



Sheriff Mat King
St. Clair County Sheriff's
Office
Drug Task Force



St. Clair County Drug Task Force History



The St. Clair County Drug Task Force is a millage funded plain clothes Narcotics Investigative Unit that originated in 1985. The DTF is a division of the SCCSO and started with 6-8 Deputies and Port Huron Police Officers

Over the years the unit has grown and in 2016 the voters of St. Clair County voted to double the existing millage in response the Methamphetamine and Opioid Epidemic. As a result, DTF is now comprised of 6 local and federal agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, Port Huron Police Department, Marysville Department of Public Safety, Clay Twp. Police Department, U.S. Customs and U.S. Border Patrol. This partnership has created a collaborative effort to reduce the effects of illegal narcotics within St. Clair County.



SCCSO K9 Team Deputy S. Egan & Brock



Deputy Egan and his partner Brock are assigned to both the Road Patrol and The Drug Task Force.

They are an instrumental team in locating contraband, criminals and missing persons.

Deputy Egan and Brock continue their training daily. Being a K9 handler is a 24/7 commitment

Partnerships

Port Huron Major Crimes Unit Joint
Task Force with PHPD MVPD US
Customs & Border Patrol and MSP

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

St. Clair County Prosecuting Attorney's
Office





Drug Task Force Staffing

- 1 Lieutenant
- 2 Sergeants
- 10 Sheriff's Deputies
- 2 Port Huron Police Officers
- 1 Clay Township Officer
- 2 U.S. Border Patrol Agent
- 1 U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- 1 Secretary
- 2 Assistant Prosecutor

