possession of pharmaceutical narcotics, especially Oxycontin. The prevalence of prescription drug abuse within college communities was noted in some task force areas.



There is a trend within the metropolitan area where individuals from outside the city limits come into the central cities to commit crimes and then return to their suburban homes. This is true for both the buyers and sellers of controlled substances. This trend reinforces the need for multijurisdictional task forces willing and able to share information and resources.

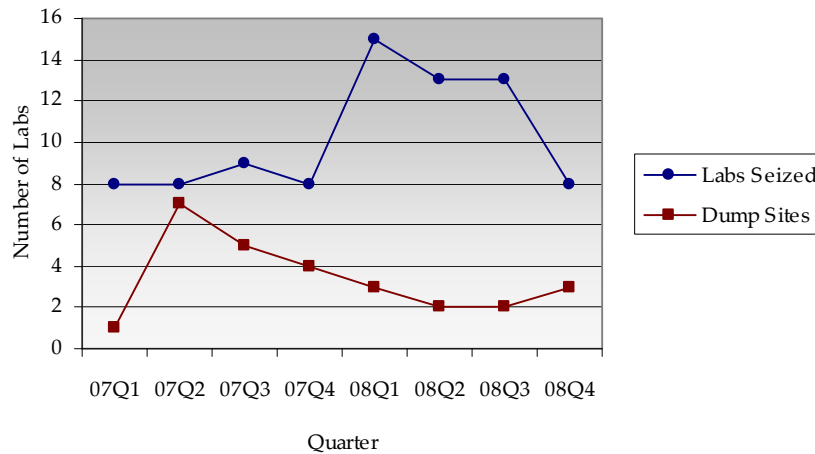
There has been an evolution of hybrid gangs in the metropolitan area. Individuals may join one or more of these loosely affiliated “gangs” that have no hierarchy or code of conduct. In the case of hybrid gangs, rival gang members are more apt to work together in criminal endeavors.

Gang activity in rural areas also continues to rise. Task force officers in Mankato reported on the increase of gang involvement with narcotics distribution in their community in 2008. The area continues to see an influx of gang members re-locating from Chicago for the purpose of distributing narcotics. Members of the Black P Stones and Gangster Disciple street gangs are the most consistent new arrivals.

The Surenos 13 is the fastest growing gang in Minnesota. This is a gang that has a history of violence and connections to drug cartels in South America. Another growing gang threat in Minnesota, particularly within the Twin Cities, is from the evolution of Somali gangs. Somali gangs have been involved in inter-gang homicides and assaults. It has been difficult for law enforcement to penetrate these gangs due to the very closed network that they establish.

Meth lab seizures increased in 2008, with a 48.5% jump from 2007. The spike in local methamphetamine production is attributed to rising costs of imported methamphetamine and the “smurfing” of precursor ingredients from pharmacies and retailers. In 2005, the legislature passed a law requiring cold medicines containing pseudoephedrine to be placed behind pharmacy counters and also requiring purchasers to provide identification and sign a log book before purchasing these drugs. Unfortunately, it did not establish a statewide database of purchases and had no provision mandating pharmacies to provide access to these records to law enforcement. In 2008, task forces reported an increase in “smurfing” activity by which meth producers circumvented the 2005 law by visiting multiple pharmacies and utilizing multiple purchasers. Because no statewide system exists to easily aggregate data from multiple stores to identify high quantity purchasing, “smurfing” has become an effective mechanism to procure sufficient precursor ingredients necessary for manufacturing methamphetamine.

