

Kirksville's Pseudoephedrine Ordinance and its Deterrent Impact on Methamphetamine Manufacturing in Adair County



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Method

- Data was obtained from three primary sources:
 - The Missouri State Highway Patrol's website.
 - Multiple oral interviews with members of Adair County law enforcement.
 - Access to non-public data, provided by the Adair County Sheriff's and Prosecuting Attorney's office.
- Microsoft Excel was used to create all charts and graphs shown.

Background Information

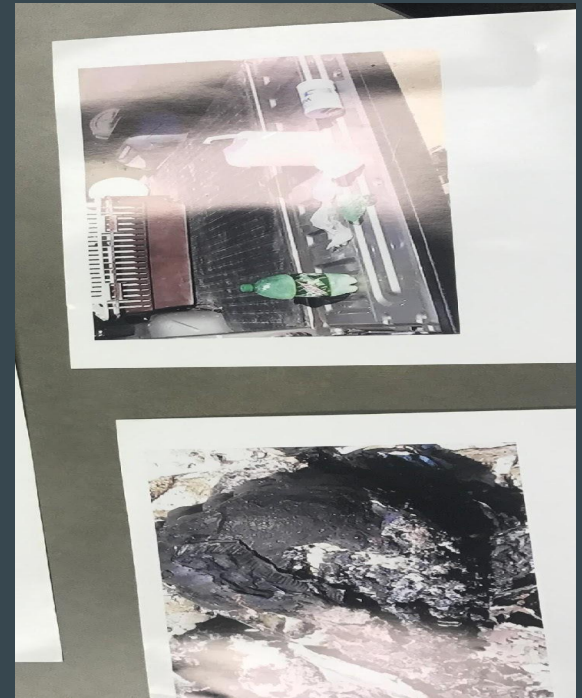
- The need for a stronger pseudoephedrine ordinance in Kirksville manifested from multiple factors:
 - Kirksville previously had an ordinance that stated that every single purchase of pseudoephedrine was signed into a database, but it became impossible to track.
 - According to data provided by Sheriff Hardwick, as presented in the next slide, 1,200 to 1,500 of boxes of pseudoephedrine were being purchased every month.
 - This equals approximately 1 box per resident of Kirksville per year.

Background Information

Month	Pseudoephedrine Boxes Sold (2013)
Jan	1484
Feb	1478
Mar	1671
Apr	1671
May	1525
Jun	1278
July	1150
Aug	1271
Sep	1348
Oct	1291
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Nov	1128
Dec	1174
Total	16,469