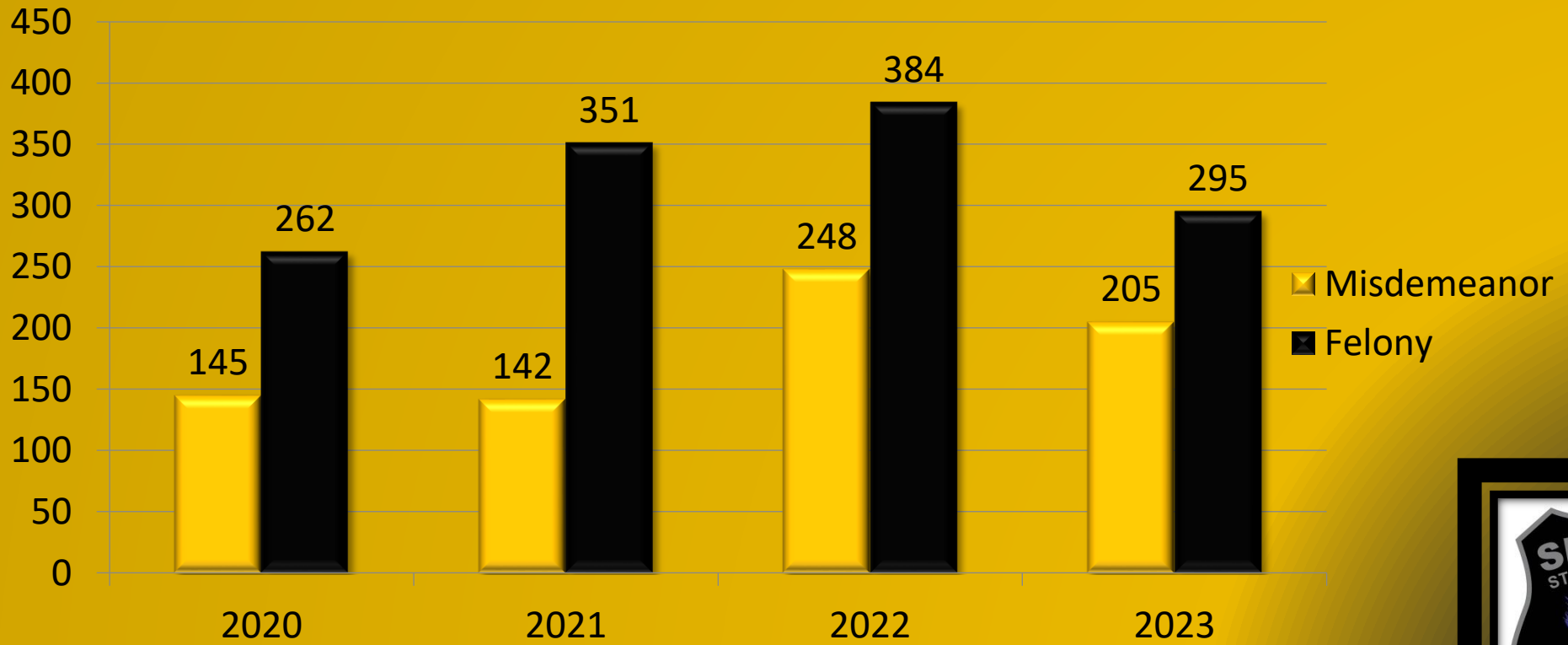


Stopping Drug Dealers

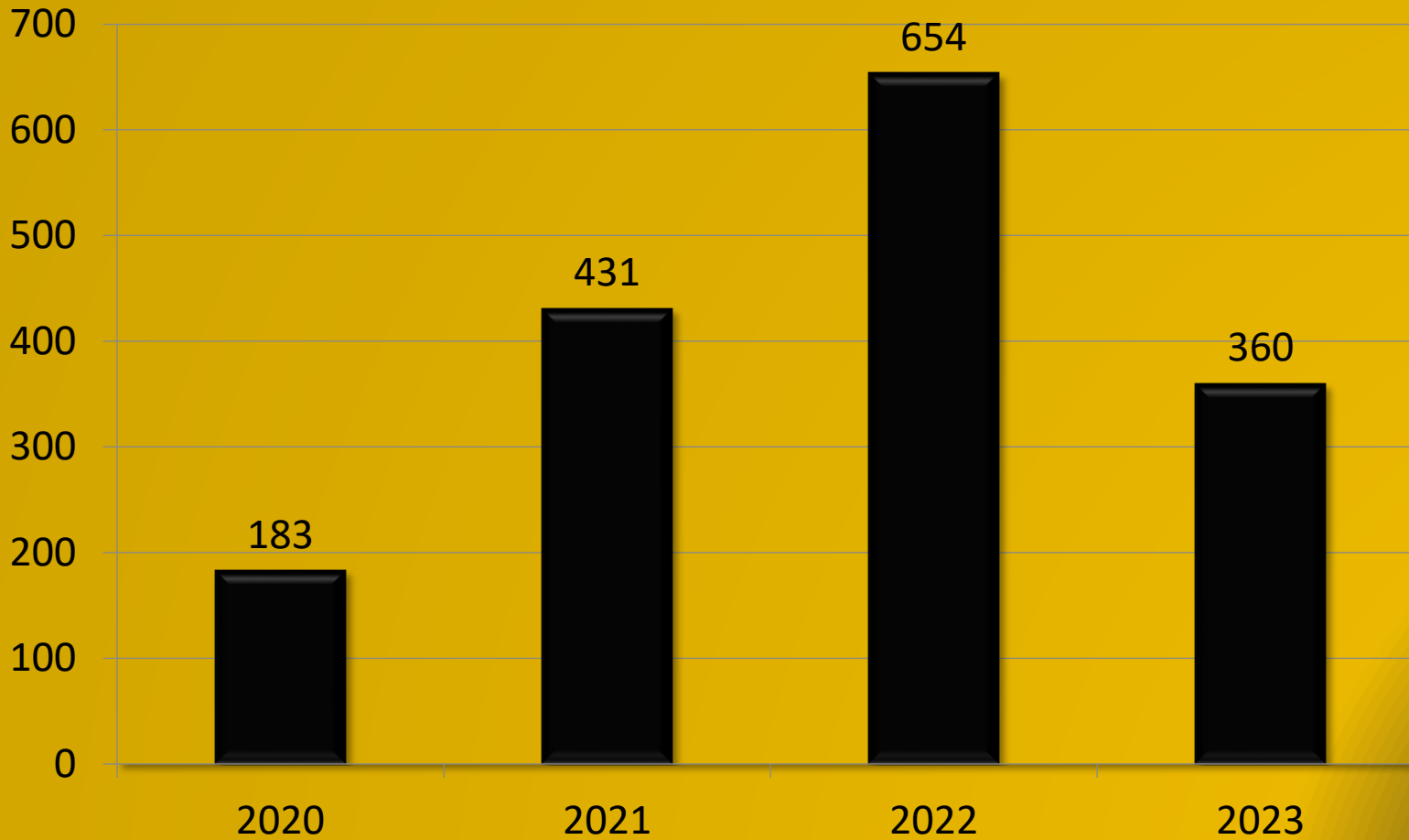
- The sales and use of illicit drugs continues to be a serious problem in St. Clair County and in our nation as a whole
- From abuse of prescription pills to heroin, from crack cocaine to methamphetamine, your St. Clair County Drug Task Force is using the latest technology and investigation techniques to get the dealers of these poisons off the streets



Misdemeanor and Felony Charges



Search Warrants and Traffic Stops



Current Trends

St. Clair County is geographically unique

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



Battling Drug Activity on Several Fronts



- Opioid abuse, in the form of both prescription pills and heroin, continues to be a major issue in our county and nationwide.
- While methamphetamine lab busts continue to decline, crystal methamphetamine has been pouring into our community. Most of the crystal meth comes from Mexico.
- Cocaine, both powder and crack, is still around and still dangerous.