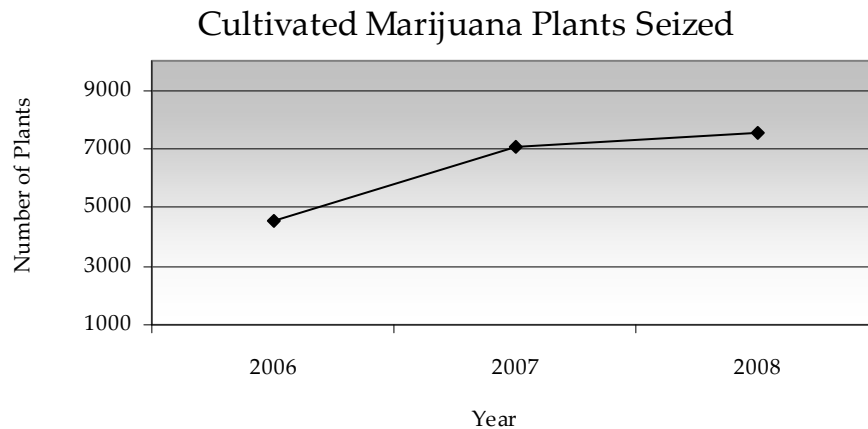
## 2007-08 Meth Lab Data



The amount of methamphetamine seized in 2008 increased 27.3% from 2007 to total 87.2 pounds in 2008. Though arrests related to meth were 544 (27%) fewer than in 2007, more arrests were made for methamphetamine than any other substance and represented 34.3% of all task force drug arrests in 2008. Meth remains the single largest concern for most of the task force regions in the state with alarming rates of property crimes, child abuse and neglect, and drains on social services agencies related to methamphetamine addiction. While the increases are cause for concern, methamphetamine seizure and arrest levels are still lower than during the 2002-2006 reporting years.

Task forces have reported the prevalence of heroin increasing. Multiple overdoses statewide have caused local concern as have some reported instances of juveniles and college age students using heroin. Some task force regions have reported that the diversion of methadone from legitimate recipients and subsequent methadone abuse is also a growing problem.

Indoor marijuana grow operations are becoming more prevalent, and operations are often more sophisticated than has been seen in the past. Nationwide, the environmental and health hazards of such operations are becoming apparent. The potency of marijuana has risen with higher concentrations of THC found in seized samples. Task forces have also reported an increase in the street price of marijuana.



## LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council has no specific legislative recommendations at this time but is closely following legislation related to the following topic areas: Chapter 13 as it relates to the sharing of investigative information, medical marijuana, pharmacy requirements to provide certain drug purchase information to law enforcement, and drug sentencing. As appropriate, the council may formally adopt positions on currently introduced or anticipated legislation addressing these areas.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Gang and Drug Case Summaries
- Methamphetamine Enforcement Statistics
  - Map of 2009 Gang and Drug Task Forces
- List of 2009 Gang and Drug Task Force Grants
- List of Gang and Drug Oversight Council Members

**Minutes from recent meetings, upcoming agenda and meeting schedule for the Gang & Drug Oversight Council are posted at <http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/cj/gdoc/>.**

## GANG and DRUG CASE SUMMARIES

The following are selected summaries of completed or active investigations. These are examples as to the types of investigations and types of illegal activities being committed by the different criminal elements throughout the state.

- **Anoka-Hennepin Task Force** officers conducted a bust in Fridley which resulted in the seizure of one pound of methamphetamine. Two follow-up search warrants resulted in an additional 79 grams of methamphetamine, 3 grams of cocaine, \$6,000 US currency, and four arrests. Five children were placed by Child Protection.
- Officers of the **West Central Drug Task Force** made a controlled delivery of Sudafed tablets to a suspect in the Fergus Falls area and conducted surveillance of the suspect by means of tracking devices, leading to the seizure of two active meth labs. In another case, task force officers seized 115 marijuana plants, over 1 ounce of methamphetamine, 7 long guns, and 2 handguns after conducting a search warrant on a residence in Alexandria. Two individuals were charged and plead guilty in that case.
- After a series of controlled buys of methamphetamine, the **Dakota County Drug Task Force** worked with the St. Paul Police Narcotics Unit in another investigation and executed two search warrants resulting in the seizure 2.5 lbs of methamphetamine, \$14,533 US currency, and 3 vehicles. The DCDTF also assisted St. Paul Police in another case resulting in the seizure of 4.8 lbs of cocaine, 7 ounces of heroin, 2 handguns, \$7,177 US currency, and a Ford Taurus.
- In April, **Lake Superior Drug & Gang Task Force** investigators, in cooperation with ATF, developed information about an individual transporting substantial quantity of crack-cocaine cocaine from Chicago, IL, to the Twin Cities. The suspect is believed to have supplied several dealers in the Duluth/Superior area. With the assistance of the Minnesota State Patrol, an interdiction traffic stop was conducted as he was returning from Chicago, IL. Approximately 7 ounces of crack-cocaine was found in the vehicle.
- In June, **Red River Valley Drug Task Force** officers conducted an interview at a home in Perley. There, officers observed several ounces of marijuana and several rifles in plain view. While a warrant was being prepared, officers saw the homeowner drive by the residence. One officer followed the homeowner, approaching and identifying himself to the suspect. Upon doing so, the suspect turned his back to the officer, reached into his pocket, and turned back to the officer with a .22 caliber revolver under his own chin. The suspect pulled the trigger in an apparent suicide attempt, but the gun malfunctioned and did not fire. The suspect threw the weapon and was apprehended. The search warrant of the residence resulted in the seizure of 30 lbs of marijuana, 14 rifles, 2 handguns, a large grocery bag full of counterfeit money, and chemicals commonly used for making bombs.
- **Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force** officers utilized a cooperating individual to make cocaine purchases totaling half an ounce of cocaine from two sources, leading to the execution of a search warrant on a residence occupied by a single male suspected of selling large amounts of cocaine in Mankato and North Mankato. Officers seized cocaine and a number of video tapes containing sexually explicit recordings of younger women (18+) engaged in acts for the purpose of being supplied with cocaine by the suspect.
- The **Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force** extended their partnership with Minnesota State University Security, conducting an investigation involving a student suspected of distributing LSD from campus housing. After an undercover agent was able to purchase 20 hits of acid, the suspect was arrested.

