

Drug task force conducts drug interdiction ops

Five people were arrested as the METRICH Seneca County Drug Task Force conducted drug interdiction operations on the past two Thursdays.

Drug interdictions take place to prevent illicit drugs from reaching their intended destinations and "are essential in stemming the flow of illegal narcotics and countering the adverse effects of organized criminal groups," said Charles W. Boyer, chief deputy of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office and METRICH coordinator.

"We also attempt to add an outreach initiative to the interdiction efforts to add a systematic effort to identify individuals who need assistance in various ways and offer it to the," Boyer said in a release. "Most outreach initiatives aim to fill the gap between a community's needs and the services they can usually access."

Officers from the Fostoria Police Division, the Tiffin Police Department, the Sandusky County Drug Task Force and the Seneca County Sheriff's Office took part in the operations, as well as canine units from various agencies.

With several areas throughout Seneca County being targeted, the two interdictions resulted in 32 traffic stops and eight citations to go with the five arrests.

Charges filed were resisting arrest, aggravated possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under suspension, possessing drug-abuse instruments, possession of criminal tools and trafficking in drugs. Several arrest warrants were served and quantities of methamphetamine, fentanyl and prescription pills were seized.

"The cooperation and efforts of the participating agencies were instrumental to the success of this investigation," Boyer said. "Our unit continues to work with all law-enforcement agencies to focus on the problem drug areas in their communities and our region."

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