Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act

Diversion Investigator
George Lutz
414-336-7372

Goals and Objectives

- Discuss methamphetamine background and the scope of the problem as related to manufacture and abuse
- Identify and discuss the pharmacology of methamphetamine
- Discuss the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act
- Discuss smurfing and diversion of Small Capacity Production Labs
- Discuss methamphetamine manufacture and the dangers associated with methamphetamine production

Questions to Discuss

- True or False….
  - The Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act was passed to limit the amount of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and/or Phenylpropanolamine available to clandestine laboratory operators who manufacture controlled substances such as methamphetamine and amphetamine.

True

Questions to Discuss

- Which of the following drugs are not covered under the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act as Scheduled Listed Chemical Products?
- A) Ephedrine
- B) Pseudoephedrine
- C) Phenylephrine
- D) Phenylpropanolamine

C) Phenylephrine

Questions to Discuss

- True or False….
  - The easiest method of methamphetamine manufacture is through the “one-pot” method using pseudoephedrine or ephedrine.

True

DEA
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

Foreign vs. Domestic Methamphetamine

U.S. Methamphetamine Problem

- The U.S. methamphetamine threat is a two prong problem:
  - Methamphetamine manufactured by Mexican Trafficking Organizations (large “Super Labs” in Mexico & the U.S.)
  - Small Capacity Production Labs (SCPLs) (based in the U.S.)

Seizures of Methamphetamine along the SWB

EPIC SOUTHWEST BORDER METH STATS (CA, AZ, NM, TX)

YEAR	KILOGRAMS SEIZED
CY 2001	1,879.41 KG
CY 2002	1,217.69 KG
CY 2003	1,965.56 KG
CY 2004	2,436.97 KG
CY 2005	3,041.42 KG
CY 2006	2,875.07 KG
CY 2007	1,885.96 KG
CY 2008	2,236.74 KG
CY 2009	3,534.19 KG
CY 2010	5,513.76 KG
CY 2011	8,589.12 KG
CY 2012	12,541.87 KG
CY 2013	14,576.80 KG
CY 2014	16,139.68 KG
CY 2015	17,884.53 KG

Rankin County deputies seize more than a million in meth

Posted: Jan 08, 2016 3:49 PM CST
Updated: Jan 08, 2016 3:55 PM CST

Posted by Howard Ballou CONNECT

Source: Rankin County

Source: Rankin County

JACKSON, MS (Mississippi News Now) - A man traveling from El Paso, Texas to Atlanta, Georgia was stopped in I-20 for careless driving Friday, but ended up being arrested on drug charges.

Pearl Police Officer Lindley stopped a 2010 F350, driven be Domingo Avila, Jr, who said he was heading to Atlanta.

Avila gave consent to search the vehicle.

During a search of the vehicle, Deputy Lindley located 15 kilos of Methamphetamine and 14 liters of liquid Methamphetamine.

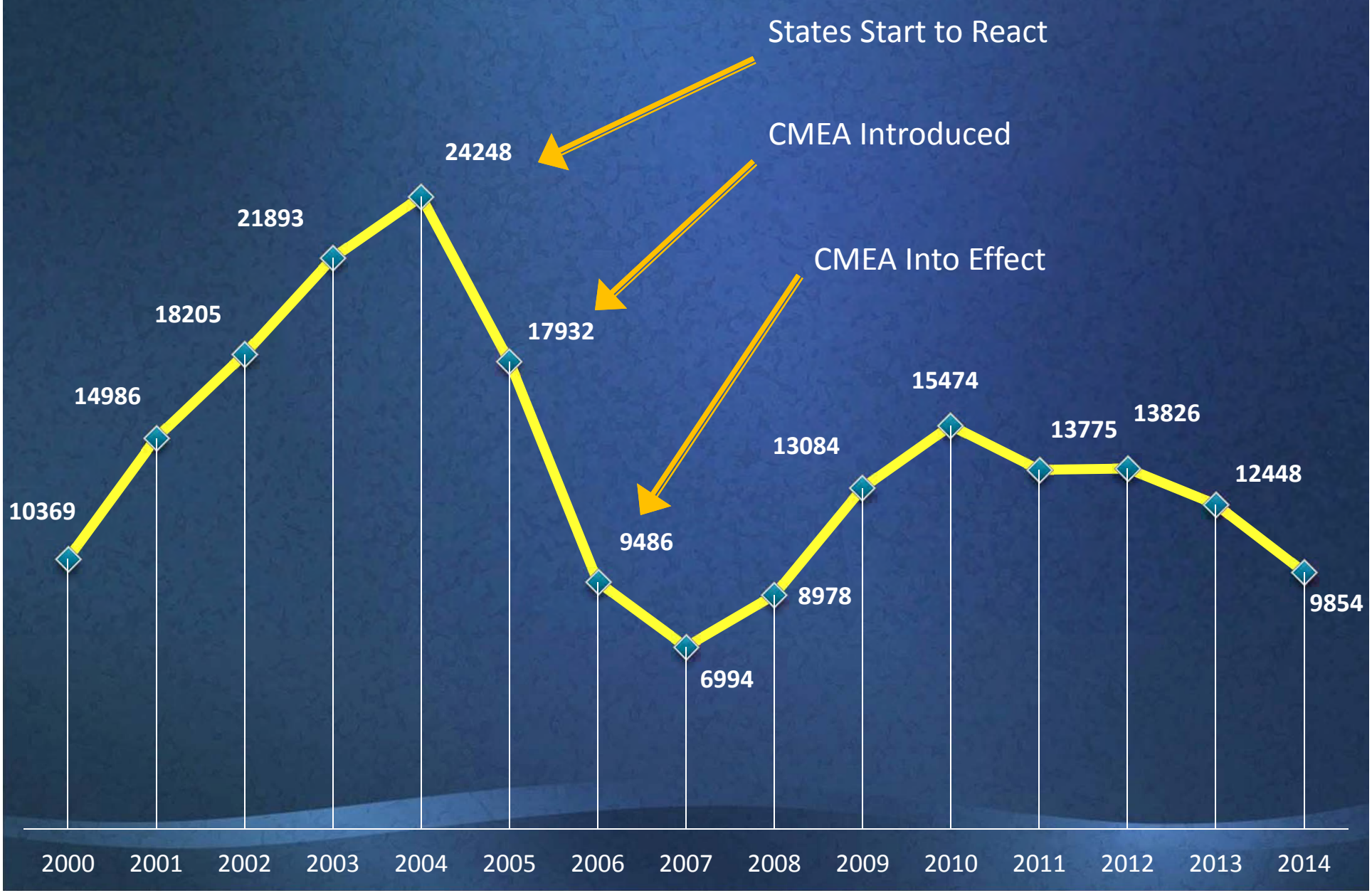
The street value of the Methamphetamine is over $1,000,000.00 dollars.