Heroin/Fentanyl



Heroin/Fentanyl



Heroin is an Opiate and Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is extremely potent. The two are intermixed in both sales and use. The appearance and price are the same. Carfentanil is another even more dangerous synthetic opioid

Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and Carfentanil is 100 times more potent than Fentanyl. Another comparison, Carfentanil is 10,000 times more potent than Morphine

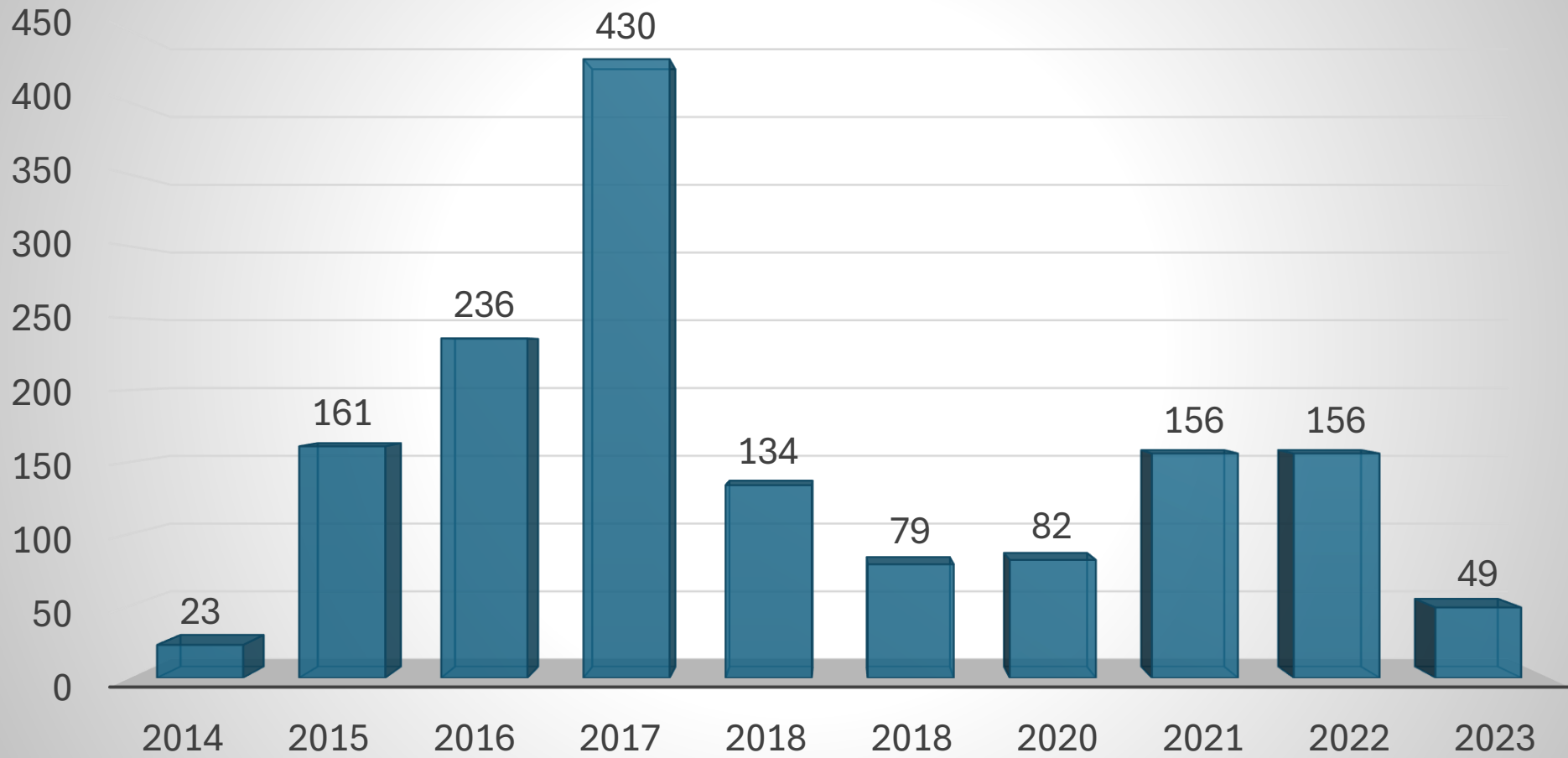


Heroin/Fentanyl

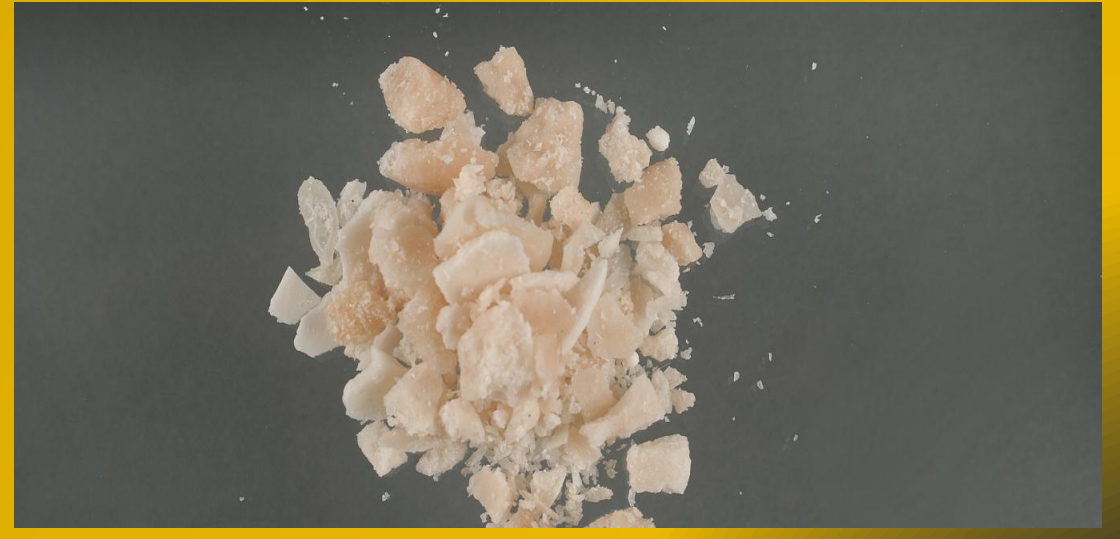
Heroin/Fentanyl is most often injected intravenously. This gives the user an immediate effect. However, some users do snort it in the same manner as cocaine and other drugs

Heroin/Fentanyl is not sold to users in a pure form as it is “cut” or mixed with other inert powders. This is not done in sophisticated labs which increases its danger. A mix as little as a few percent more than the user is accustomed to can lead to an overdose.

Heroin Seizures (Grams)



Cocaine Powder & "Crack"



