Drug Trends



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THANK YOU!!





Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force and Violent Crime Enforcement Team



Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force

Proudly Serving the Counties of: Norman, Roseau, Red Lake, Marshall, Pennington, Kittson, Polk, and Lake of the Woods

P2P Task Force



• 12 Agents:

- East Grand Forks Police Investigator (Commander)
- Crookston Police Investigator
- Polk County Sheriff's Investigator
- 4 US Border Patrol Agents
- Homeland Security Special Agent
- Roseau County Sheriff's Investigator
- Lake of the Woods Sheriff's Investigator
- Norman County Sheriff's Investigator
- Thief River Falls Police Officer

Statistics



- 2013
- 171 New Cases
- 114 Arrests
- Seizures
- Weapons: 5
- Drugs:
 - Cocaine- 3 g
 - Crack- 6 g
 - Heroin- 12 g
 - MJ- 3.9 lbs
 - Meth- 237 g
 - Prescriptions-870 pills
 - Synthetic marijuana- 2.5 g

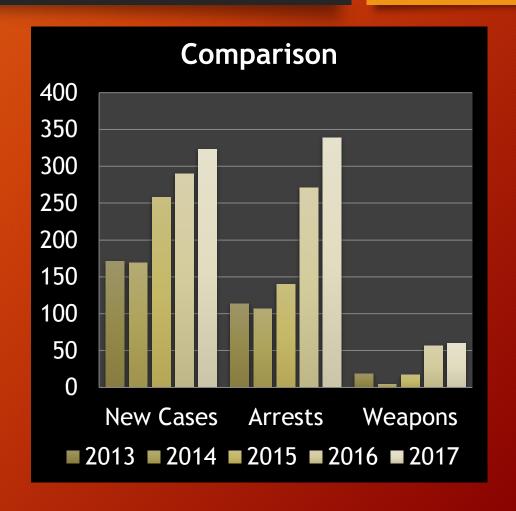
- 2014
- 169 New Cases
- 107 Arrests
- Seizures
- Weapons: 5
- Drugs:
 - Cocaine 57 g
 - Crack- 2 g
 - Heroin- 44 g
 - MJ- 12 lbs
 - Meth- 466 g
 - Prescriptions-1296 pills
 - Synthetic marijuana- 2 g

- 2015
- 258 New Cases
- 140 Arrests
- Seizures:
- Weapons: 17
- Drugs:
 - Cocaine- 77 g
 - Crack- 0
 - Heroin- 31 g
 - MJ- 22 lbs, 593 plants
 - Meth- 663 g
 - Prescriptions-654 pills
 - Synthetic marijuana- 8 g

2013 to 2017



- 2017
- 323 New Cases
- 339 Arrests
- 60 Weapons seized



2016 to 2017

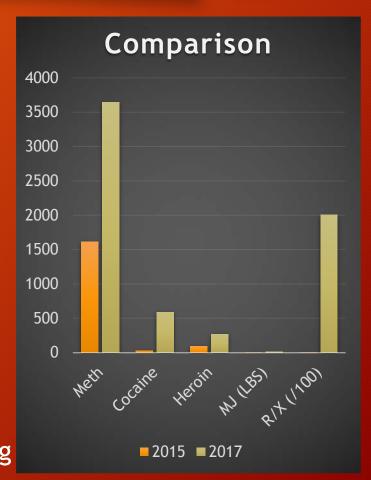


2016

- 290 New Cases
- 271 Arrests
- Seizures:
- Weapons: 57
- Drugs:
 - Cocaine- 38 g
 - Heroin- 102 g
 - MJ- 2.8 lbs
 - Meth- 1617 g
 - Prescriptions-537 pills
 - Synthetic marijuana- 0 g

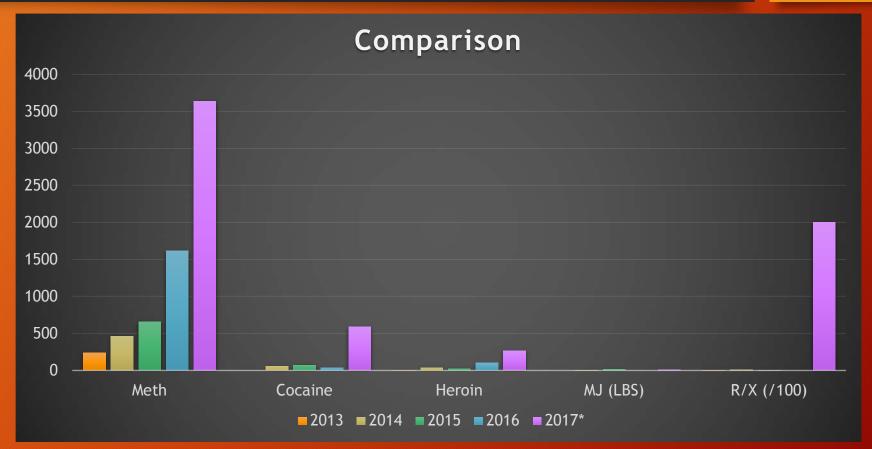
2017

- 323 New Cases
- 339 Arrests
- Seizures
- Weapons: 60
- Drugs:
 - Cocaine- 593 g
 - Heroin- 275 g
 - MJ- 12.9 lbs
 - Meth- 3641 g
 - Prescriptions-200,433 pills
 - Synthetic marijuana- 14.6 g