Avila was arrested and charged with aggravated trafficking of a controlled substance and transported to the Rankin County Jail.

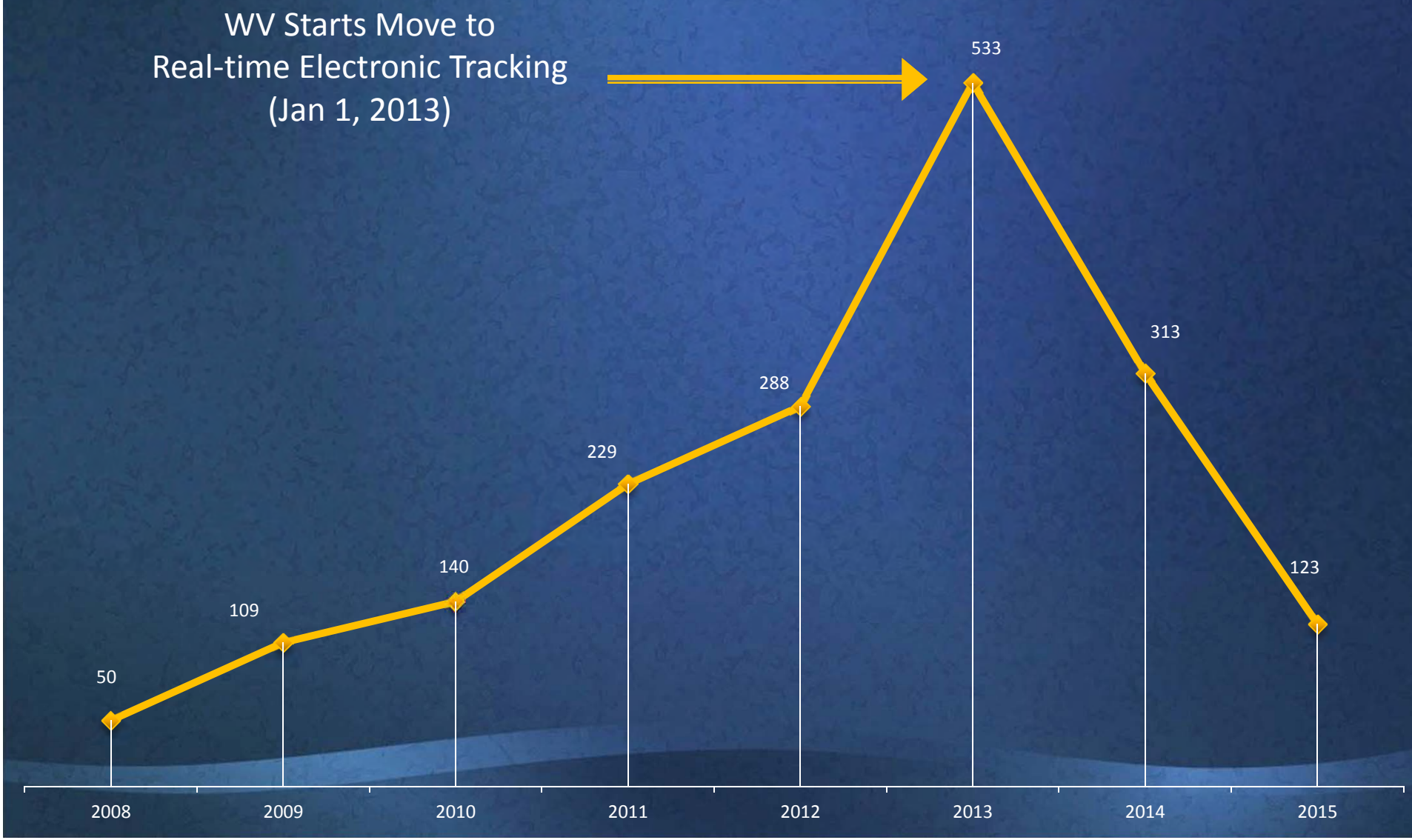
He will have an initial appearance before District Attorney Michael Guest and County Court Judge Kent McDaniel Tuesday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m.

MSNewsNow

United States Meth Lab Incidents



West Virginia Meth Lab Incidents



Domestic Meth

- Today's Home-Grown Methamphetamine
  - 3 to 4 times easier to make and 3 to 4 times more potent than the old drug
  - Common chemicals purchased over the counter
  - 1 to 4 hours to cook a batch (old method took 20+ hours)
  - Accounts for 98% of all reported clandestine labs.

EPIC 2004

Why do we have the CMEA?

Domestic Chemical Trafficking

What it the purpose of the CMEA?

To limit the domestic manufacture of methamphetamine by placing restrictions on the sale of Pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine at retail outlets.

What information must be in the logbook?

- You must keep a logbook which contains a written or electronic list of sales of drug products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine.
- You must write or enter in the logbook the name of the drug product and the quantity sold.
- Your customer must write or enter in the logbook their name and address, and the date and time of the sale.
- Your customer must also sign the logbook (signature).