Cocaine

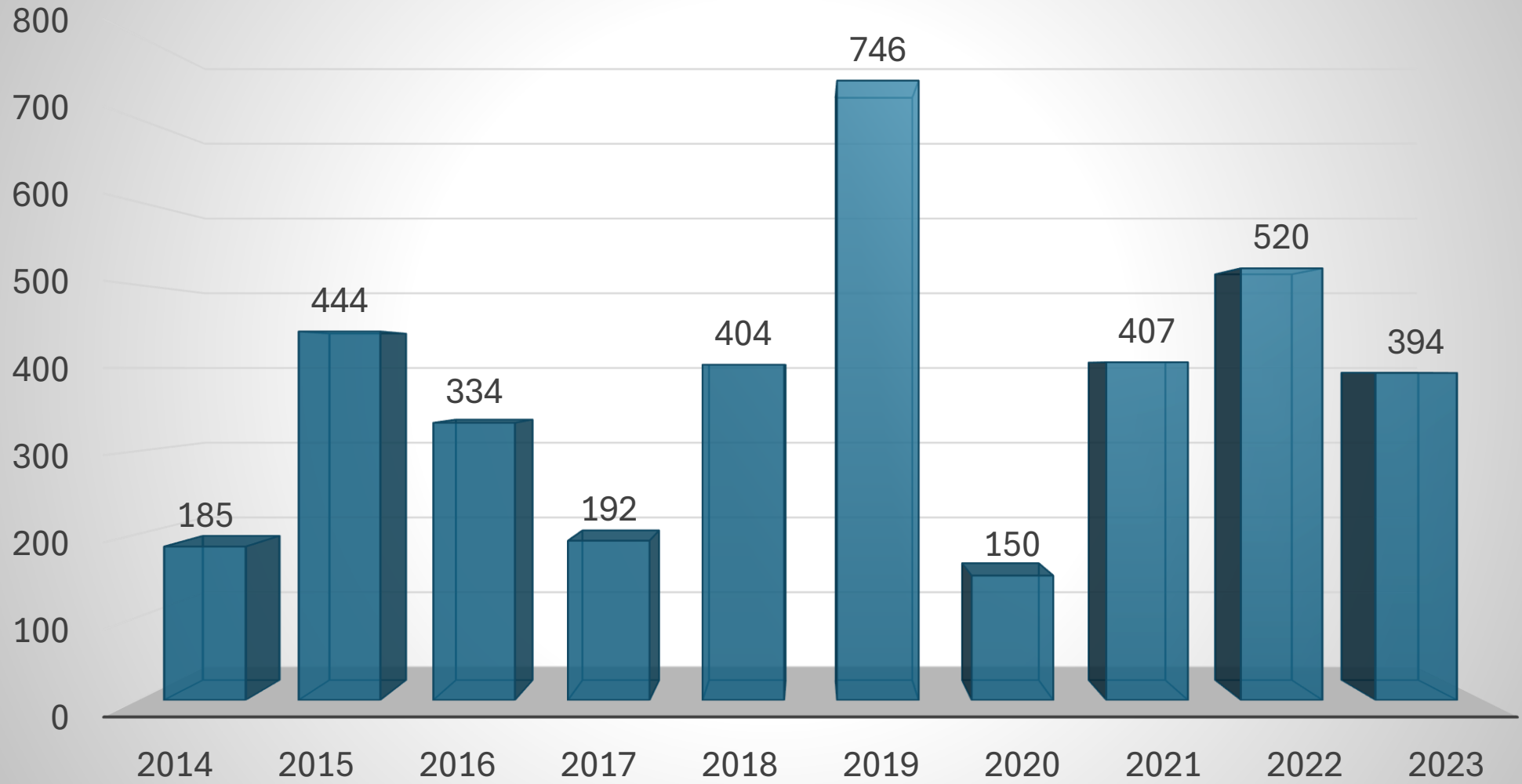


Very addictive especially in crack form. “Crack” is freebased cocaine. This removes impurities after which it is then ingested by smoking it in a glass or metal pipe resembling a straw. It crackles when it is heated hence the street name “Crack”

Powder Cocaine’s popularity varies, and trends change from year to year

Powder cocaine is ingested by snorting it through a straw

Cocaine seizures (Grams)



Methamphetamine & Crystal Meth





Methamphetamine

Meth comes in powder and crystal form. The difference is a result of how it is produced. The powder is usually white and can be dry or damp. The crystal form can be in solid chunks, shards resembling glass or in pieces resembling rock salt. It is usually clear or a blue translucent.

Meth is extremely addictive and can cause paranoia. Signs of Meth use include the paranoia, scabs and sores on the skin and oral/tooth decay and loss.