- The **Southeast Minnesota Drug Task Force** concluded a lengthy major narcotics/forged documents investigation with federal ICE agents. Controlled buys were made of forged documents and narcotics involving undocumented individuals. One of the buys included purchasing the laptop computer and software program for making the false documents. The investigation concluded with a buy-bust of over 5 ounces of methamphetamine. Three subsequent search warrants were executed and an additional laptop computer and software program for making false documents were seized along with two vehicles. Three individuals were arrested and charged federally causing a major disruption in the distribution of forged documents and methamphetamine to the SEMNGTF area.
- Investigators with the **Southeast Minnesota Drug Task Force** worked cooperatively with the Des Moines, Iowa Police Department to arrest a target living in Stewartville, MN, who was a major marijuana dealer in the task force area. The mutual investigation resulted in Des Moines PD seizing 12 lbs of marijuana and \$30,000 cash along with investigators with the SEMNGTF seizing 5 lbs of marijuana and approximately \$25,000 in cash along with several guns.
- The **Northwest Metro Drug Task Force** worked with the DEA in Minneapolis and Des Moines to disrupt a large marijuana distribution ring in the Twin Cities. A search warrant was served at a residence netting a felony amount of marijuana and a large amount of cash. Follow-up warrants seized funds in bank accounts, and approximately \$260,000 in cash was seized in total. The Task Force also responded to a heroin overdose in Hopkins, determining the source of the heroin that killed the victim of the overdose and beginning an investigation into the suspected heroin dealer. The DTF organized a case to purchase heroin from the suspect and arrested him for the death of the overdose victim.
- In July, the **Northwest Metro Drug Task Force** had a record seizure of cocaine. A local cocaine dealer was arrested at the end of June and cooperated with investigators by revealing his source, leading to 5 bigger sources. In the end, approximately 24 kilos of cocaine were confiscated, along with \$190,000, 7 handguns, and 7 vehicles. Six suspects will be charged federally.
- In May, the **Buffalo Ridge Gang & Drug Task Force** acted on information provided by a concerned citizen and executed a search warrant at a rural Currie residence. The execution of the search warrant resulted in the seizure of a marijuana grow operation of 114 plants, several pounds of harvested marijuana, cash, 14 firearms, and 65 detonators for a hand held rocket launcher.
- The **Hennepin County Violent Offender Task Force** has been working with the Department of Corrections identifying leaders and members of gangs operating within Hennepin County. Two high ranking gang members with violent histories have been identified and surveillance has resulted in the recovery of a firearm and narcotics. Information enabling further investigations regarding other gang members was also gleaned. In February, information was developed about possible straw purchasing of weapons. Surveillance and warrants resulted in the seizure of narcotics and multiple weapons, including assault rifles.
- Investigators with the **Minneapolis Violent Offender Task Force** collaborated with the U.S. State Department in a case involving a “twice-deported felon” with convictions including homicide and robbery living in north Minneapolis. MPD VOTF officers located the suspect’s residence and with the assistance of the Minneapolis SWAT team entered and apprehended the suspect. The team seized evidence against the suspect and recovered 13 guns.
- The **Lake Superior Drug & Gang Task Force** was involved with a joint federal conspiracy investigation of individuals involved in the distribution and sale of significant quantities of cocaine base, interstate promotion of prostitution and the distribution and sale of “boot-legged” movies. In the last weeks of July, 2007, the LSDGTF and ATF planned and coordinated an arrest operation in Duluth and the Twin Cities after federal arrest warrants were issued for 29 defendants, all



charged in a 69 count federal indictment related to drug trafficking crimes. This investigation involved the distribution and sale of nearly 60 kilos of crack cocaine in Duluth and Superior over a two year period. Since the arrests of the initial twenty nine defendants, investigators have identified the twelve different gang affiliations or suspected gang associations in regards to these defendants, which include a conglomeration of Black P Stones, Vice Lords, Native Mob, Black Gangsters, Mickey Cobras and Gangster Disciples.