Identification and Verification

- Your customer must show you a photo identification issued by a State or the federal government.
- Alternate Forms of Identification are allowed by 8 CFR 274a.2(b(1)(v)(A) and 274a.2(b)(1)(v)(B) and include but are not limited to:
  - United States passport (unexpired or expired).
  - Alien Registration Receipt Card or Permanent Resident Card, Form I–551.
  - An unexpired foreign passport that contains a temporary I–551 stamp.
  - An unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by the Immigration And Naturalization Service which contains a photograph, Form I–766; Form I–688, Form I–688A, or Form I–688B.

Identification and Verification

- You cannot sell Scheduled Listed Chemical Products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine to customers unless they present appropriate identification.
- You must verify that your customer's name on the photo identification matches the name your customer wrote in the logbook.
- You must verify that the date and time of the sale that your customer wrote in the logbook are correct.

When is my customer NOT required to sign the logbook?

- If your customer buys a single package containing not more than 60 milligrams of pseudoephedrine* (one 60 mg tablet or two 30 mg tablets)
  - Your customer does not have to sign the logbook.
  - Your customer does not have to show identification.

* Note: does not apply to ephedrine or phenylpropanolamine

Who can see the logbook information?

- You must keep the logbook secure.
- You may share information in the logbook:
  - To comply with the law; and
  - For a product recall.
- Logbook information may **only** be shown to local, state and federal law enforcement.
- Information in the logbook may be copied, inspected only, or turned over entirely.
- Ask your supervisor for further information about sharing information.

How do I store these drug products?

- You must store drug products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine either behind the counter or in a locked cabinet.
- You must give the drug product directly to the customer who signed the logbook.

How much of these drug products can I sell to each customer per day?

- You cannot sell more than **3.6 grams per day to each customer** of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine.

How much of these drug products can my customer buy in a 30-day period?

- Your customer cannot buy more than **9 grams in a 30-day period** of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine.
  - West Virginia more restrictive [WVC §60A-10-8]
    - no more than **7.2 grams in a 30-day period**
    - no more than **48 grams annually**

Does not apply to products dispensed pursuant to a valid prescription

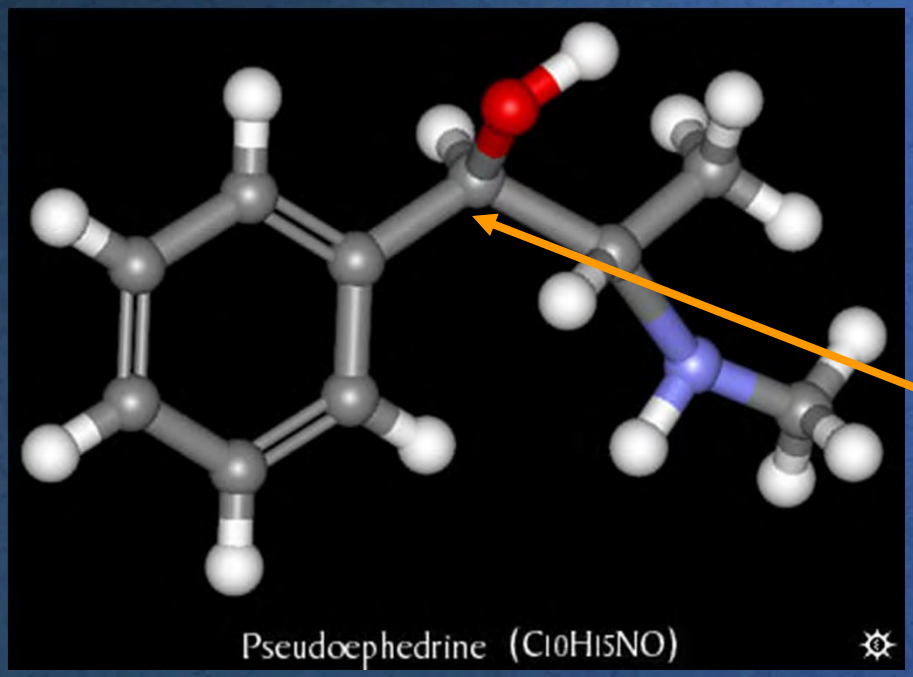
DEA

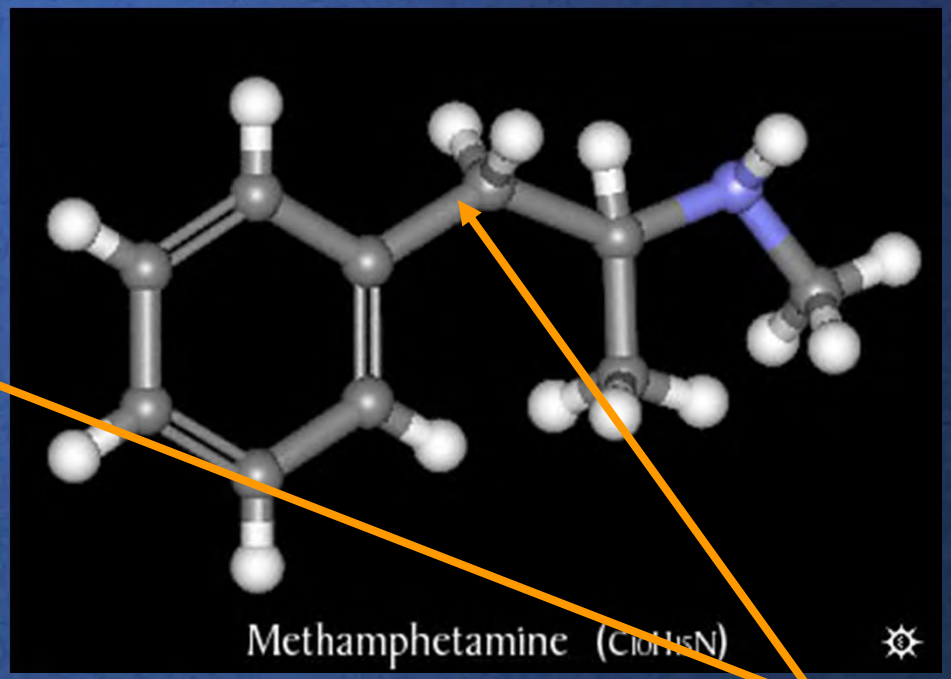
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

Why Pseudoephedrine or Ephedrine to Make Methamphetamine?