Meth has increased in popularity dramatically in the last 10-15 years



Clandestine
Meth Lab

Methamphetamine

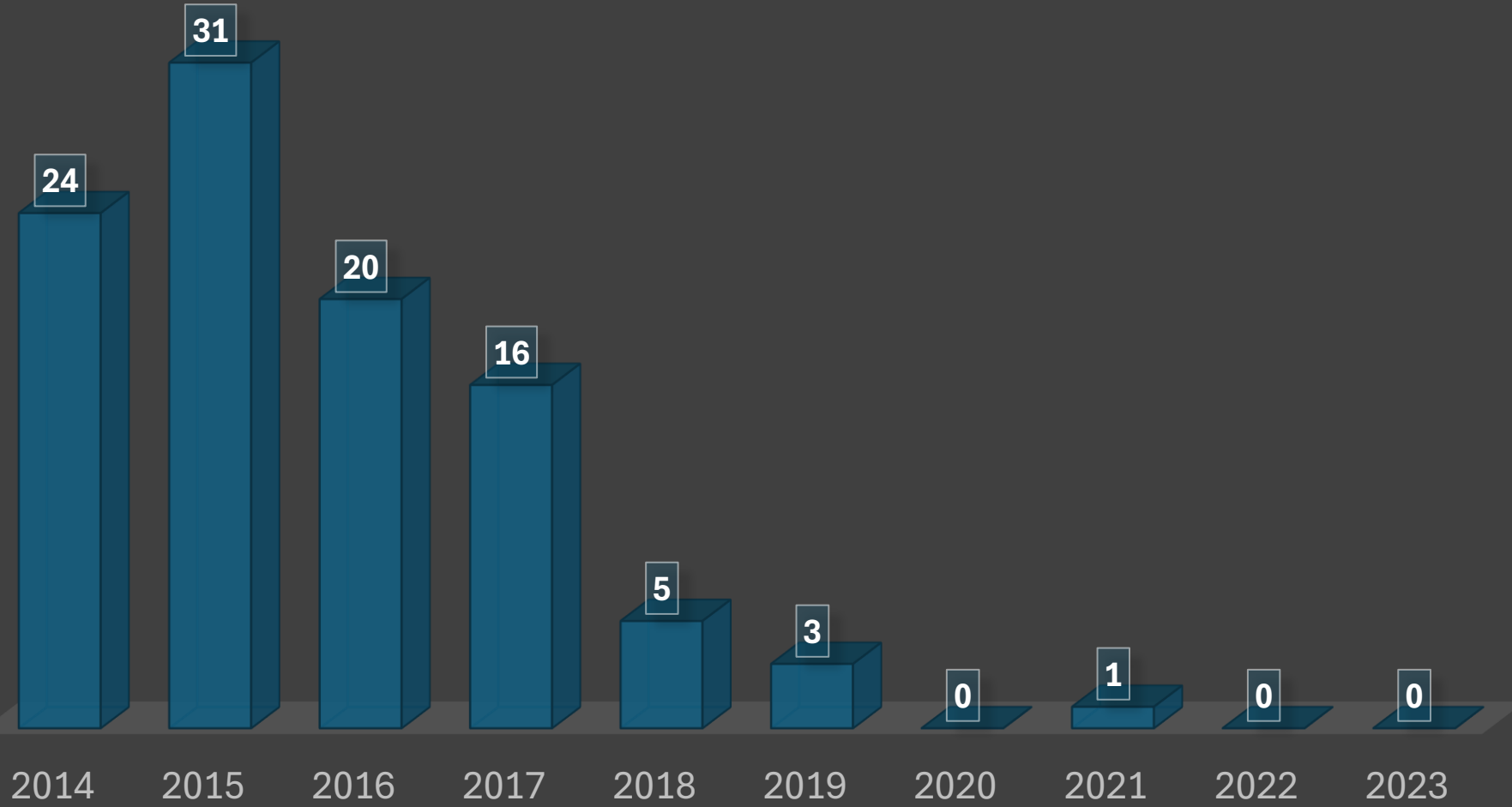


Initially methamphetamine was produced locally by dealers and users. The process was initially complicated but became simplified when a “One Pot” method was discovered.

