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B.I.N.T.F BUTTE INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

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FOCUS

Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) has completed 22 years of service to the communities and citizens of Butte County. The BINTF North Office has been operational for 5 ½ years. In conjunction with the California Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement Redding Regional Office and local allied agencies, BINTF continues to expand its abilities to conduct effective drug enforcement in Butte County.

BINTF will continue to deploy manpower to those areas of the county identified by agencies to have an influx in high crime.

BINTF will continue to utilize undercover buy programs, as well as host special enforcement operations such as the well known Strategic Tactical Operation Program (STOP) to combat crime and identify responsible's of criminal activity.

BINTF will continue to target methamphetamine traffickers with emphasis on methamphetamine manufacturers.

BINTF will continue to investigate, seek out, and remove children exposed to drug laboratories and other unhealthy drug-related environments which place children at risk.

GOALS

BINTF personnel, with oversight by members of the BINTF Board, will continue to work closely with allied agencies in identifying local crime trends and conducting law enforcement actions in specified areas to combat drug trafficking, gang activity, and other criminal violations.

In 2008, BINTF will continue to work with city, county, state and federal agencies in order to maximize law enforcement effectiveness in a combined effort to infiltrate, dismantle and cause the prosecution of those individuals involved in criminal activity in Butte County.

In 2008, BINTF Agents will liaison with members of the California Department of Justice and California Narcotics Officer's Association to provide training classes to their parent agency personnel. Classes to include clandestine laboratory officer safety techniques, drug endangered children (DEC) investigative techniques, drug trends and recognition, basic asset forfeiture laws, expert testimony in drug cases and informant management.

BINTF will continue to prioritize drug investigations relating to child endangerment, and will make every effort to remove children from drug environments by arresting individuals, and working with the Butte County District Attorney's Office in the prosecution of those individuals who place children in harms way.

CONCLUSION

The Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) has now been operational for 21 years.

BINTF is recognized by allied agencies as the county's expert in all aspects of drug investigations from major manufacturers to street level dealers.

BINTF Agents, because of their training, have been instrumental in providing the expertise in a variety of narcotics investigations, as well as, mutual aid to local law enforcement. The mutual aid has consisted of covert surveillances relating to other crimes, including gang related investigations, as well as, robbery. BINTF has been responsible in providing a host of training and public presentations to assist in making people aware of drug trends and BINTF's role in drug investigations.

BINTF Commanders and personnel recognize the continuous support the BINTF Board Members and allied agencies have given in allowing the task force to better serve the citizens of Butte County.

In 2007, BINTF arrested 278 people, seized 14 clandestine laboratories, seized 29 weapons, and removed 63 children from drug endangered homes.

BINTF continues to prioritize the investigation of methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking cases which continue to plague this county, as well as the nation.

During calender year 2007, BINTF experienced personnel changes to the unit.

1. Initiate investigations involving all levels of drug dealers with overall objectives of identifying and apprehending major traffickers.
2. Assist police agencies on specific drug problems.
3. Share information with other law enforcement agencies.
4. Provide training to law enforcement personnel.
5. Conduct public presentations.
6. Provide both a monthly summary report and an annual report to the advisory council and the Department of Justice.
7. Conduct limited criminal investigations outside of narcotics upon request.
8. Conduct annual assessment of the unit's management system.
9. Make periodic assessment of the unit policies.

These nine (9) points are evaluated by the advisory board each year.

