

# DANE COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

## 2018 SUMMARY

The Dane County Narcotics Task Force (DCNTF) is comprised of women and men from the City of Madison Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Department, and the University of Wisconsin Police Department. Additionally, all Law Enforcement agencies in Dane County have the authority to send personnel to work with the DCNTF on shorter assignments as their own staffing allows. The mission of the DCNTF is to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations within the Dane County area. The DCNTF also partners with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in an effort to combat larger drug trafficking organizations.

In 2018, the DCNTF saw four distinct trends which were priorities for this unit. First, the ongoing Opioid crisis now kills more people annually than vehicle crashes. Second, gun violence continues to impact our community and is tied very closely to drug distribution networks. Third, we continue to find instances where drug dealers are also involved in human trafficking, and fourth, there has been a significant increase in large volume Cocaine distribution within Dane County.

The statistical summary on the following pages differentiates Heroin from the most common synthetic "Fentanyl". What those statistics don't reflect is the frequency at which the Heroin seized since the start of 2017 is a mixture of substances to include Fentanyl. This is important to note because Fentanyl and its synthetic derivatives are typically 20 to 40 times more potent than Heroin. These synthetics are also much cheaper to produce than traditional Heroin. The end result is that a drug that is more deadly and more profitable has become widespread in Dane County.

The second trend impacting our unit has been that of illegal firearm possession by the local drug traffickers. In 2018 there were 186 instances of shots fired in the City of Madison with 31 individuals shot. During the course of DCNTF investigations, 35 firearms were seized. Residential home invasions and armed robberies are also typically connected with the sale and distribution of illegal drugs.

The third trend, and a growing priority for the Dane County Narcotics Task Force, is the nexus of human trafficking within drug trafficking organizations. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition that human trafficking is an underreported yet growing trend both locally and nationally. The DCNTF is committed to working with local Law Enforcement partners on cases where there is a connection between drug and human trafficking.

The fourth trend is the increase in Cocaine distribution. DCNTF was involved in multiple large-scale interdiction efforts that yielded nearly 6 kilos of Cocaine with a street value approaching a quarter of a million dollars.

When viewing the statistics below the measurements are often difficult to put into context for the average person. Consider that an individual who ingests a substance such as Heroin may consume a quantity as small as 0.2 grams. Thus when you see that the DCNTF seized in excess of 946 grams of Heroin that means there were as many as 4700 fewer times that people could ingest and potentially overdose and die from Heroin use.

While enforcement is the primary mission of the DCNTF, the unit is also responsive to Community and Media requests for information pertaining to local drug enforcement and drug education trends. The DCNTF is also an active participant in the "Stop the Opioid Epidemic" steering committee, which is comprised of a wide range of non-law enforcement community stakeholders that are working collectively to curb the Opioid crisis. In recent years, this organization has been responsible for initiatives including: Med drop locations/collections, Naloxone dispersal, and arrest diversion programs such as the Madison Addiction Recovery Initiative (MARI).

While enforcement is a critical component of combating illegal drugs and the correlating criminal activity, we recognize that this is only one part of the community effort that is necessary to reduce drug trafficking and drug dependency. We will continue to partner with those both inside and outside of Law Enforcement as we combat these trends.

The following pages highlight the actions of the DCNTF in 2018.

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2018

Total All Arrests .....	89
Total All Charges .....	299
Total New Cases .....	92
<b><u>Charges</u></b> (includes Late & Pending Charges)	
Misc. Criminal/Ordinances .....	39
Warrants .....	1
P & P Holds .....	8
Weapons Charges .....	12
Federal Felon in Possession of Firearm .....	12
Drug Charges .....	240
Possession of Paraphernalia .....	8
Maintaining a Dwelling .....	12
Possession of Marijuana .....	8
Possession of Cocaine Base .....	10
Possession of Cocaine .....	4
Possession of Heroin .....	6
Possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms .....	1

Possession of Ecstasy/MDMA.....	1
Possession of Schedule IV Narcotics .....	1
Possession of Cocaine Base with Intent to Del .....	8
Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver .....	11
Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Deliver .....	7
Possession of Heroin with Intent to Deliver .....	15
Possession of MDMA with Intent to Deliver .....	4
Possession of Methamphetamine W/I to Deliver .....	1
Delivery of Cocaine .....	39
Delivery of Cocaine Base .....	10
Delivery of Heroin .....	73
Delivery of Schedule I / II Narcotics .....	17
Delivery of Schedule IV / V Narcotics .....	3
Delivery/Poss W/I within 1000' of School/Park etc .....	1

**Items Seized**

	<b><u>Value</u></b>
152.41 grams Cocaine Base .....	\$15,395.00
5778.70 grams Cocaine .....	\$215,881.00
3937.52 grams Marijuana .....	\$31,898.70
52.00 Marijuana Plants .....	\$52,000.00
70.53 pounds Marijuana .....	\$145,900.00
946.25 grams Heroin .....	\$136,852.00
50.60 grams Psilocybin Mushrooms .....	\$300.00
240.00 tablets Oxycodone .....	\$5,760.00
249.00 tablets Hydrocodone .....	\$5,850.00
613.00 tablets Ecstasy/MDMA .....	\$2,400.00
83.40 grams Ecstasy/MDMA .....	\$3,075.00
0.90 grams Methamphetamine .....	\$200.00
7.00 tablets Amphetamine .....	\$200.00
0.80 ounces Codeine .....	\$300.00
Miscellaneous/other .....	\$1,080.00
Cash .....	\$136,909.74
35 Weapons .....	\$5,450.00
2 Vehicle .....	\$10,000.00

**Drugs Purchased**

- 53.19 grams Cocaine Base
- 210.10 grams Cocaine
- 15.90 grams Marijuana
- 172.80 grams Heroin
- 25.00 grams Oxycodone
- 144.00 tablets Oxycodone
- 27.00 tablets Oxycontin
- 22.20 grams Ecstasy/MDMA
- 7.00 Miscellaneous Drugs/Other

**Search Warrants** .....40

**K-9 Searches - Drug Related**

Residence..... 2

Package..... 2

**Community/Neighborhood Presentations** .....28

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