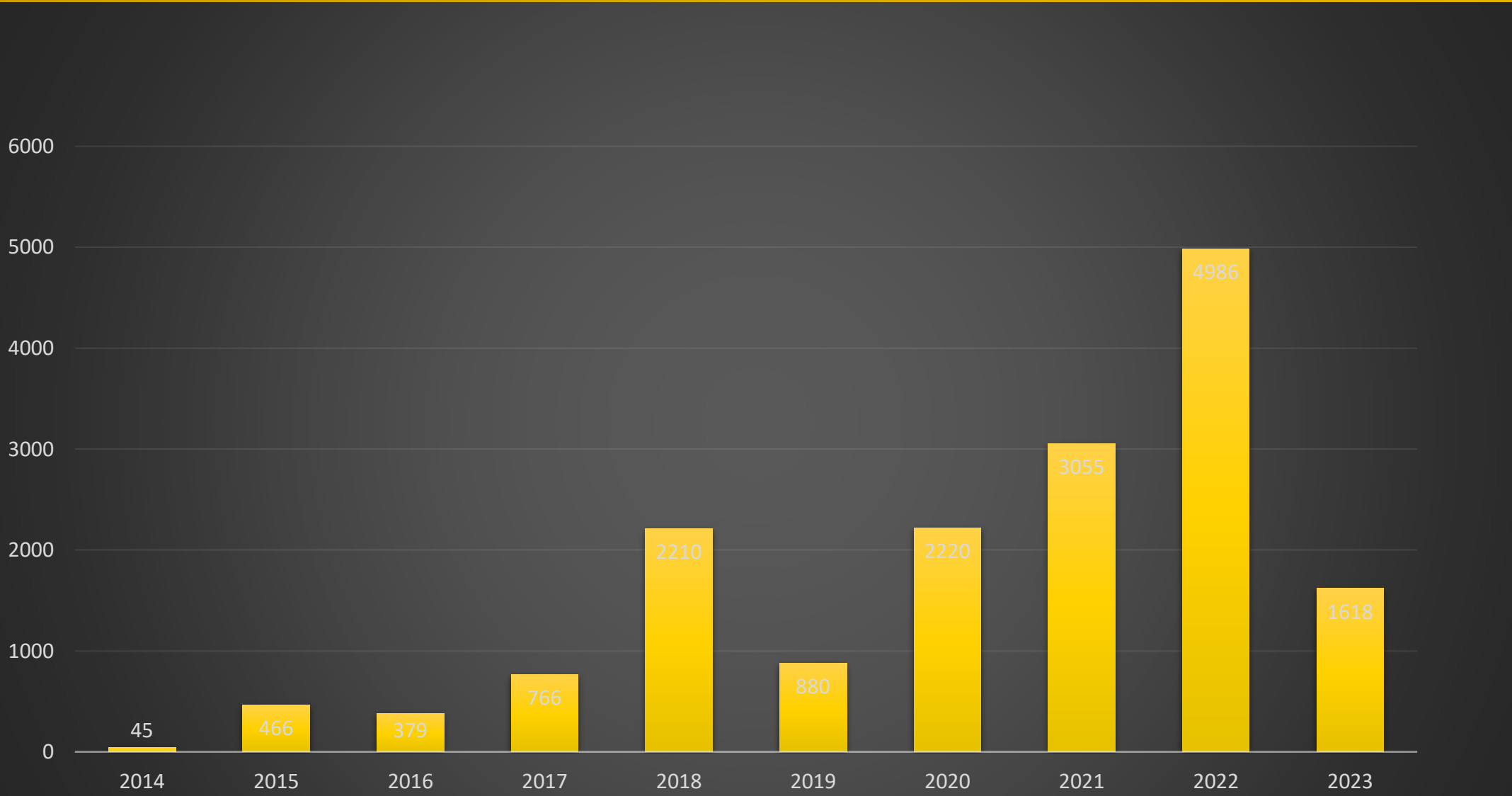
The initial labs were most often contained indoors. The One Pot method became very problematic as they began to appear virtually everywhere both indoors and outdoors. They were in residences, sheds, hotel/motel rooms, cars and in parking lots, ditches and SGA areas.