MISSION

The participating agencies recognize that the illegal production, transportation, distribution, and use of narcotics and other controlled substances are serious law enforcement problems, both in the County of Butte and nationwide; and

Such illegal activities are a cause of a substantial percentage of the burglaries and thefts by those persons who steal in order to finance their illegal drug use; and

The participating agencies also recognize, that because of its rural nature, Butte County has been a prime site for marijuana cultivation, clandestine drug laboratories, and drug smuggling activities; and

The participating agencies further acknowledge that the illegal production, distribution, transportation, and use of narcotics and other controlled substances in the County of Butte are not confined to the unincorporated areas of the County of Butte or any one of its incorporated cities, but are a chain of illegal activities that almost always crosses jurisdictional lines; and

By reason of the foregoing, the participating agencies have determined that it is necessary to commit additional law enforcement personnel to the detection, investigation, and apprehension of those persons engaged in the illegal production, distribution, transportation, and use of narcotics and other controlled substances; and

The participating agencies have also determined that they can maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of the personnel involved in such law enforcement activities by fully coordinating such efforts through the assignment of personnel and material to one countywide Task Force; and

By this Agreement, the Participating Agencies now desire to establish the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force with north and south offices, whose purpose will be the enforcement of the narcotic and controlled substance laws of the State of California in the County of Butte, as well as in all of the incorporated cities of the County of Butte joining in the Agreement; and

Therefore, the participating agencies hereby establish the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (which includes BINTF North and BINTF South offices and is hereby referred to as task force) which shall carry out the purposes, receive direction from the respective heads of the participating agencies collectively as its Board, and otherwise have all of the powers, duties, and responsibilities hereinafter provided for by this Agreement.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Task Force shall be the enforcement of the narcotic and controlled substance laws of the State of California in the County of Butte, including all incorporated cities of the County of Butte joining in this Agreement. In carrying out such purposes, Task Force personnel shall:

- A. Identify, investigate and apprehend those persons suspected of violating State narcotic and controlled substance laws in the County of Butte, especially those persons identified as major drug traffickers.
- B. Assist Federal, State and other local law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of Federal and State narcotic and controlled substance laws within the County of Butte.
- C. Share information pertaining to the illegal production, distribution, transportation, and use of narcotics and controlled substances with law enforcement agencies.
- D. Provide training to personnel employed by local law enforcement agencies in the County of Butte in the area of the investigation and enforcement of State narcotic and controlled substance laws.
- E. Conduct public presentations to schools, service clubs, and civic groups in the County of Butte pertaining to the investigation and enforcement of narcotic and controlled substance laws and/or the health risks and other consequences of substance abuse.
- F. Increase the level of supervision and surveillance of persons on probation or parole involved in gang or drug related activity.
- G. Initiate investigations involving street level drug dealers and gang activity with the overall objectives of identifying and apprehending street level traffickers.
- H. Conduct investigations into inter-jurisdictional criminal activity occurring within the County of Butte which arises out of the State narcotic and controlled substance laws where the Task Force is in the most appropriate position to conduct such investigations and has received consent to conduct such investigations by other affected local law enforcement agencies.
- I. Provide “mutual aid” to law enforcement agencies, when appropriate.
- J. Identify and arrest violators placing children at risk in drug and related environments. Rescue children from drug environments.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

In 2007, methamphetamine lab seizures increased slightly in California, but remained considerably low compared to years past. This was due primarily to the regulation of pseudoephedrine and the large number of Mexican National labs operating outside the United States.

Methamphetamine laboratories seized by BINTF saw a slight increase in 2007 compared to the last 2 years seizures.

In 2007, 33 counties in California reported the seizure of clandestine labs, compared with 21 counties reporting seizing labs in 2006. Of the 33 counties reporting clan lab seizures, Butte County ranked number 4 in the state per capita for laboratory seizures. Butte County ranked number 6 statewide for a total number of laboratories seized. With a total of 18 laboratory investigations, 4 were laboratory dump sites.

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The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) was responsible for cleanup costs of the actual removal of clandestine laboratories, and the abandoned laboratory chemicals or apparatus, referred to as “lab dump sites”. The costs for cleanup varies based on the volume and size of each particular case. Many of the chemicals have to be separated for correct storage and safe transportation. In 2007, DTSC was responsible for cleanup costs in Butte County in the amount of \$26,876.00. This would be a significant impact on local agencies, both in the expenditure of manpower resources, and cleanup costs, if not for the presence of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force and the coordination with DTSC.