A Molecular Comparison

Pseudoephedrine **Methamphetamine**





What's the big deal with Pseudoephedrine? The answer is basically **One Oxygen Molecule**. The molecular similarity of pseudo to meth is so close that using today's common methamphetamine manufacturing methods ("Shake & Bake" Red-Phosphorus or Anhydrous / Nazi method) simply reduce the molecular structure of pseudoephedrine/ ephedrine by one Oxygen molecule to create Methamphetamine.

Meth's Effects

Psychological Effects

- Delusions
- Extreme paranoia
- Hallucinations
- Increased alertness
- Sense of well-being
- Prolonged depression
- Excessive excitation and talking
- Panic
- Anxiousness and nervousness
- Moodiness and irritability

Cheri

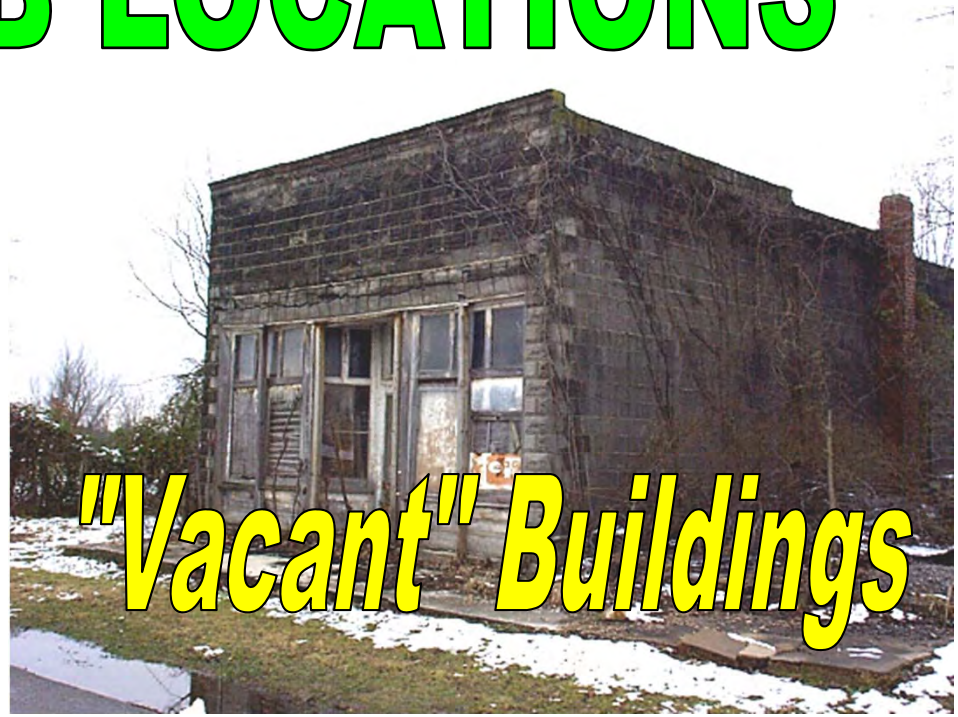
Meth Addiction

- When compared to Alcohol and Cocaine:
  - A group of 100 people given a drink of alcohol every day for 3 weeks, **8 of the 100** will become addicted.
  - A group of 100 people given meth or cocaine orally or as snuff every day for 3 weeks, **14 of the 100** will become addicted.
  - A group of 100 people given meth by smoking or injection just 2 times, **90 of the 100** will become addicted.
  - If a recovering meth addict, who has been clean for 11 months, has a hit of meth in placed in front of them, the desire to use it will cause the addict to use it, **100%** of the time.

◄ An individual suffering from "crank bugs", a condition sometimes seen in cases of heavy methamphetamine abuse. A similar condition, called "coke bugs" or "snow bugs", is also seen in heavy cocaine users. This is a drug induced hallucination or sensation that bugs are crawling on or under the skin. The abuser picks at the skin in an attempt to remove the bugs. The individual pictured had similar marks on his legs, face, chest and back.

Lab Locations

POSSIBLE LAB LOCATIONS



POSSIBLE LAB LOCATIONS

ed THE QUARTERBACK
TERBACK I
I scored THE
THE QUARTERBACK
'ERBACK I
I THE
THE QUARTERBACK

Mobile Meth Lab found inside of truck during a traffic stop.

Mobile Lab Counter Measure

http://atom.smasher.org/construction/

Lab Dangers

Meth Labs are Endangering our Communities Florida & Alabama

"Meth lab explodes inside South Jacksonville apartment"

August 17, 2011 The Florida Times Union

"Janitor finds meth lab in Walmart bathroom"

WHNT April 11, 2012 Boaz, Alabama

Meth Labs are Endangering our Communities Washington, D.C & Nation

" Meth Lab Explosion Rocks Luxury Apartment in Dupont Apartment"

February 2, 2012
Inthecapital.com

" AP Exclusive: National Meth Labs Busts up in 2011"

February 22, 2012
Associated Press

Meth Labs are Being Found At & Near Our Schools
Indiana & Michigan

"Two meth labs found at Elementary School"

ABC57news April 4, 2012
Plymouth, Indiana

"Meth Lab Next to Elementary School"

9 & 10 News April 2, 2012
Luther, Michigan

Meth Labs are Being Found At & Near Our Schools
Georgia

"Police bust meth lab next to elementary school"

WTOC.com March 29, 2012
Kingsland, Georgia

"Meth lab found in truck at South Effingham Middle School"

"Lawrence Lanier, 34, had two small children in his truck within arm's reach of a meth lab when he was arrested at South Effingham Middle School, Effingham County Sheriff's Office spokesman David Ehsanipoor said."