- In Brooklyn Center, a buy/walk by the **Anoka-Hennepin Drug Task Force** of 1.6 grams of crack led to a search warrant yielding 45.4 grams of cocaine, 589 ecstasy tabs, 3.7 ounces of marijuana, as well as seizures of 5 firearms, 2 vehicles and \$47,280. The case was adopted by the DEA for federal prosecution. In West St. Paul, detectives assisted the DEA on a reversal sale for three kilos of cocaine. Over \$72,000 in cash was seized by the DEA. The case is being charged by the DEA in federal court.
- In a search warrant in Moundsview, a target that initially fled from police was found to have 10.2 grams of meth and \$7957. **Anoka-Hennepin Drug Task Force** members executed a search warrant at his residence immediately and a female in the residence was discovered in the act of flushing narcotics down the toilet. After the female stated she flushed ¼ pound of meth and had also swallowed 3 grams, she was taken to the hospital via ambulance. By year end, the task force seized 107 weapons seized and executed 242 search warrants for a total of 821 arrests. Over 50 children were placed by social services as a result of AHDTF investigations.
- A search warrant was executed by the **BLR Drug Task Force** on a high-grade marijuana dealer in Marshall and multiple ounces of marijuana and \$4700 was seized. A DOC fugitive was also arrested. The Task Force is wrapping up another investigation with ATF on the Lower Sioux Reservation in which two major native gang members will be facing Federal prosecution on firearms and narcotics charges.
- In October, the **Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force** worked with local agencies to develop probable cause for a search warrant of the residence of a long time Worthington meth dealer. The BRDTF conducted surveillance and learned that the target was supplying numerous other smalltime dealers throughout the area. Methamphetamine, marijuana, and cash were seized. The target, who had been previously convicted of meth charges, had been out of prison for less than a year.
- As part of a **Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force** investigation, the task force intercepted a large UPS package bound for Worthington at a UPS hub. A search of the package pursuant to a search warrant yielded approximately 43 pounds of marijuana. It was discovered that at least two additional packages had been shipped by the suspects. One of the packages was located a few days later when it arrived at the same UPS hub and a search resulted in the seizure of an additional 42 pounds of marijuana.
- In December, the **Central MN Gang & Drug Task Force** concluded investigating a suspect selling large quantities of methamphetamine to numerous lower level dealers in Morrison and Benton County and in the St. Cloud metro area. Officers conducted controlled buys using a cooperating individual and obtained a search warrant for the residence. At the residence another suspect, a female, was approximately 8 months pregnant and in possession of methamphetamine on her person. She admitted using methamphetamine despite being aware that she was pregnant, and stated she had not yet seen a doctor for any prenatal care for the child. She was arrested for Fifth Degree controlled substance violations and held in Morrison County Jail. Social Services from Morrison County were advised of the situation and were prepared to take custody of the newborn child at the time of birth.
- On July 16, 2008, the **Dakota County Drug Task Force** arrested a St Paul man in White Bear Lake possessing approximately one ounce of methamphetamine. The suspect cooperated with the DCDTF and set up a narcotic transaction in the city of West St Paul. As a result, one adult

male was arrested in the parking lot of a West St Paul Menards while delivering 3 ounces of methamphetamine. A follow up knock-and-talk was conducted at the suspect's possible residence. After consent was given at the West St Paul apartment, a search revealed an additional 7-8 ounces of methamphetamine and \$5,300 in U.S. currency.