For the number of children affected at clandestine laboratory sites, Butte County ranks number 1 for total, tied with Los Angeles (each with 14) and ranks number 1 per capita.

The Task Force opened 271 cases and closed 279 cases during the year. BINTF agents wrote and executed 81 search warrants and arrested 278 individuals. BINTF agents also conducted 182 probation and parole searches. Methamphetamine is the continued drug of choice in Butte County.

Methamphetamine was involved in 54% of drug arrests and 41% of the total arrests made by BINTF. During the calendar year 2007, BINTF observed a rise in the seizure of both cocaine and black tar heroin.

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TRAINING PROGRAMS PRESENTED BY AGENTS

A variety of community presentations are continually made throughout the year by Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) detectives and support staff from the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program on substance abuse, drug recognition, methamphetamine laboratory recognition and the DEC program. BINTF detectives provide these services to schools, civic groups, community organizations, the medical community, fire department personnel and law enforcement officers.

DATE	PRESENTER & RECIPIENT	TOPIC	TIME (Hours)	NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE
02/07/07	Oroville High School	Drug I.D./DEC	3.0	33
02/12/07	Butte County DA's Office	DEC	1.0	40
02/22/07	Home Depot - Oroville	Drug Labs/Recognition	1.5	27
02/27/07	Fairview High School	DEC	3.0	10
02/28/07	Oroville High School	Drug I.D.	1.0	24
03/02/07	Oroville High School	DEC	1.0	24
03/06/07	Las Plumas High School	Clan Lab Hazards	1.0	8
03/07/07	CNOA - Napa County	DEC	8.0	28
03/21/07	Gridley High School	DEC	1.0	143
03/22/07	San Mateo County Supervisors	DEC/BINTF	2.0	20
04/26/07	Options For Recovery - Chico	DEC	2.0	24
06/02/07	Hooked on Fishing - Oroville	Drug I.D./DEC	8.0	1500
06/05/07	CNOA - Humboldt County	DEC	8.0	50
06/06/07	CNOA - Mendocino County	DEC	8.0	55
06/13/07	CNOA- Modoc County	DEC	8.0	53
06/19/07	CNOA Supervisors Class - Sacramento, California	DEC	4.0	28

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DATE	PRESENTER & RECIPIENT	TOPIC	TIME (Hours)	NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE
07/03/07	Noon Exchange Club - Chico	DEC	1.0	55
07/07/07	Oroville Foster Family	DEC	1.0	27
08/02/07	Oroville Family Resource	DEC	3.0	20
09/05/07	University of Kentucky	DEC	2.0	240
09/17/07 to 09/19/07	UC Davis Child Abuse/Annual DEC Conference	DEC	4.5	300
09/18/07	Oroville Town Hall (Unveil Motor Home)	DEC Motor Home	1.0	100
09/22/07	Oroville Tribal Health	DEC Motor Home	1.0	100
09/26/07	Oroville Adult School	DEC	2.5	30
10/08/07	Gridley Town Hall	DEC Motor Home	2.0	150
10/09/07	Butte County Board of Supervisors	DEC Motor Home	6.0	40
10/10/07	Children's Services Division	DEC	2.0	35
10/16/07	Paradise Town Hall (Unveil Motor Home)	DEC Motor Home	2.0	100
10/16/07	Butte County Sheriff's Office STARS	BINTF Labs/Drugs	1.5	12
10/19/07	Governor's Prevention Advisory Task Force - Sacramento	DEC	1.5	63
10/19/07	Oroville High School	Drug I.D.	2.0	22
10/22/07	Oroville Noon Rotary	DEC	1.0	31
10/22/07	Durham Elementary School	Red Ribbon Week	3.0	400
10/23/07	Wyandotte School	Drug I.D./DEC	1.0	200
10/24/07	Oroville High School	Drug I.D./DEC	2.5	28
10/25/07	Cohasset Elementary School	Red Ribbon Week	3.0	400