Savannahnow.com April 10, 2012

Meth Labs are Harming Our Environment
Tennessee & Kentucky

"Man Dumped Meth Waste Into Trout Stream."

"My concern is this is a trout stream, there are kids that fish this area," said Sheriff Hensley"

April 25, 2012 WCYB.com

"Dumping meth labs – Materials pose threat to environment, including water supply, fish and wildlife"

"The bad news is for the public Loving said, because the chemicals left behind are now in the river where people fish and swim."

BG DailyNews.com August 19, 2011

Meth Labs are Dangerous

"Two men plead guilty in meth lab-lab fire that heavily damaged Kalamazoo apartment building"

Kalamazoo Gazette March 31, 2010

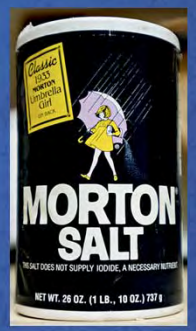
1509
NO

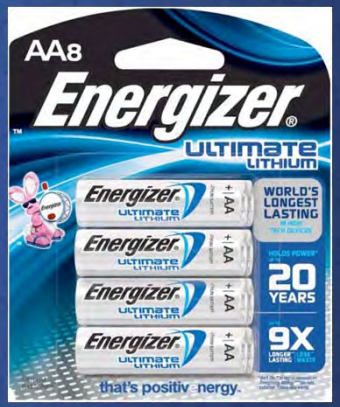
Today's Lab

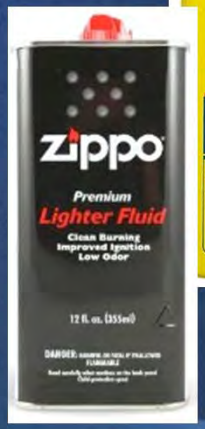
One Pot/Shake and Bake

One Pot Meth Production

How many of these are in your store?







One Pot Meth Production

- Combine
  - PSE tablets – whole or ground up
  - Solvent – ether, camp fuel
  - Lithium (Batteries)
  - Sodium Hydroxide
  - Ammonium Nitrate (cold packs)
  - Water
- Burp, Wait, Repeat
  - Filter off liquid
  - Use HCl generator to crash out Meth

CAUTION!
DO NOT INSERT
IN EAR CANAL
300

HEET

Extremely Dangerous One-Pot labs

- One-Pot labs newest trend extremely Dangerous
- Clan lab stats increase in many states
- Reactive to water/moisture
- Meth labs catching fire at a higher rate
- 50% Failure (if it hasn't – it will catch fire

Pampa, Texas

3:43:34PM
MAY 24 2010

AVAILABILITY OF MANUFACTURING MATERIALS!!!!!!!!!

From the Folks that Brought you

"BlackFriday"
&
"Cyber Monday"

“Tweaker Tuesday”

Check out this week's
bonus buys

View by Category | View by Page

Offers valid Dec. 02 - Dec. 08
view another ad » | share +

28 FREE shipping EVERY DAY on orders of $25 or more at Walgreens.com

We speak HIV

Specially trained pharmacists and staff at over 600 locations can talk with you about:

- Medication therapy
- HIV testing organizations
- At-home HIV testing options
- Financial resources

Visit HIV.Walgreens.com or call 800-573-3602 to find HIV-specialized pharmacists and locations across the country.

Walgreens is a proud partner of Greater Than AIDS.

Walgreens
WE AIDS greaterthan.org

balance rewards 2,000 points with purchase of 1 or more of participating products below.

coupon savings
19.99 with card
$4 less coupon savings in most Sunday papers[1]
final cost 15.99

Claritin Allergy Relief
- 24 or 30 ct.
- 20 ct. Claritin-D

Limit 1 Claritin-D, excluded from points.

$5 off
with card Allegra Allergy Relief • 70 ct. 24 Hour • 20 ct. Allegra-D 12 Hour
Limit 1 Allegra-D.

$4 off
with card Zyrtec Allergy Relief • 25 or 30 ct. 24 Hour • 24 ct. 12 Hour Zyrtec-D
Limit 1 Zyrtec-D.

buy 1 get 1 50% off* with card *Of equal or lesser price on same brand

buy 1 get 1 50% off*
with card Hot or Cold Therapy or Ibuprofen Bed Buddy: Back Wrap or Hot & Cold Pack Walgreens: Ibuprofen, Cold Pack, Compresses, Patches, Hot & Cold Wrap or Therapeutic Pad.
Excludes $5, $7 and $9 multipacks.

buy 1 get 1 50% off*
with card Support Braces and Elastic Bandages Walgreens by Ace.

buy 1 get 1 50% off*
with card First Aid • Cortaid, .5 to 1.5 oz. • 8 to 80 pk. select Band-Aid Bandages • Neosporin Antibiotic, .26 or .5 oz. • J&J Dressings, Pads, Gauze, Tape or First Aid Kits

[1]Only available on in-store purchases. Card and Sunday paper coupon required for pricing.

10,11,24,26,40,41,53,54,64,67

Search the Ad GO

balance rewards
Save. Earn. Redeem.

Need Help Ordering?
Visit Walgreens & get help shopping online from an associate.

Check out the hottest Photo Deals each week.

Sign up for the Weekly Ad Sneak Peek email!