Once discovered labs had to be secured until a disposal team could respond. The initial response could take 12 hours to several days. This prompted DTF to train and equip our own disposal team of experts. This was mostly funded by the DEA.

METHAMPHETAMINE LABS



Methamphetamine Seizures (Grams)



MDMA “Ecstasy or Molly”



In 2023 alone the Drug Task Force seized 17,625.9 grams of MDMA and Molly

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 sometimes more on the street



PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

- Seizures of prescription drugs by the DTF have declined as heroin use has become more prevalent
- Thanks to a partnership with the DEA, citizens are bringing in their unused and expired pills, which are then destroyed by incineration





How you can help



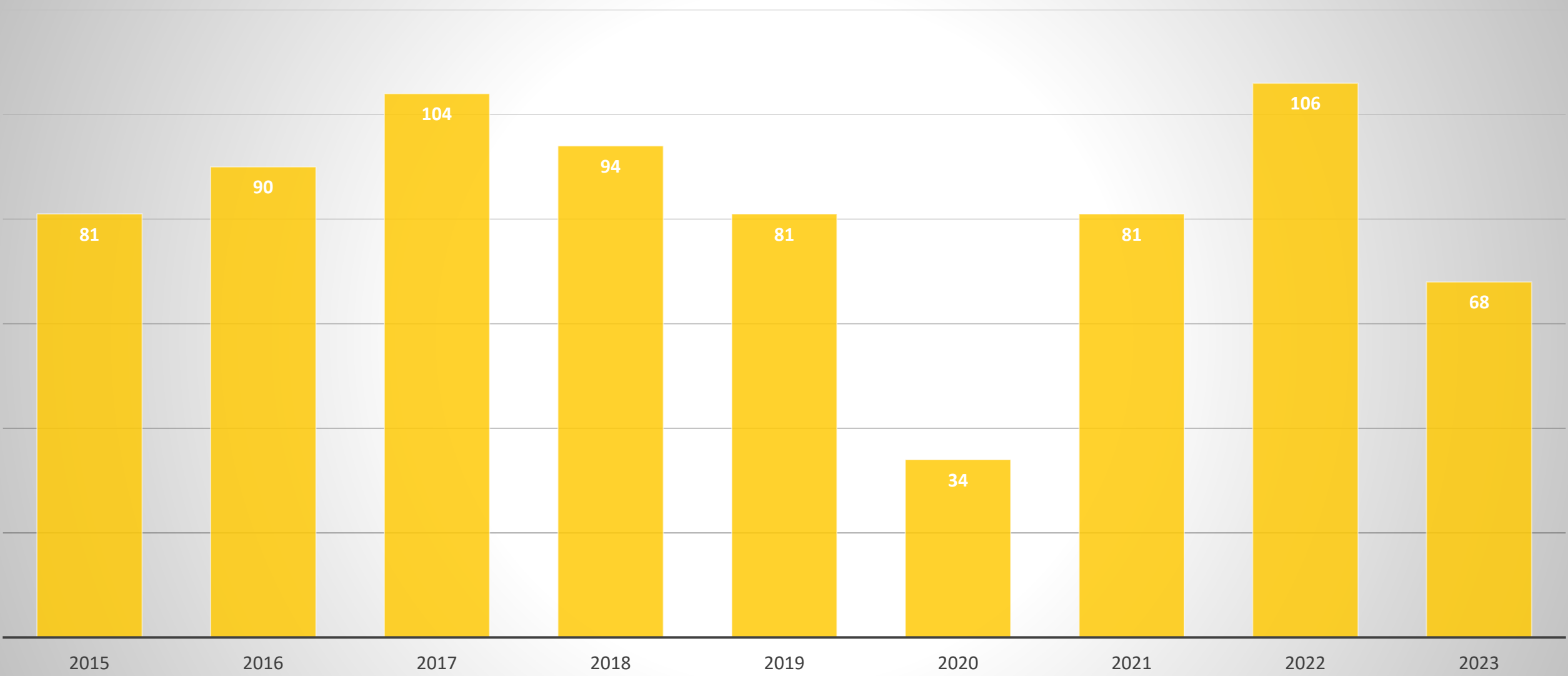
If you have prescription pills that are expired, unwanted or no longer needed, you can drop them off at the Sheriff's Office Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