- In July, the **Dakota County Drug Task Force** was assisted by the FBI on an ecstasy investigation. The undercover officer made arrangements through a confidential informant to purchase 100,000 dosage units of ecstasy. After the U.C. "flashed" approximately \$200,000 of drug money in which to purchase the ecstasy, 2 of the 4 suspects flashed the undercover officer the ecstasy. As a result, all four suspects were arrested. A follow-up search warrant was executed at the main suspect's New Prague home. Seized from a laundry room were an additional 50,000 dosage units of ecstasy. A second follow-up warrant was also executed which resulted in the seizure of 568 marijuana plants.
- In November, through the use of an informant, the **Dakota County Drug Task Force** made arrangements to purchase 1,000 dosage units of ecstasy. Assisted by the FBI, three Asian males were arrested in the parking lot of a Burnsville restaurant while in possession of 990 dosage units of ecstasy. Investigation indicates that the 3 Asian male that were arrested are linked to the 150,000 dosage units that the DCDTF seized on in July. As a follow-up, arrangements were made the following day to have another Asian male deliver 2,000 additional ecstasy pills to a St Paul location. Two additional males and a female were arrested while delivering the ecstasy. The DCDTF continues to see a large increase in Asian organized groups. All of the seized indoor marijuana grow operations and the majority of large ecstasy seizures are all due to Asian gangs.
- The **East Metro Drug Task Force** seized over six pounds of methamphetamine from a FedEx delivery to an address in St. Paul. The task force conducted a controlled delivery of the package and executed a search warrant on the residence. Four were arrested and will be charged federally.
- Investigators from the **East Metro Drug Task Force** received information that a former deactivated CRI for the task force was again cooking and selling meth. The task force executed a search warrant on the suspect's residence. Through multiple sources, information was developed that the suspect was very unstable and highly assaultive, always carrying large caliber weapons on him and vowing not to be taken alive and vowing to shoot a cop in the face. He had also threatened to kill others and was involved in gun pointing incidents and kidnapping drug clients. Extensive planning and research was done and eventually East Metro and Ramsey County SWAT teams developed a tactical plan for the safest possible apprehension of the suspect. The search warrant was executed and upon entry the suspect fired on the SWAT teams striking two officers. Due to the maze layout of the basement that the suspect had purposely set up, the SWAT team had to pull back. Some brief negotiations took place. Eventually entry was made and the suspect was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. An active lab was discovered along with several firearms, several ounces of finished meth and over \$17,000. One officer was grazed; the other was shot in the hand and is recovering. Through interviews it appears the neighbors had feared this individual for years and his accelerated and prolonged meth use was making him more aggressive and homicidal/suicidal.
- In July, the **Lake Superior Gang & Drug Task Force** planned and coordinated an arrest operation in Duluth and the Twin Cities after federal arrest warrants were issued for 29 defendants, all charged in a 69 count federal indictment related to drug trafficking crimes. This investigation involved the distribution and sale of nearly 60 kilos of crack cocaine in Duluth and Superior over a two year period.
- In October, the **Lake Superior Gang & Drug Task Force**, along with other federal, state, and local agencies, arrested twenty eight (28) co-conspirators involved with the distribution and sale of significant quantities of methamphetamine within the Twin Ports area. These arrests were referenced in the ATF National Weekly Report.

- During the third quarter of 2008, the **Lakes Area Drug Investigation Division** was able to target a known distributor of meth in the Crow Wing County area through the assistance of the BCA. As a result of this investigation, meth along with a large number of guns was seized. Both the male and female arrested are convicted felons. LADID had received several reports on these individuals distributing meth in the Crow Wing County area over the past 2 years. LADID noted that the arrest of these individuals has slowed the distribution of meth in that part of Crow Wing County. The BCA also assisted the **Lakes Area Drug Investigation Division** in purchasing 1 oz of methamphetamine from a significant dealer in Crow Wing County. This defendant had just gotten out of prison for a meth lab conviction in Crow Wing County. Additional arrests were made in connection with this case.
- The gang problem continues to be an ever present aspect of the narcotics investigations of the **Minnesota River Valley Gang & Drug Task Force** where crack cocaine and/or marijuana are involved. The area continues to see an influx of gang members who have decided to re-locate to its area from Chicago. Members of the Black P Stones and Gangster Disciple street gangs are the most consistent new arrivals. The DTF was recently successful in initiating the prosecution of a gang member for the enhanced crime for the benefit of a gang statute.
- Agents of the **Minnesota River Valley Gang & Drug Task Force** initiated a narcotics investigation from a cold shot via a cell phone that was seized after the arrest of a known methamphetamine distributor. Agents were successful in making contact with an ecstasy source from the cell phone and then making arrangements for this source to deliver 20 tablets to one of our undercover agents. The operation was a buy/bust, and at the time of the arrest the female defendant's passenger was found to be in possession of a loaded .38 revolver with obliterated serial numbers and an 8-ball of Cocaine. The female defendant agreed to cooperate with law enforcement and due to her knowledge of suspects in the Albert Lea area; she was turned over to the South Central DTF.
- In an effort to deter gang drug activity, the **Minnesota River Valley Gang & Drug Task Force** conducted surveillance on vehicles associated with the known gang members. After a traffic stop on a vehicle associated with a member of the Gangster Disciples, the stop led to the seizure of 11 grams of Crack Cocaine that was packaged in 28 individually wrapped baggies.
- The **Minnesota River Valley Gang & Drug Task Force** has seen an increase in the availability of ecstasy, especially on and around our college campus areas. With the assistance of a cooperating individual from the BLR DTF, agents successfully completed a controlled purchase of 100 tablets of Ecstasy from a suspect.
- The **Red River Valley Drug Task Force**, along agents from the Fargo DEA task force, has indicted several individuals on three open methamphetamine conspiracy cases. During a search warrant on one of the defendants who lives in the St. Paul area approximately \$30,000 and .75lb of methamphetamine was seized destined for the Fargo-Moorhead region.
- The **South Central Dug Task Force** was involved with a sale of a quarter kilo of cocaine to an undercover BCA agent resulting in an officer involved shooting. After the suspect struck the undercover agent with his car while he was on foot and ran into another BCA agent in his vehicle, the suspect was shot by law enforcement. The suspect died.
- In October, investigators with the **Southeast Minnesota Gang & Drug Task Force** executed a search warrant in the Twin Cities in which two individuals were arrested and subsequently charged federally with conspiracy to distribute cocaine. During the search warrant, an 8-ball of cocaine along and approximately \$15,000 were seized. The suspects arrested in the Twin Cities were a major supplier of narcotics to the SEMNGTF region.