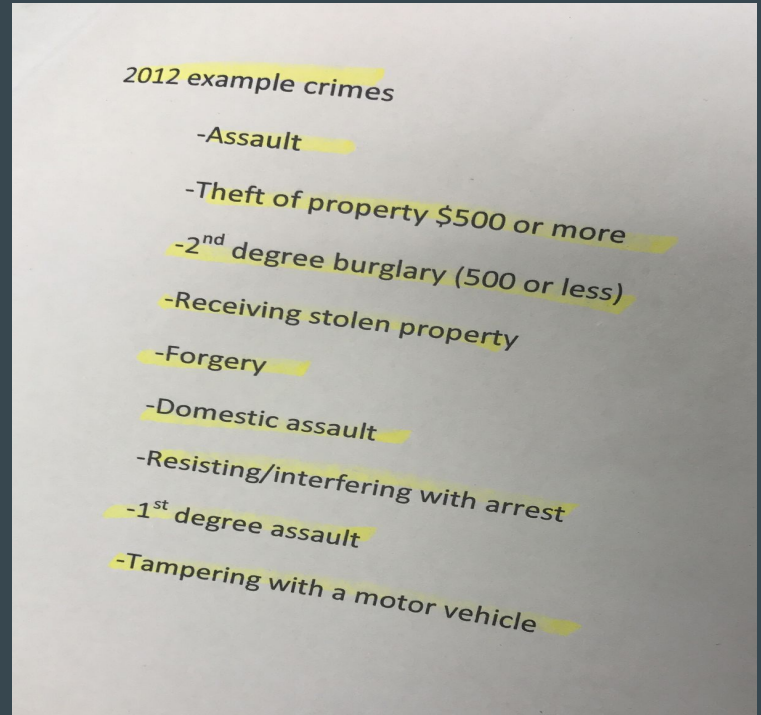
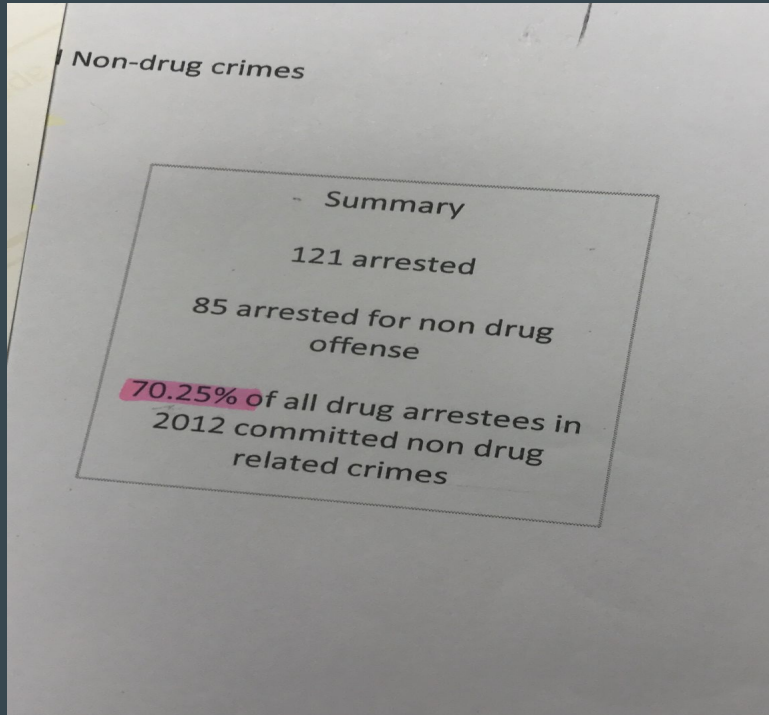
Methamphetamine Labs' Negative Impact on Adair County

Labs leave behind dangerous waste



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Individuals who are involved with drugs were often committing additional crimes.



Law Enforcement Struggles to Keep up

- At this point, in 2013, the Sheriff was getting alerts sent to his phone any time suspected methamphetamine dealers purchased pseudoephedrine.
- Despite assistance from outside law enforcement and additional funding (next slide), law enforcement in Adair County didn't have the numbers to quell methamphetamine production.

Additional Funding to Fight Drugs

Adair County Drug Coalition Totals (2012)	
Total Money	\$ 15,200
Total Money Spent	\$ 15,170
Total Money Left	\$ 30.00

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Number of Traffic Stops: 254
 Number of Vehicle Searches: 30
 Number of Other Searches: 16
 Number of Non-Traffic Contacts: 63
 Consent: 23
 Other: _____
 Number of Warnings Issued: 177

Drug Related Arrests:

(x) Marijuana, Misdemeanor 4
 (x) Marijuana, Felony 1
 (x) Methamphetamine 18 ✓
 () Cocaine _____
 (x) Drug Paraphernalia 12
 (x) Other Drug (specify) Trazadone, Clonazepam ✓
 (x) Other Drug (specify) Diazepam, Diludid
 (x) Other Drug (specify) K-2, Adderal ✓
 () Pill Log Warrant Arrests _____
 (x) Meth Labs 9 ✓
 (x) Meth Lab Dump Site 10 ✓
 (x) Search Warrants 3 ✓
 () Marijuana Grows _____

Other Arrests:

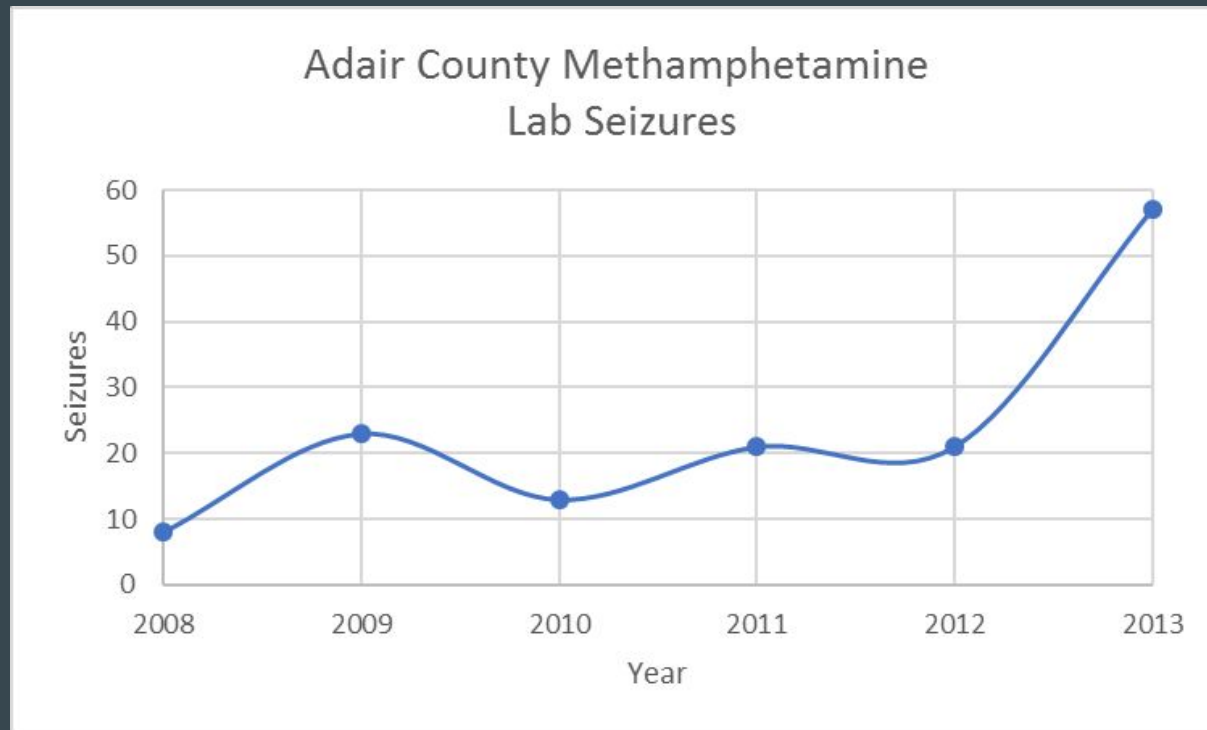
(x) DWI, Misdemeanor 8
 (x) DWI, Felony 2
 (x) Warrant Arrest, Felony 17
 (x) Alcohol (MIP, Minor visibly intoxicated, etc) 2
 () Tobacco _____
 (x) Other Arrest, Misdemeanor 7
 (x) Other Arrest Labs 6
 () Other Arrest _____

Uniform Citations Issued (not reported above):

(x) Charge: Driving /Suspended/License(15)
 (x) Charge: Speed (24)
 (x) Charge: No Insurance (29)
 (x) Charge: Seatbelt (8)

Methamphetamine Seizures Spike in 2013

According to data provided by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, methamphetamine lab seizures* in Adair County spiked in 2013.