2013 to 2017

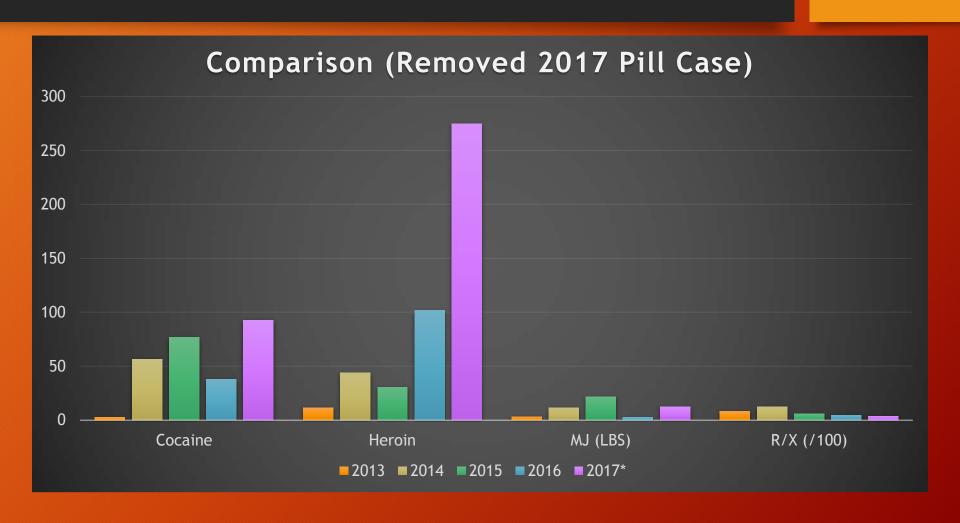




*The 2017 fentanyl pill case, netted huge amounts of drugs in Texas as a direct result of our investigation including: 500 g fentanyl, 500 g meth, 500 g cocaine, 10,500 grams fentanyl pills (or 105,000 doses), 8000 g other pills, almost 3,000 grams of unknown powders along with a pill press and guns. These large numbers skewed our statistics from usual quarters

2013 to 2017 (Meth Removed)

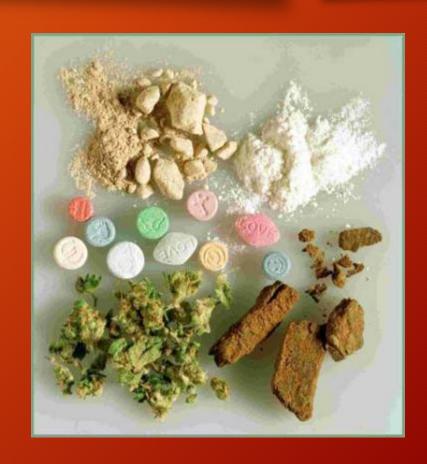




Street Drugs in NW Minnesota



- Marijuana
- Fentanyl
- Prescription Drugs
- Heroin
- Methamphetamine
- Cocaine
- MDMA (Ecstasy)
- Hallucinogens
- Synthetics



Marijuana

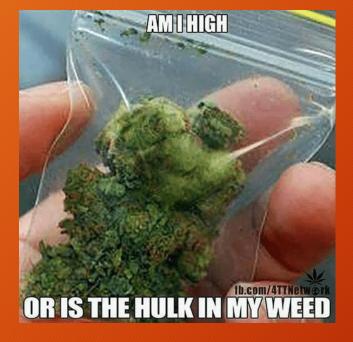


- Most frequently abused drug in the world.
- Potency has more than doubled since the '70's
- Minnesota 12th graders
 - 27.7% highest since 1999
- MJ vs Tobacco
 - 7x more tar
 - 20x more ammonia
 - 50% to 75% more cancer causing agents
 - 5x higher risk of heart attack w/in an hour of use













Fentanyl





- Extremely powerful
 - Pain medication
- Several forms (MICROgram dosages)
 - Transdermal patch
 - Lollipop



Cut in Strips Smoked or Chewed



Fentanyl





Overwhelming increase in overdose and death



Three Forms





- 1. Heroine/Fentanyl mixture
 - Purchased as Heroin
 - Users are likely unaware that it contains fentanyl.
 - No way for them to know what they are getting.
 - Many overdose
 - Unknown when the fentanyl is added.



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Three Forms





2. Pure Fentanyl

- Smoke the powder
- White to off white fine powder
- Purchased via multiple producers in China





Three Forms





3. In solution

- Powder dissolved in water.
- Used by inhaling the solution in a mist.
- Dealers are using nasal spray bottles.
- News form of recent overdoses.







DANGEROUS!