Check out this week's bonus buys

View by Category | View by Page

Offers valid Dec. 02 - Dec. 08
view another ad » | share +

6 FREE shipping EVERY DAY on orders of $25 or more on Walgreens.com

balance rewards

3,000 points with purchase of $25 or more of participating P&G products below.

3.99 with card Bathroom Tissue or Laundry Products • 6 double rolls Charmin Bathroom Tissue • Downy Liquid, 40 loads or 80 pk. Sheets • 70 or 80 pk. Bounce Sheets • 10 pk. Tide Stain Release

9.99 with card Gain Laundry Detergent, 48 or 64 loads.

2/$3 or 1.69 ea. with card Puffs Facial Tissue, 124, 180, 200 or 216 sheets.

4.99 with card Bounty Paper Towels, 6 rolls.

99¢ with card Dawn Dish Liquid, 9 oz.

20% off with card Febreze, Swiffer and Mr. Clean Household Cleaning Products

good at Walgreens with COUPON and CARD

2.99 Nice!™ Trash Bags, 15 to 36 pk., 13 or 30 gal. Limit 2. No limits in NM. Good Sun. 12/2 thru Sat. 12/8/12

0 00000 01414 0

good at Walgreens with COUPON and CARD

2/$3 Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil, 30 sq. ft. Limit 2. No limits in NM. Good Sun. 12/2 thru Sat. 12/8/12

0 00000 01413 0

5.99 with card Viva Paper Towels, 6 rolls.

4.99 with card Household Cleaners Items shown, plus: Liquid-Plumr, 16 or 17 oz. • Pine-Sol All Purpose, 40 oz. • Tilex Mold & Mildew, [illegible] oz. • Clorox Toilet Bowl, 2 pk., [illegible] oz. ea.

coupon savings
2/$5 with card
$1 less coupon savings on 2; in most Sunday papers¹
final cost 2/$4

Ziploc Bags • 15 to 25 pk. Freezer or Storage • 100 pk. Sandwich • 2 to 5 pk. Containers

free Scrubbing Bubbles One Step or Fresh Brush Refill (3.99 VALUE) with card and purchase below.

7.99 with card Scrubbing Bubbles Toilet Cleaner Kits

balance rewards
buy 2 or more get 1,500 points
buy 1 get 500 points

4.49 with card Glade Air Fresheners Items shown plus: Lasting Impressions Refill • Automatic Spray Refill, 6.2 oz. • Plugin Warmer Kit • Scented Oil Candle Holder with 3 Refills

¹Offer available on in-store purchases. Card and Sunday paper coupon required for pricing.

Search the Ad GO

Save. Earn. Redeem.

Need Help Ordering?
Visit Walgreens & get help shopping online from an associate.

Check out the hottest Photo Deals each week.

Sign up for the Weekly Ad Sneak Peek email!

Check out this week's bonus buys

View by Category | View by Page

Offers valid Dec. 02 - Dec. 08
view another ad » | share +

balance rewards | **1,000 points** with purchase of participating products below.

12.99 with card Living Solutions™ or Sylvania Appliances
• 3 Cup Food Chopper • 2 Slice Toaster • Single, 5 or 10 Cup Coffee Maker • Steam Iron • Hand Mixer • Single Burner • 6 Cup Rice Cooker • 1.5 qt. Slow Cooker • Hot Pot, 32 oz.

balance rewards | **2,000 points** with purchase of participating products below.

19.99 with card Living Solutions™ or Sylvania Appliances
• 12 Cup Digital Coffee Maker • Cord Reel Iron • 10 Speed Blender • Personal Blender, 28 oz. • 4 Slice Toaster Oven

9.99 with card Blankets or Pillows • Comfy Critters Hooded Blanket Living Solutions™: Sherpa or Fleece Throw, 50x60 or 60x90 in. • Neck or Memory Foam Pillow

7.99 with card Living Solutions™ Coffee Accessories • 6 piece Stoneware Cappuccino Mug with Rack • Thermal Travel Set • 18 or 24 Cup Coffee Pod Rack *Coffee pods not included.*

9.99 with card Twin Size Air Bed

29.99 with card Queen Size Air Bed

QUICK LOOK

Add to Saved Items

Scan here to bring home more value.
For **bonus buys**, use your Walgreens app to scan the QR code or visit **Walgreens.com/HomeOffers**

at the corner of BUSTLE & BRIGHT.

Search the Ad | GO

balance rewards
Save. Earn. Redeem.

Need Help Ordering?
Visit Walgreens & get help shopping online from an associate.

Check out the hottest **Photo Deals** each week.

Sign up for the **Weekly Ad Sneak Peek email!**

Check out this week's bonus buys

View by Category | View by Page

Offers valid Dec. 02 - Dec. 08
view another ad » | share +

BONUS BUYS

Thousands of deals available
hundreds only seen online

FEATURED PRODUCTS

20% off
with card Nice!™ Household Products • 16 pk. Dry Cloths • 12 pk. Wet Cloths • 3 or 5 pk. Dusters • 2 pk. Multi Erasers • 12 pk. Deep Cleaning Pads

buy 1 get 1 **free***
with card Nice!™ Household Products • Pine, Glass or All Purpose Cleaner, 24 to 32 oz. • Fabric Refresher, 27 oz. • Disinfectant Spray, 16 oz. • [illegible] 24 oz.
*Of equal or lesser price

4.99
with card Ology™ Bath Tissue, 12 rolls.

2/$1
or 59¢ ea.
with card Ajax Cleanser, 14 oz.

99¢
with card Aluminum Foil Loaf Pan • 2 pk. Standard • 4 pk. Mini

2/$4
or 2.19 ea.
with card Wet Ones Wipes, 40 pk.

buy 1 get 1 **free***
with card Playtex Gloves • 10 pk. Disposables • 1 pair HandSaver
*Of equal or lesser price

4.99
with card Towel Holder with Fingertip Towel

HOUSEHOLD

Search the Ad GO

Need Help Ordering?
Visit Walgreens & get help shopping online from an associate.