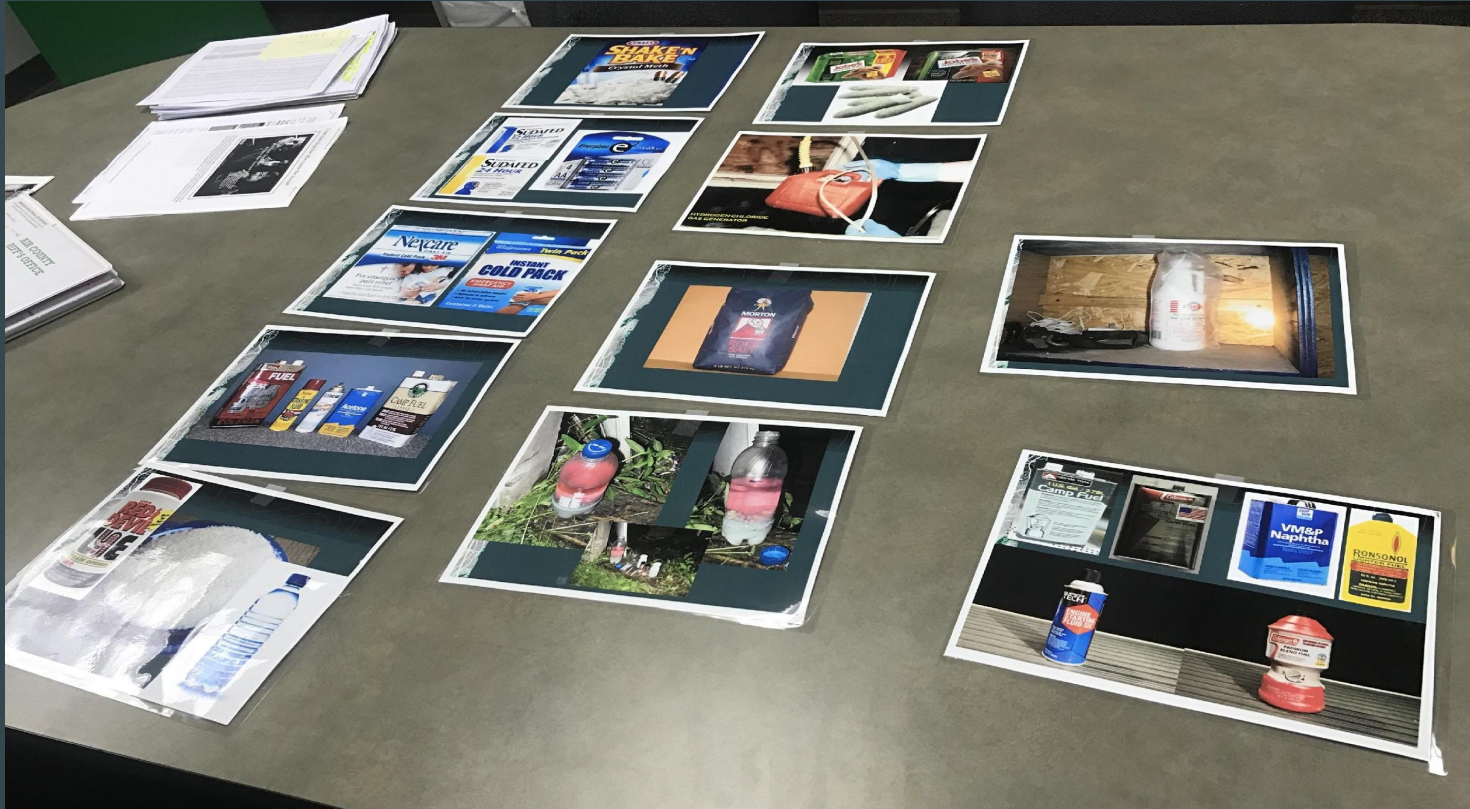


*The statistics reflected on the following reports have been extracted from methamphetamine laboratory seizure incidents entered into the National Clandestine Laboratory Seizure System. Seizures entered into the system are classified in one of three ways: Operational Laboratories, Chemical/Equipment/Glassware seizures, and Dumpsites. Data reflected in map format are cumulative totals of the three types of seizure classifications occurring in each separate county (MSHP, 2016)

Implementing the Pseudoephedrine Ordinance

- In 2013, multiple members of the criminal justice system, including the Adair County Sheriff, the prosecuting attorney and the police chief of Kirksville called for an ordinance requiring a prescription for pseudoephedrine.
- Sheriff Robert Hardwick played a major role in generating public support for the ordinance and combating drug company lobbyists who were against the ordinance.

Photos of the Outreach Campaign to Gain Public Support



To Protect Our Own

"Outsiders" are coming into our county and they are going to try to tell you how to think and what they think is best for us. Please read the following closely because it is not about them, it's about **our** families and **our** community.

In June of this year, 26 people housed in the Adair County Jail were in there for drug charges. The vast majority being Meth related. For those of you that feel that drug abuse is a victimless crime, consider our own history in Adair County. In 2012, of all of the people charged with drug crimes in our county, 70% of them committed other non-drug related crimes. The nature of these crimes range from theft, to breaking into homes, cars, barns, to assaults and domestic violence. The drug abusers are not the victims of these crimes, **YOU ARE!** Most drug abusers don't want to, and are incapable of, holding a job. So they must commit crimes to support their lifestyle. It is at this point that their lifestyle directly affects your lifestyle. After all, who do you think pays for their housing, food and medical care when they're in your jail. That's right, you do.

The Sheriff's Office, along with Kirksville Police Chief Jim Hughes, Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Matt Wilson, and the Adair County Drug Coalition are, as we always do, working towards another answer to this threat to our community's future well-being. We are asking the City of Kirksville to adopt city ordinances that would require that any drug that contains the ingredient Pseudoephedrine be sold only by the use of a doctor's prescription. Without this one ingredient, Pseudoephedrine, Meth CANNOT be made!