Drug Paraphernalia



9 year Search Warrant Trends





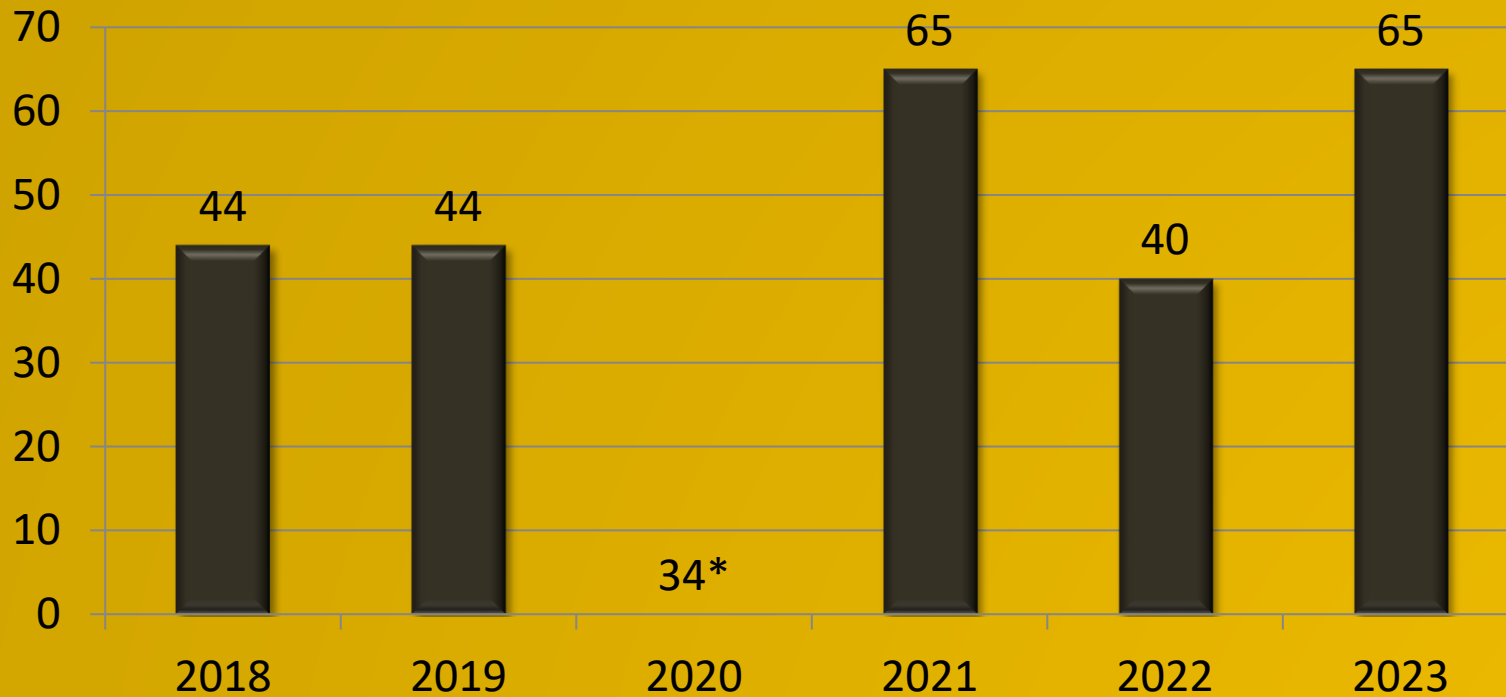
DRUGS ARE BRINGING DEATH

- Heroin and prescription drug abuse has led to a large number of overdose deaths in St. Clair County
- The rise of Fentanyl (which is 50 times more potent than Heroin) usage as well as it being cut into other forms of narcotics has led to numerous overdoses.
- Narcan, a drug that reverses the lethal effect of opioid or heroin overdose is being used by EMS, fire departments and law enforcement on those who overdose
- The use of Narcan has saved dozens of lives over the past several years





Drug Related Deaths



** Several cases still under investigation*

- Source: St. Clair County Medical Examiner's Office





2023 Drug Task Force incident map

- You can view drug activity that occurred in St. Clair County in 2023
- Our drug incident map is now available on our Facebook page as well as the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office App
- Our Facebook address is:
www.facebook.com/stclaircountysheriff.org
- In the App or Play store search St. Clair Sheriff's Office, MI



How you can help

- If you see or suspect drug transactions taking place, 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.





Sheriff Mat King
St. Clair County Sheriff's
Office
Drug Task Force