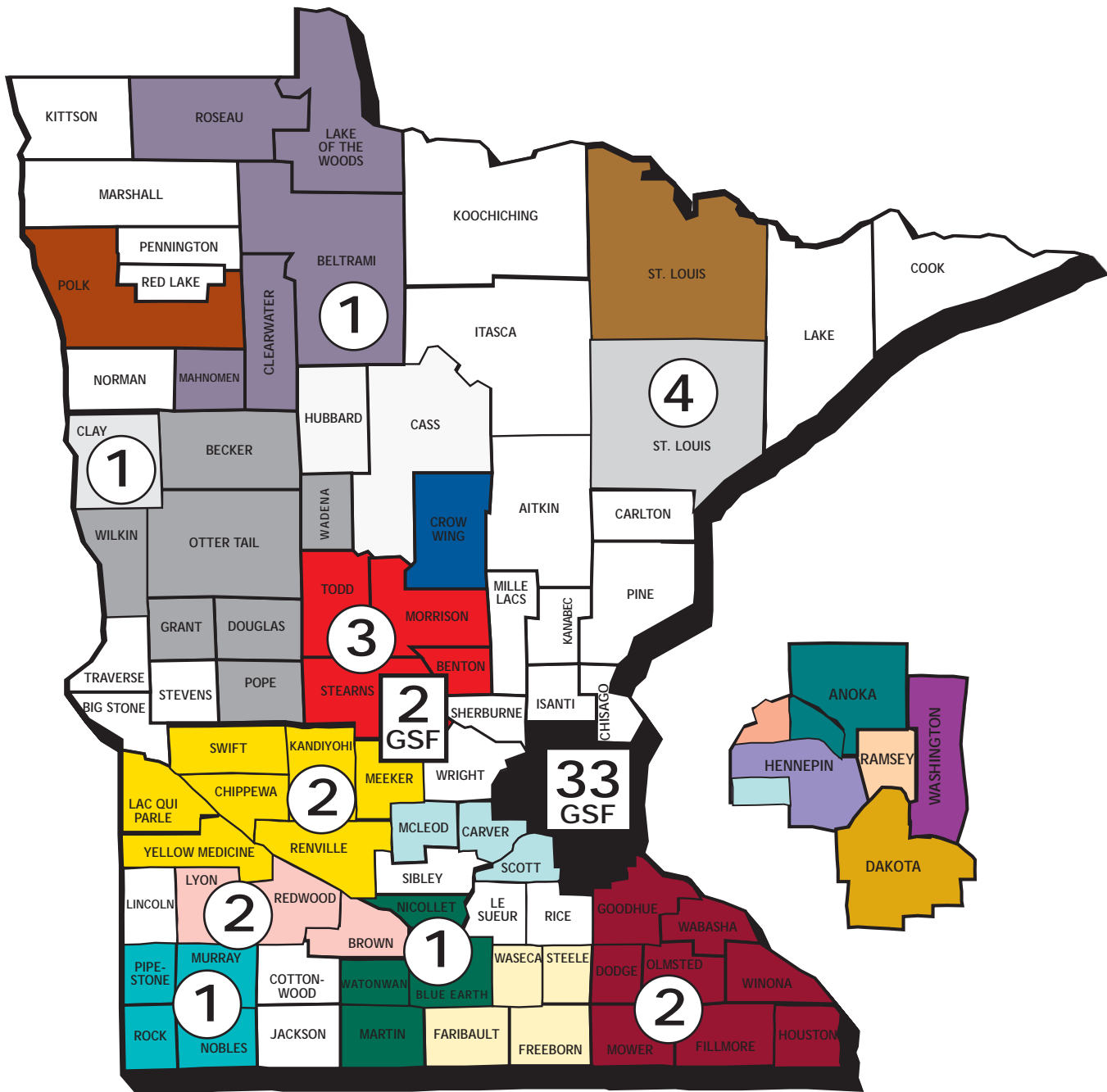
- After a lengthy investigation, **Southeast Minnesota Gang & Drug Task Force (SEMNGDTF)** investigators executed a search warrant in Rochester on large indoor marijuana grow operation. The sophisticated hydroponic grow operation used professional grow equipment and was the largest ever seen by the task force. Over 50 mature “high grade” marijuana plants along with approximately 30 pounds of packaged marijuana were seized with a street value of about \$100,000. One suspect was arrested during the investigation. Along with the marijuana grow equipment, a handgun and approximately \$700 in cash was seized. The suspect has a prior arrest for a grow operation in the Twin Cities. This arrest shut down a major supplier of marijuana to the SEMNGDTF area.
- **Southeast Minnesota Gang & Drug Task Force** investigators concluded a lengthy investigation resulting in the execution of two search warrants in Rochester and four arrests. The four arrested were charged federally for conspiracy to possess and distribute large quantities of methamphetamine. Over 500 grams of meth were seized during the investigation, as well as a loaded handgun found inside a child’s backpack. Over \$2,000 and 5 vehicles were also seized. The task force noted that methamphetamine was very difficult to find on the streets in the SEMNGTF area for a significant amount of time after the arrests.
- **Metro Gang Strike Force** investigators were involved in an OCDETF case called Operation Blazing Saddles which began in April 2007. In April 2008, the investigation was finally concluded with the arrest of 19 conspirators. At this time, all 19 have been charged in federal and state courts for their actions. In addition to the 19 suspects that were arrested, 78.67 pounds of cocaine, 36 pounds of crystal meth, 7 vehicles and \$613,000 was recovered. This investigation was a collaborative effort between the MGSF investigators and the Violent Crime Drug Squad of the Minneapolis FBI. Many of the conspirators had close ties to the Mexican Mafia who were delivering the drugs directly to Minnesota from Mexico.
- In June 2008, a **Metro Gang Strike Force** investigator was informed a Latin King Gang member was the victim of a drive-by shooting that occurred on the Lafayette Bridge in St. Paul during rush-hour traffic. MGSF Investigators along with St. Paul’s Gang Unit were able to identify the three suspects involved in the shooting and recover the firearm used in the assault. The three suspects involved in the shooting were documented Latin King Gang members; with the three witnesses to the shooting being known Gangster Disciples gang members.