In 2012, in Adair County alone, over 16,000 packets of drugs containing Pseudoephedrine were sold over-the-counter. Of those sales, 63% were considered suspicious. That means that the persons making these purchases are suspected of assisting Meth dealers and users in making these buys, known as "Smurfing". This is a disgrace to our community. Is this truly what we want Adair County to be known for? Is this the legacy we want to pass on to our children and grandchildren?

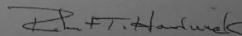
Rest assured we are not the first community in Missouri to use this tactic as an effective method to combat Meth. Over 60 communities in Missouri have already passed such ordinances and over 500 pharmacies already require prescriptions. I have received commitments of support for these ordinances from our local State representatives, as well as both the Governor's and State Attorney General's offices.

The State of Oregon passed a State Law requiring a prescription in 2006. The results were stunning! By 2008, Oregon experienced the largest decrease in crime rates in our nation, and by 2009 their crime rates were at a 50-year low!

In every case where these ordinances were introduced, "Outsiders", representing special interest groups appeared in their communities and tried to scare their citizens into not passing these ordinances. They make claims such as your insurance will go up, or that it will be more expensive for senior citizens who are living on fixed incomes to purchase these drugs because a prescription is required. It is common knowledge that doctors resist even prescribing drugs that contain Pseudoephedrine to senior citizens. These, and many other things they may say, are "scare tactics"! These "Outsiders" aren't concerned with you, your family, or our community. They are just scared of the money they are going to lose out of their pockets if these ordinances pass.

As your Sheriff, I have taken an oath to protect you and your families to the best of my abilities. I need your help! Keep an open mind, consider what the **motives** are on both sides of this argument, and let your voice be heard by contacting the Kirksville City Council and letting them know what you feel is best for the safety and welfare of your family and our community.

I thank you for your time and support!