- Powder can become airborne very quickly.
 - Inhaling could prove fatal.
 - Skin contact with powder or solution.
- Very real possibility of exposure.
- If exposed, death is a possibility.
- Dosage of fentanyl is in micrograms and any dose ingested is potentially fatal.
- Effects may be immediate.

Prescription Drugs



- One of the most commonly used and abused drugs in NW Minnesota.
- Easy to obtain.
- False belief that there is no harm, since it is prescribed by a Doctor.
- Possession or use without a prescription is a felony.
- Delivery and sale is a felony.

Prescription Drugs



- Oxycodone "Oxy's"
- Roxicodone "Roxy's"
- Percocet "Perc's"
 - Central nervous system depressants
 - 2x as powerful as Morphine
 - Pain reliever
- Hydrocodone
 - Central nervous system depressants
 - Similar to Morphine





Prescription Drugs



Adderall

Stimulant used for treatment of ADHD

Methadone

Pain reliever used to treat pain and help with heroin withdrawal

Tramadol

Pain reliever used for moderate to severe pain







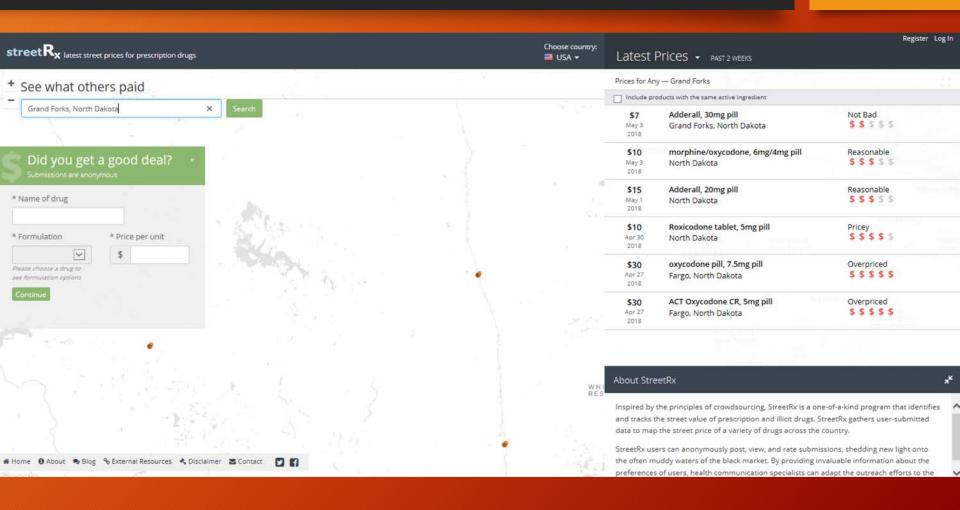




Rx Pill Drop Boxes

StreetRX.com





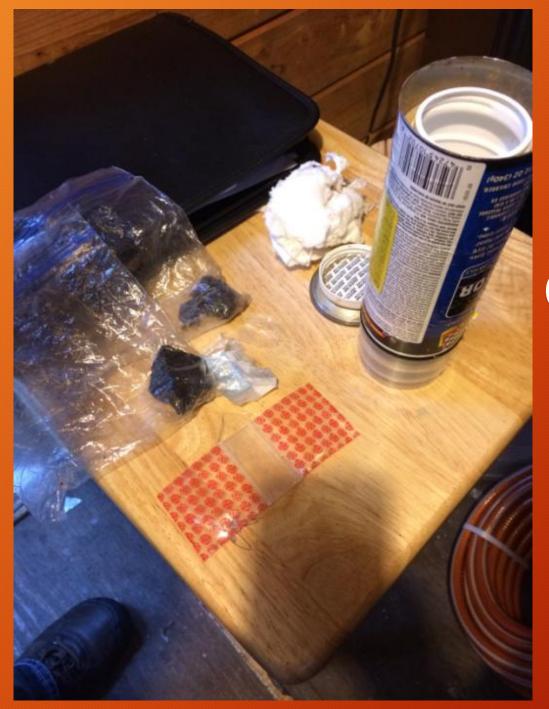
Heroin



- Illegal opiate
 - "smack", "junk", "brown sugar", "horse"
 - Poppy plant resin
- Fentanyl laced Heroin
 - 80-100x more powerful than Morphine
 - Quick overdose potential
- Started on West Coast
- Heroin is cheaper than some Rx medications
- Black Tar in MPLS (highest purity & lowest price in U.S.) - DEA study









Crookston - 2014 43 grams Heroin

Methamphetamine



- Highly addictive
- Synthetically produced in numerous ways.
- Powder or crystal forms.
- Smoking, injecting, snorting, or orally.







The Face of a Meth User - 10 years













Faces of Meth

Cocaine



- Central nervous system stimulant.
- Powder and rock (crack) forms.
- Use, possession, delivery and sale = Felony





Hallucinogens



- LSD
- Psilocybin Mushrooms
- Produce hallucinations and disassociate the user from reality.
 - Effects can vary greatly from person to person.







Synthetic Drugs



- Ecstasy (MDMA)
- LSD
- Bath Salts
- GHB (Date Rape Drugs)















P2P Seizures









MAX

MAC



EVA









LEROY