## TASK FORCE METHAMPEHETAMINE STATISTICS 2002 – 2008

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	% change 2007-2008
Meth Labs	310	410	238	100	56	33	49	<b>1,196</b>	48.5%
Children Involved	*	*	37	38	20	21	13	<b>129</b>	(38.1%)
Meth Dump Sites	**	**	87	34	22	17	10	<b>170</b>	(41.2%)
Meth Seized (in pounds)	257.28	166.22	171.43	126.43	126.41	68.48	87.2	<b>1,003</b>	27.3%
Meth Arrests	2,201	2,629	2,612	2,889	2,294	2,012	1,468	<b>16,105</b>	(27.0%)
Meth Arrests as a % of total arrests	41.68%	46.22%	45.57%	50.23%	42.93%	42.52%	34.26%		(19%)
Drug Manufacture Arrests	474	627	375	153	80	74	61	<b>1,844</b>	(17.6%)
Drug Manufacture Arrests (as a % of total arrests)	8.98%	11.02%	6.54%	2.66%	1.50%	1.56%	1.60%		2.6%
* = Did not measure									
** = Did not measure and some of the lab data could have included dump sites									

# 2009 GANG AND DRUG TASK FORCES

Department of Public Safety  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS



**NARCOTICS TASK FORCES (listed north to south and west to east):**

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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Paul Bunyan Narcotics Task Force  | Southwest Metro Drug Task Force     | Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force    |
| Boundary Waters Drug Task Force   | Anoka-Hennepin Narcotics Task Force | MN River Valley Drug Task Force  |
| Lake Superior Drug Task Force   | Washington County Drug Task Force   | South Central MN Drug Task Force |
| Prairie Drug Task Force   | Northwest Metro Drug Task Force     | South East MN Drug Task Force    |
| County Shared by:<br>Red River Valley, ND and<br>West Central MN Drug Task Forces | Hennepin/Minneapolis Narcotics TF   | Areas not in a Task Force        |
| West Central MN Drug Task Force   | Ramsey County Drug Task Force       |                                  |
| Lakes Area Drug Task Force  | Dakota County Drug Task Force       |                                  |
| Central Minnesota MCIU  | Brown/Lyon/Redwood Task Force       |                                  |
| C.E.E. VI Narcotics Task Force  |                                     |                                  |