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DATE	PRESENTER & RECIPIENT	TOPIC	TIME (Hours)	NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE
10/25/07	St. Thomas School - Oroville	Red Ribbon Week	2.0	80
10/25/07	CNOA - Imperial County	DEC	8.0	98
10/31/07	Kiwanis Club - Oroville	DEC/BINTF	1.0	20
11/05/07	Beta Sigma Phi - Chico	DEC	1.0	34
11/06/07	San Luis Obispo Cal-MMET	DEC	3.0	22
11/08/07	Fresno County DA	DEC	5.0	90
11/13/07	Oroville High School	DEC	1.0	41
11/17/07 to 11/18/07	CNOA - Reno, Nevada	DEC	8.0	150
11/27/07	Cal-MMET - Dublin, California	DEC	3.0	24
11/28/07	California Drug & Alcohol Press Event	DEC	1.5	70
11/29/07	Cal-MMET - Red Bluff	DEC	3.0	26
12/11/07	Washington D.C.	DEC	2.0	31
12/12/07	Winnemucca, Nevada	DEC	3.5	56
TOTALS			146	5162

NARCOTICS AGENT TRAINING

It is paramount that our law enforcement personnel receive ongoing specialized training in the field of narcotic enforcement. In the ever changing narcotic enforcement field, we must be kept informed and educated on current drug trends, case law and officer safety.

BINTF continues to place a priority on enhancing the expertise of its personnel by attending formal drug training courses in 2007. The agencies supporting BINTF are committed to the development of its personnel through training. Agents newly assigned to the unit are to complete several training courses to provide the agent with basic and intermediate levels of expertise relating to narcotic investigations.

In 2007, BINTF agents attended 17 formal training courses ranging from 2 hours to 80 hours in length for a total of 311 hours of training. These courses covered topics in almost every facet of narcotics investigation, including clandestine lab certification and investigation, 80 hours of narcotics training, entry training, and Drug Endangered Children (DEC).

Sixteen (16) Task Force personnel attended the annual California Narcotic Officer's Association (CNOA) Training Conference.

The BINTF evidence custodian received 28 hours of training by attending the Annual California Association for Property and Evidence (CAPE) Conference. The training provides BINTF's evidence custodian the latest in the handling of evidence, destruction of evidence, case law, and management of the evidence system.

During 2007, BINTF personnel received a total of 1300 hours of training.

Course Name	Number of Hours	Persons Attended	Total Hours
Dependency Drug Court	2	2	4
CNOA 2007	24	16	384
DOJ Drug Identification Screening	3	2	6
Clan Laboratory Investigation	40	3	120
Drug Endangered Children	3	9	27

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Course Name	Number of Hours	Persons Attended	Total Hours
DOJ 80-Hour Narcotics	80	5	400
Clan Laboratory Certification	36	3	108
Clan Laboratory Re-certification	8	9	72
Clan Laboratory Supervisor Certification	8	4	32
C.A.P.E. Evidence Technician	28	1	28
Asset Forfeiture Training	36	1	36
Mini-DAR Class	8	1	8
Electronic Surveillance	8	4	32
Advanced Generation Tracker System (AGenT)	8	1	8
Search Warrant A-Z	8	1	8
NIK Polytesting System	3	1	3
Informant Management	8	3	24
TOTAL HOURS	311	66	1300