Check out the hottest **Photo Deals** each week.

Sign up for the **Weekly Ad Sneak Peek email!**

Check out this week's bonus buys

View by Category | View by Page

Offers valid Dec. 02 - Dec. 08
view another ad » | share +

10 FREE shipping EVERY DAY on orders of $25 or more on Walgreens.com

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Gift Cards
Selection may vary by store. Cards have no value until activated at register. See gift card for terms and conditions. Some cards not available in CT or NJ.

5.99 balance rewards buy 2 get 750 points
with card Energizer Batteries
Advanced Lithium: 4 pk. AA or AAA
• Single 9 volt Max: 8 pk. AA or AAA
• 4 pk. C or D • 2 pk. 9 volt

10.99
with card Duracell Batteries
Coppertop: 16 pk. AA or AAA
Ultra Power: 12 pk. AA or AAA
• **11.99** Coppertop: 4 pk. 9 volt or 8 pk. C or D

50% off
with card Home Elements® Photo Frames
Reg. 3.99 and higher. *Selection may vary by store.*

good at Walgreens with COUPON and CARD

$10 off
2013 Entertainment Coupon Savings Book
Limit 1. No limits in NM.
Good Sun. 12/2 thru Sat. 12/8/12

no contract wireless

• Includes double minutes
• Bluetooth, camera and web access

29.99
with card
Tracfone Cellphone
Samsung EX431.

• Monthly unlimited with SHRINKAGE*
• Shrink from $50 to as low as $35/month
• Unlimited talk, text, web, email and 411
• No contracts. Nationwide Sprint® Network

49.99
with card
Boost Mobile Cellphone
Motorola Theory.

Phone type and carrier may vary by store. Phones not available in all stores. Prepaid cellular phone card must be same brand as phone provider. Phone and airtime card sold separately. *Shrink reduces your monthly payment by $5/mo. for every 6 on time payments, up to $15/mo. in total.

9.99
with card
8GB Memory
• Photo™ SDHC Card
• Easystore™ USB Flash Drive

buy 1 at 10.99 get 1
free
with card Kodak HD Power Flash Camera
One-Time-Use. 800 speed, 27 exp.

Search the Ad GO

Save. Earn. Redeem.

Need Help Ordering?
Visit Walgreens & get help shopping online from an associate.

Check out the hottest Photo Deals each week.

Sign up for the Weekly Ad Sneak Peek email!

Check out this week's bonus buys

View by Category | View by Page

Offers valid Dec. 02 - Dec. 08
view another ad » | share +

BONUS BUYS

Thousands of deals available
hundreds only seen online

33% off with card Home Medical Products Drive, Medline, or No Rinse. Select varieties.

mail-in rebate
19.99 with card
$15 less mail-in rebate in package[1]
after rebate **4.99**
Accu-Chek Nano or Aviva Blood Glucose Monitor

buy 1 get 1 **50% off*** with card Children's Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen Walgreens. Suspension, Infants' Drops, Meltaways or Suppositories. Select varieties.
*Of equal or lesser price

10.49 with card Calcium Citrate Walgreens. +D or with Magnesium. 120, 150 or 200 ct.

25% off with card Walgreens D Products
- 5 or 10 ct. Wal-itin®-D or Wal Fex D™
- 12 or 24 ct. Wal-Zyr™-D • 20 ct. Wal-Profen™-D
- 20 ct. Mucus Relief D *Limit 1 D Product*

coupon savings
5.99 with card
$2 less coupon savings in most Sunday papers[2]
final cost **3.99**
Coricidin or Afrin
- 16 or 20 ct. Coricidin
- Afrin Nasal Spray, .5 oz.

[1]Rebate form in package. See form for terms, exclusions, expiration, restrictions and details. Rebate offered by manufacturer.
[2]Only available on in-store purchases. Card and Sunday paper coupon required for pricing.

HEALTH + WELLNESS

Search the Ad GO

Save. Earn. Redeem.

Need Help Ordering?
Visit Walgreens & get help shopping online from an associate.

Check out the hottest **Photo Deals** each week.

Sign up for the **Weekly Ad Sneak Peek email!**

15
Vitamins
Nutritional Care
Diet Needs
vitamins
vitamins
SUDAFED
SINUS & ALLERGY PE
SINUS PAIN & CONGESTION
ALEVE-D
Advil
Alka-Seltzer Plus
Robitussin
buy 1 get 1
50% off*
WITH CARD
*Discount applies to item(s) of equal or lesser value.
Instant COLD
TWIN PACK
$4.39

Time To Gather

What is a Smurf?

A smurf is someone who buys small quantities of ingredients (e.g., PSE, ice packs, lithium, matches, iodine), from several different locations, in order to manufacture, or more likely, assist in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Tracking vs Scheduling

Tracking

- Logbooks electronically connected to database
- Database determines if individual can make purchase
- Permanent electronic record of purchase
- Stop sale ability
- Helps LE identify smurfers
- Leads to identification of lab operators and labs
- More arrests and seizures….maybe
- Great tool for LE ….. If all retail outlets are involved and the database is not corrupted by false IDs
- In Place - KY, MO*, AR*, CA*, ++++++++++

(Associated Press) "Analysis Finds Meth Flourishes Despite Tracking Laws"

"Electronic systems that track sales of the cold medicine used to make methamphetamine have failed to curb the drug trade and instead created a vast, highly lucrative market for profiteers to buy over-the-counter pills and sell them to meth producers at a huge markup."