**GANG TASK FORCES AND OUTSTATE DEPLOYMENT:**

- Twin City Metro and St. Cloud Metro Gang Strike Forces
- Number of gang officers assigned in drug task force area

**2009 MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE GRANTS**

<b>Task Force</b>	<b>Fiscal Agent</b>	<b># Gang Officers</b>	<b># Drug Officers</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Commander</b>
Anoka-Hennepin	Anoka County Sheriff's Office		11	\$240,000	Lt. Kevin Halweg
B-L-R	New Ulm Police Department	2	1	\$175,000	Sr. Inv. Jeff Hohensee
Boundary Waters	St. Louis County Sheriff's Office		4.75	\$110,000	Inv. Dennis Benz
Buffalo Ridge	Worthington Police Department	1	4.75	\$200,000	Commander Troy Appel
CEE-VI	Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office	2	6	\$210,000	Sgt. Tony Cruze
Central MN	Central MN (MCIU)	3	10	\$305,000	Lt. David McLaughlin
Dakota County	City of Eagan		14.5	\$270,000	Capt. John Grant
East Metro	Ramsey County Sheriff's Office		17	\$290,000	Lt. Rich Clark
HC-VOTF	Hennepin County Sheriff's Office		10.5	\$80,000	Lt. Pete Dietzman
Lake Superior	Duluth Police Department	4	8	\$335,000	Lt. Dan Chicos
Lakes Area	Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office		4	\$35,000	Sgt Joe Meyer
MN River Valley	North Mankato Police Department	1	5	\$150,000	Lt. Dan Davidson
MPD-VOTF	Minneapolis Police Department		19	\$130,000	Lt. Andy Smith
Northwest Metro	St. Louis Park Police Department		8	\$100,000	Sgt. Jon Hunt
Paul Bunyan	Beltrami County Sheriff's Office	1	6	\$289,982	Lt. Gary Pederson
Pine To Prairie	Crookston Police Department		3	\$100,000	Comm. Scott Jordhiem
Red River Valley	Moorhead Police Department	1	4	\$125,000	Lt. Brad Penas
South Central	Owatonna Police Department		5	\$160,000	Sgt. Joel Welinski
Southeast MN	Olmsted County Sheriff's Office	2	11	\$200,000	Capt. Bill Reiland
Southwest Metro	Shakopee Police Department		5	\$85,000	Sgt. Mark Williams
Washington County	Washington County Sheriff's Office		7	\$85,000	Sgt. Brian Mueller
West Central	Douglas County Sheriff's Office		8	\$170,000	Deputy Scot Umlauf
Statewide Prosecution	Attorney General's Office			\$150,000	
<b>Sub TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>172.5</b>	<b>\$3,994,982</b>	
<b>METRO GANG STRIKE FORCES PARTICIPATING AGENCIES</b>					
Brooklyn Park Police Department		1		\$50,000	Commander Chris Omodt  Asst. Commander Jim Heimerl
Dakota County Sheriff's Office		1		\$50,000	
Department of Corrections				\$61,225	
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office		4		\$230,000	
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (Infrastructure)				\$418,750	
Lino Lakes Police Department		1		\$50,000	
Maplewood Police Department		1		\$50,000	
Metro Transit Police Department		1		\$50,000	
Minneapolis Police Department		9		\$480,000	
N. St. Paul Police Department		1		\$50,000	
Ramsey County Sheriff's Office		6		\$283,000	
Richfield Public Safety		1		\$50,000	
St. Paul Police Department		6		\$300,000	
Washington County Sheriff's Office		1		\$50,000	
West St. Paul Police Department		1		\$50,000	
St. Cloud Police Department		2		\$100,000	
<b>Sub TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>\$2,322,975</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>53</b>		<b>\$6,317,957</b>	

## GANG AND DRUG OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

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MSA	Bill Bergquist	Sheriff	Clay County Sheriff's Office	915 9th Avenue North Moorhead, MN 56560
MSA	Rich Hoffman	Sheriff	Brown County Sheriff's Office	15 S. Washington St.- Box 877 New Ulm, MN 56073
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