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DRUG SEIZURES

<u>DRUG</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>STREET VALUE</u>
Ambien	31 dosage units	\$310.00
Cocaine (Base)	50.50 grams	\$5,050.00
Cocaine (Powder)	2,408.40 grams	\$240,840.00
Cocaine (Rock)	30.76 grams	\$3,076.00
Demerol	30 dosage units	\$300.00
Ephedra	9.988 grams	\$9,988.00
Hashish	52.81 grams	\$2,640.50
Heroin	750.80 grams	\$75,080.00
Heroin (Liquid)	30.00 cc	\$10.00
Hydrocodone (Vicodin)	164 dosage units	\$1,640.00
Lorcet	15 dosage units	\$150.00
Lortab	128 dosage units	\$1,280.00
LSD	8 dosage units	\$80.00
Marijuana	2,189.6 grams	\$43,792.00
Marijuana (Bud)	23,447.72 grams	\$468,954.40
Marijuana (Drying)	86,820.32 grams	\$669,935.00
Marijuana Plants	30,327 plants	\$90,981,000.00
MDMA (Ecstasy)	48.0 dosage units	\$960.00
Methadone	9.0 dosage units	\$90.00

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<u>DRUG</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>STREET VALUE</u>
Methamphetamine (Crystal)	2,328.49 grams	\$349,273.50
Methamphetamine (Powder)	88.52 grams	\$8,852.00
Methamphetamine (Solution)	150.0 milliliters	\$500.00
Opium	312.67 grams	\$25,013.60
Opium Poppies	15 plants	\$750.00
Oxycontin	81 dosage units	\$2,025.00
Oxycodone	34 dosage units	\$340.00
Psilocybin	11.88 grams	\$237.60
Red Phosphorous	8.0 ounces	\$1,600.00
Soma	6.0 dosage units	\$60.00
Steroids (Vials)	2,661.0 milliliters	\$66,535.00
Steroids (Powder)	80.0 grams	\$3,200.00
Other Prescription Drugs	491.5 dosage units	\$9,119.00
	TOTAL STREET VALUE	\$92,972,681.60

Estimating the street value of drugs can be difficult due to the varying purities and quantities available on the street. When a drug is seized, a purity level is assigned to it based on all available information. Once the purity is established, a value can be applied to the drug. To obtain a street value of any drug, the Commanders use the Western States Information Network Publication (WSIN), "Illegal Drug Price List." This publication establishes prices of drugs based on street level purity. This information is then factored with information from local drug users/dealers obtained during interviews.

WEAPON SEIZURES

Types of Weapons

Handguns.....	15
Rifles.....	06
Shotguns.....	07
Explosives.....	00
Illegal Weapons.....	01
TOTAL.....	29

ARREST CLASSIFICATIONS & LOCATIONS

Arrests

Felony	213
Misdemeanor	65
Total	278

Arrests by Location

Chico	94
Oroville	29
County	90
Biggs	5
Out of County	9
Gridley	40
Paradise	11
Total	278

Classifications

Major Dealers *	126
Miscellaneous **	102
Cultivation	9
Non-Drug	41
Total	278

* Major Dealers include: individuals arrested for manufacturing, dealing, and/or possession for sale of ounces to pound quantities of controlled substances.

** Miscellaneous include: individuals arrested for simple possession and/or possession for sale of gram quantities.

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2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
452	500	506	434	265	278

PRIMARY VIOLATIONS

Drug Related

Methamphetamine	114
MDMA	1
Heroin	7
Marijuana	58
Cocaine	14
Cocaine Base	2
Opium	0
Other Controlled Prescription Drugs	9
Steroids	5

Sub-Total	210
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Non-Drug Related

Probation Violations	4
Parole Violations	12
Warrant Arrests	27
Weapon Violations	6
Traffic Violations	1
Other	18

Sub-Total	68
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TOTAL	278
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ASSET SEIZURES

	Cash Forfeited	Cash Seized	Interest Earned	Property Seized*
January	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
March	\$ 2,184.15	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,000.00
April	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,588.35	\$ 0.00
May	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
June	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
July	\$ 188.18	\$ 1,840.00	\$1,612.10	\$ 0.00
August	\$15,488.03	\$ 23,990.79	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,124.00
September	\$ 31,470.47	\$ 2,459.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00
October	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,296.00	\$ 904.72	\$ 0.00
November	\$ 7,163.72	\$ 13,595.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,125.00
December	\$ 0.00	\$ 930.00	\$1,232.96	\$ 0.00
Total	\$56,494.55	\$51,310.79	\$5,338.13	\$50,249.00

*The property seized includes vehicles, but is not necessarily the forfeited amount of the asset.

DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROGRAM

Detectives assigned to the North and South Offices of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) also work drug endangered children (DEC) cases as they relate to drug enforcement and are supervised by two (2) California Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (DOJ/BNE) Special Agent Supervisors. A Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Deputy is funded from the general budget as a full-time DEC Detective in the South Office. This position is a priority with Sheriff Perry Reniff who is committed to the DEC program. Other full-time DEC staff positions assigned to BINTF include a full-time DA Investigator. The director of the Butte County Department of Social Services supports the DEC program by dedicating two (2) social workers, Desiree Vance, assigned to the BINTF South Office and Erin Sweet, assigned to the BINTF North Office. These two (2) social workers are critical members of the team and also respond to other allied law enforcement agencies in Butte County to assist on DEC investigations on a case-by-case basis.

During 2007, the Butte County District Attorney's Office received grant funding for the dedicated DA Investigator in the amount of eight thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$8,784.00) from an Oroville Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant administered through the Butte County Office of Education and provides two hundred forty (240) hours for investigative staff who are responsible for making school and community presentations on drug identification, drug trends, the medical and social effects of substance abuse and DEC. The DEC program coordinator (DA Investigator) is responsible for obtaining presentation evaluations and ensuring school referrals are provided on all south county school age children. In August 2007, the Butte County District Attorney's Office entered into a contract with U.C. Davis for the services of Butte County DA Investigator (DEC Coordinator) Sue Webber-Brown to provide three (3) to four (4) days per month of technical assistance in a DEC data collection grant for approximately twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year.

BINTF also receives a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) grant for the DEC program from Drug Free Communities Support Project which is also another partnership with the Butte County District Attorney's Office and Butte County Office of Education. The grant provides for costs of educational materials to conduct community and school based presentations.

The DEC program is also included on two (2) additional grants affecting BINTF. The Byrne grant received by the Butte County Probation Department includes funding for participation in BINTF. Additionally, a Cal-MMET grant received by the Butte County Sheriff's Office also participates with BINTF. Both grants have inclusive language specific to DEC programs and requires data be collected on the number of children rescued from drug homes.

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In 2007, eight hundred and seventy two (872) DEC referrals were received in the BINTF office with four hundred ninety-one (491) referrals received in BINTF North and three hundred eighty-one (381) received at BINTF South. Of those, fifty-seven (57) DEC case investigations were completed, with one hundred twenty-two (122) children responded to.

The vast majority of the DEC DIMS which are in the form of the BINTF Daily Information Memorandum (DIM) are from Butte County Children’s Services Division (CSD). Slightly more than four (4) DEC investigations are completed each month.

The majority of the children responded to are provided services from a Butte County Social Worker with services provided ranging from family treatment plans to reunification and/or supervision. Of these fifty-nine (59) children who were non-detained and sixty-three (63) children were detained, each of which were referred to Victim Witness.

Year	Cases Investigated	Children Responded To	Children From Labs	Requests Filed	Charges Filed With DA
1998	38	87	31	–	19
1999	26	45	29	15	9
2000	42	89	33	24	24
2001	44	111	44	50	43
2002	75	174	24	77	65
2003	96	223	11	64	51
2004	169	331	28	63	48
2005	103	233	10	61	41
2006	64	169	5	66	54
2007	57	122	14	39	35

2007 Highlights

After two and a half years (2 ½), hundreds of man hours, thousands of dollars in donations, the drug endangered children mobile response vehicle was finally unveiled at an open Town Hall meeting on September 18, 2007, in Oroville, hosted by the Butte County Meth Strike Force. Completing the motor home project required removing all of the cabinet doors to clean, sand and varnish. Privacy curtains had to be cut, stitched and installed, along with a new accordion door being installed in the rear bedroom. The kitchen had to be stocked with essential items and non-

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perishable foods for children. Bedding for children and officers were purchased and stored, portable containers for children's clothing and diapers were inserted in the closets and essential supplies were stored in the bathroom.