"The pharmaceutical industry has spent several million dollars to fund the tracking systems. For drug makers, that is far cheaper than one alternative -- making the medication available only by prescription. If more states do the same, it could be devastating for makers of cold and sinus pills. The pseudoephedrine market is estimated at more than $550 million annually. "

Associated Press – January 11,2011

Schedule III Prescription Only

- PSE and EPH can only be obtained pursuant to prescription from a physician or practitioner
- Cannot freely purchase from retail outlets - ends unrestricted availability and smurfing
- If a CS, PDMP may be utilized for tracking purposes (if authorized by state law or regulation)
- In place in Oregon – 96% lab seizure reduction
- In place in Mississippi – 67% reduction
- Decrease in labs leads to a decrease in resources expended – LE and local/city/state funds (OT, lab cleanups, environmental issues, children/defs/citizens/cops health care, foster care etc)
- LE can restructure resources to handle other LE issues instead of providing cleanup service and chasing smurfers
- Prevents labs – is not a reactive tool, but a preventative measure

Final Thoughts

35% of children removed from lab scenes test positive for meth

Meth Labs are Harming Our Children

Oklahoma

"OKLAHOMA CITY - A judge was told Friday that Del City fire investigators found evidence that methamphetamine was made inside the burned motorhome where three young children died Jan. 4." July 23, 2011 newsOK.com

Tulsa World & Newson6.com January 5, 2011

Meth Labs are Harming Our Children
Florida

"Meth Lab Baby; A child's fight for life."

November 13, 2009
FoxTV.com Florida

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children

Indiana & Florida

" Police believe a Muncie couple put the lives of hundreds of children – including three of their own – in danger by maintaining a meth lab in their southeast Muncie home near a school and a day care center."

Muncie Star Press December 32, 2011

"Police seek person who made meth at SW IND school"

Wish TV 8 December 13, 2011

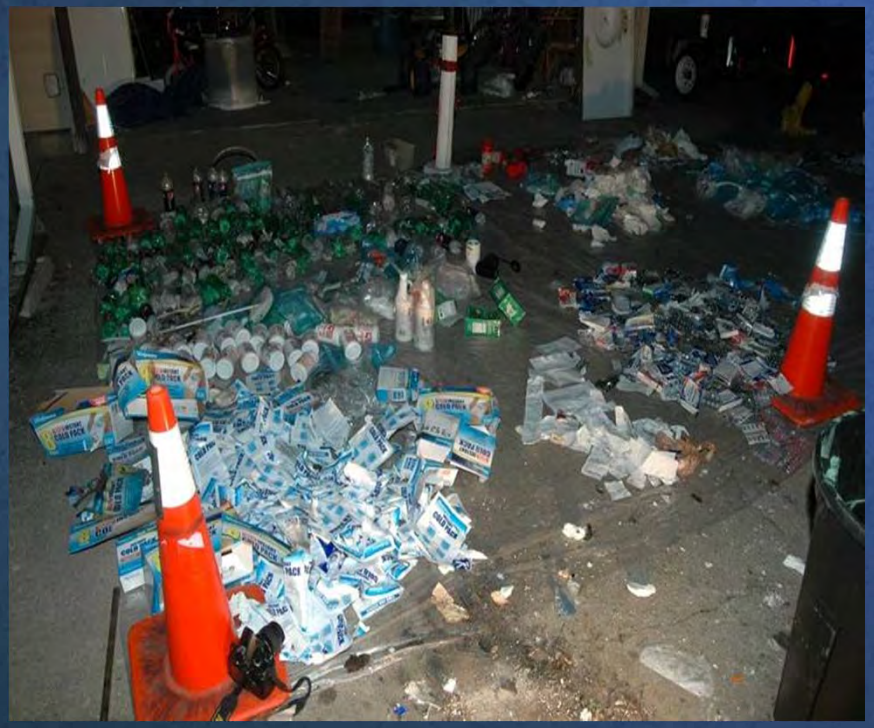
"4 children escape meth lab fire

FoxTV.com Florida
October 27, 2011

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children

Indiana & Georgia

- "Report: Chattooga Co. woman hides meth lab under children's play house"



July 22, 2011 WSBT-TV

The Summerville News April 16, 2012

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children & Families

West Virginia & Michigan

- "Meth lab explosion forces five families out of their apartments"

"The number of meth labs is on the rise in West Virginia, and more than half are happening in homes with children."

WSZ3 November 22, 2011

Hillsdale.net April 6, 2012
Cambria, Michigan

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children & Families
Ohio

"Death of Akron toddler called suspicious; police say meth lab found in home."

"Ohio toddler died from ingesting meth"

Akron Beacon Journal Online
February 27, 2012 & March 27, 2012

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children & Families

Georgia

"3 Children Killed, Evidence Of Meth Found In Fire"

"GWINNETT COUNTY, Ga. -- Gwinnett County police charged a man with murder after firefighters said they found chemicals related to methamphetamine production in a house fire that killed three children."

Gadailynews.com February 18, 2011

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children & Families

Tennessee

"Burned toddler found in Chattanooga meth lab"

"A Chattanooga woman has been arrested after police say her 2-year-old was severely burned at the family's residence -- where they also found a collection of meth labs."

Chattanooga Times Free Press February 13, 2012

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children & Families

North Carolina

"Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said Thursday his deputies raided a suspected meth operation near the Hoke/Cumberland County line where a 6-month-old child was burned. ."

February 4, 2011 WTVD
Raleigh , N.C.

"In Morgantown, a meth lab was discovered at a day-care center."
www.charlotteobserver.com April 3, 2011

Meth Labs are Endangering our Children & Costly

Missouri

Statewide, there were 547 substantiated reports <u>involving 987 children exposed to meth labs</u> from January 2006 to December 2010, according to the Missouri Department of Social Services. The state took custody of 507 of these children. DSS estimates the state has spent about $3.4 million providing custodial care to children removed from meth homes from August 2005 to December 2010.

News leader.com February 25, 2012

QUESTIONS

George J. Lutz Jr.
Diversion Investigator

DEA Milwaukee District Office
4725 West Electric Ave.
West Milwaukee, WI 53219
414-336-7372

Email: George.J.Lutz@usdoj.gov