

## **Law enforcement conduct operation**

Local, state and federal law enforcement collaborated in a drug education and enforcement operation last week.

Seneca County Drug Task Force, Fostoria Police Department, Tiffin Police Department, Seneca County Sheriff's Office, Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Unit, and U.S. Marshals - Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force teamed up with Mental Health and Recovery Services to conduct a two-day operation last Thursday and Friday.

The operation, deemed Operation Bridge Days, were statewide community outreach days combining law enforcement and substance use treatment resources in a coordinated effort to reduce illicit drug supply and demand while simultaneously seeking treatment for those who qualify for Seneca County's services.

Thursday, law enforcement participated in a community event in Tiffin to educate citizens about programs, resources for recovery and improving safety practices.

Friday, local, state and federal personnel executed arrest warrants and drug interdiction (preventing illicit drugs from reaching their destination) operations.

The operation resulted in eight fugitives being found and arrested, 17 traffic stops, three citations and 14 warnings. There were also additional arrests on charges of aggravated possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without a license. Quantities of suspected methamphetamine were seized during the operation.

“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 them,” said Chief Deputy Charles Boyer of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office. “The collaborative effort was to identify resources and build partnerships between Law Enforcement and outreach within the community.”

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