The last and one of the most important details was having all of the participating DEC partners recognized with agency insignias on the back of the motor home. While the law enforcement agencies have their badges or patches, five (5) additional emblems were designed to represent the Butte County Fire Chief's Association, California Association of Code Enforcement, Butte County Office of Education, Department of Employment and Social Services and one (1) decal representing Butte County's Public Health, Behavior Health and Superior Court.

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Decals representing all of the DEC Partners are boldly and proudly affixed to the rear of the motor home, along with a new graphic design naming the vehicle “The C.R.V. – Community Response Vehicle *Providing a Safe Haven For Kids*.” A copy of the public flyer is included in this report.

The motor home was also on display at the Gridley and Paradise Town Hall meetings. Additionally, it was available during a Butte County Board of Supervisors meeting to tour, and open to all county employees and citizens. The motor home was also a big attraction at a local Saturday Indian Health fair open to the public.

During 2007, numerous requests were received from across the state and nation asking for help in implementing DEC, requesting training materials, and asking for technical assistance. Technical assistance and training was provided to Kentucky, Indiana, Nevada and Wyoming. Providing DEC training and awareness, both in and out of the county, continues to be one of BINTF’s contributions to other professionals, students, and citizens of our state. In 2007, Butte County DEC team members provided forty-one (41) individual DEC presentations totaling one hundred twenty-nine (129) instructional hours to four thousand one hundred fifty-six (4,156) people. This included eleven (11) presentations in Oroville to the elementary and high schools as part of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant. Three (3) additional presentations were provided to schools in Gridley, and Chico. During the school presentations students have an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, have honest dialogue about substance abuse in their homes, and provide comments about the class, along with criticisms or suggested improvements.

Butte County DEC team members, as part of the California Alliance for Drug Endangered Children helped plan, organize and present a three (3) day DEC conference simultaneous with the U.C. Davis Child Abuse conference in Sacramento in October of 2007 which was attended by over three thousand (3,000) people. Of all the topics available, the Drug Endangered Children classes were the most popular and full to capacity.

Due to overwhelming requests for Butte County’s DEC team to provide training, technical assistance, and outreach, Wendy Tully, Program Manager with the California Office of the Attorney General, Crime and Violence Prevention Center, obtained funding to produce a quality DEC training video for DEC teams across the nation. The California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement is also a sponsor of this project and DA Investigator Sue Webber-Brown is the DEC content expert, who arranged for Local, State, and Federal DEC experts and leaders to participate in interviews on a professional sound stage during the DEC conference. Some of the guests to be featured in the training video are Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, Deputy District Attorney Clare Keithley, Social Worker Desiree Vance, Doctors with Sutter Memorial Hospital, Loma Linda Hospital, and U.C. Davis, as well as U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott, just to name a few. The training video is moving forward with a completion date of fall of 2008.

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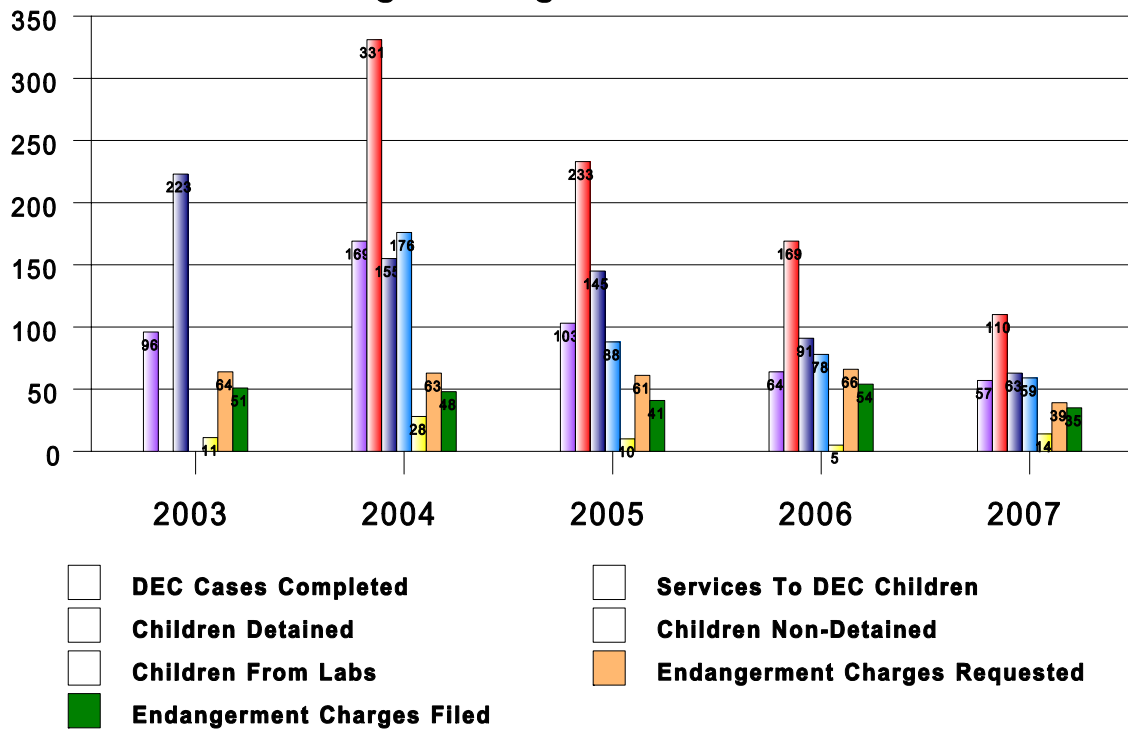
In 2007, the BINTF DEC Coordinator was assigned to be apart of a working group funded by the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and implemented by the University of California Davis, Department of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital to develop a California Multi-disciplinary DEC database of which Butte is one (1) of six (6) participating counties.

BINTF DEC Coordinator Sue Webber-Brown also set up and organized six (6) DEC classes for the California Narcotics Officers Association in counties across the State of California, including a Narcotics Supervisors class and the Annual CNOA training conference in Reno, Nevada. Sue also assisted the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services with four (4) statewide DEC training presentations on specific grant requirements as it pertains to the Drug Endangered Children program for Cal-MMET grant recipients.

Lastly, BINTF and the Butte County DEC program were once again recognized nationally when DA Investigator Sue Webber-Brown was honored for rescuing drug endangered children by President George W. Bush in Washington D.C. at the White House on December 11, 2007.



Drug Endangered Children



During the 2007 calendar year, the BINTF DEC team completed fifty-seven (57) Drug Endangered Children investigations (in purple above). A total of one hundred twenty-two (122) children were responded too, of which one hundred ten (110) children (in red above) were provided services by Butte County Children’s Services Division (CSD). Of the total number of children (in red above), sixty-three (63) children were physically detained (in blue above) and fifty-nine (59) children were non-detained (in turquoise above). All of the one hundred twenty-two (122) children were entered into the Child Welfare System/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) with Children’s Services Division.

Drug Endangered Children (DEC) cases, for the purposes of this program and the annual report, are children who are responded to by the BINTF DEC team. This is a multi-discipline team which most often includes a social worker from Butte County Children’s Services Division (CSD) and involves other agencies, such as Code Enforcement. To be considered a DEC case, the investigation must include a responding CSD social worker to the scene. On rare occasions, when the assigned DEC social worker cannot respond and a replacement is unable to be located, then an immediate referral to CSD must be made, and some type of follow-up service is provided to improve the child’s life.

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