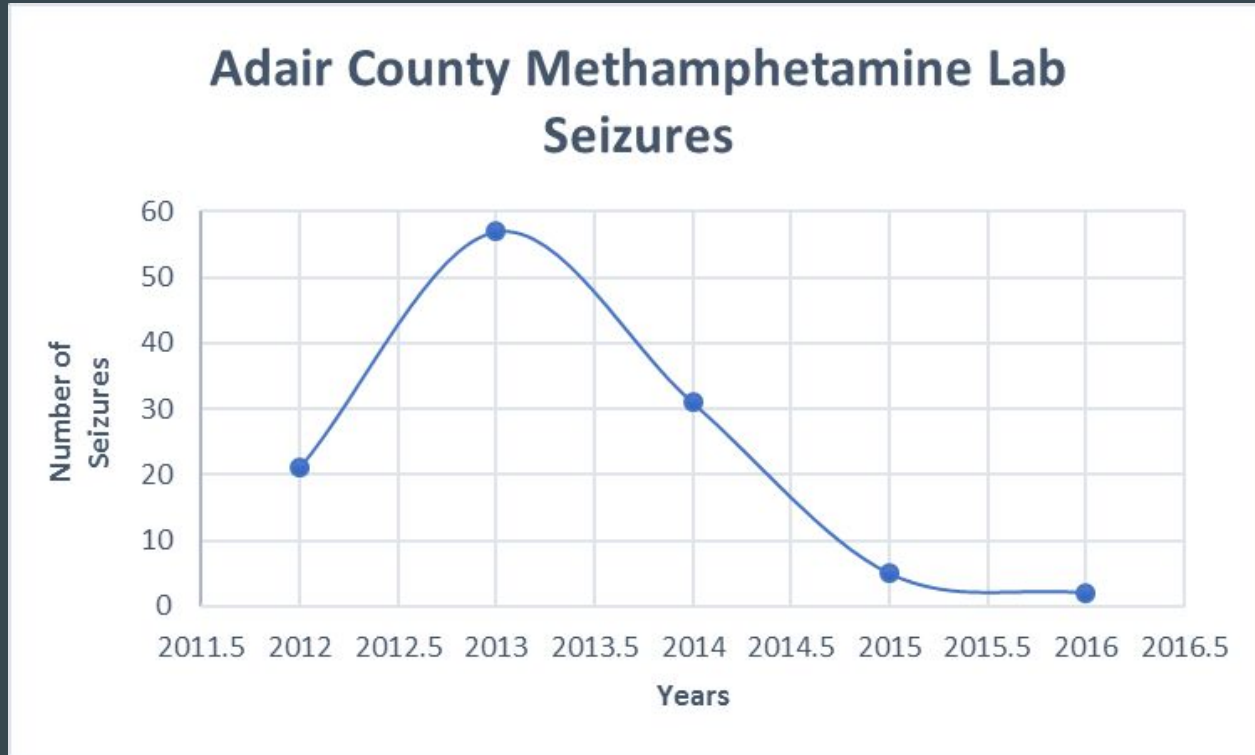
Sheriff Robert Hardwick

Passage of the Ordinance

- The ordinance to require a prescription for pseudoephedrine was passed on February 3, 2014.
- Data and interviews with law enforcement, suggest that the ordinance has had a deterrent effect on methamphetamine production in Adair County.

Methamphetamine Lab Seizures in Adair County

A clear drop in seizures can be noted.



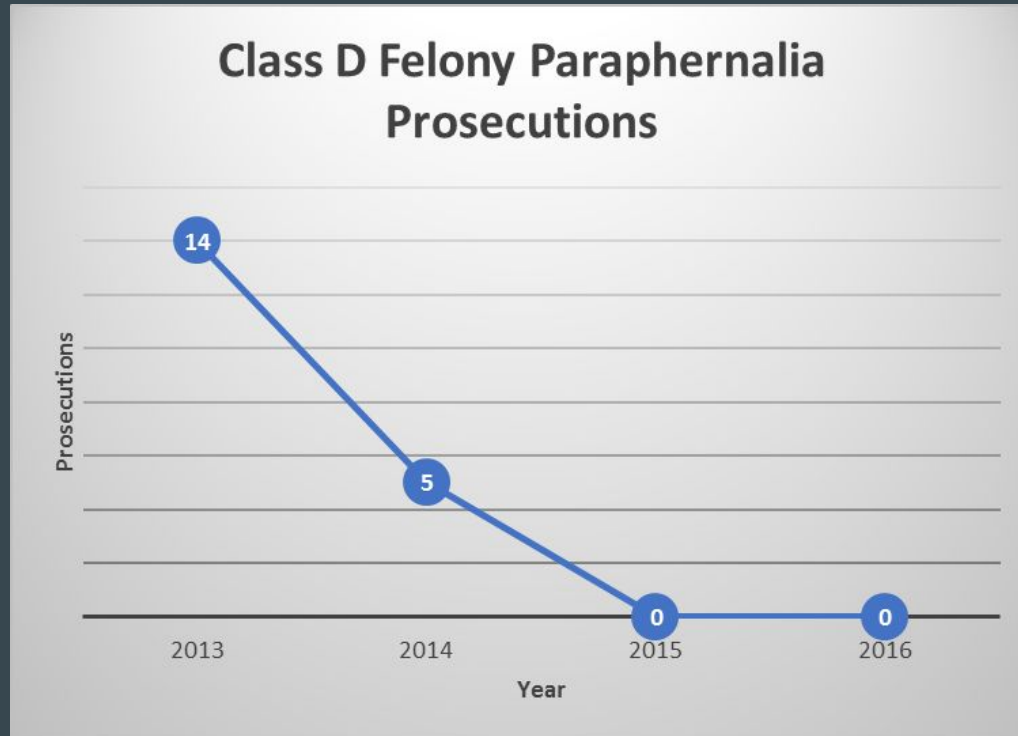
Methamphetamine Lab Seizures in Missouri, Adair County, and the Surrounding Counties

According to MSHP data, Methamphetamine production does *not* appear to have been displaced to surrounding counties (MSHP, 2016).

Year	Missouri	Adair	Macon	Linn	Sullivan	Putnam	Shuyler	Scotland	Knox
2012	2006	21	2	3	3	3	10	1	3
2013	1496	57	5	1	0	0	1	1	4
2014	1045	31	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2015	507	5	2	0	2	0	1	0	0
2016	207	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0

Decline in Class D Felony Paraphernalia Prosecutions

A class D felony for paraphernalia is the use of any drug paraphernalia to grow or manufacture any illegal substance (Data received from the Adair County Prosecuting Attorney).



Increased Focus on Methamphetamine/Drug Dealers

- Both Sheriff Hardwick and Prosecuting Attorney Matt Wilson believe that decreased methamphetamine production will give them more time to focus on drug dealers.
- It frees up resources that allows law enforcement to run more in-depth drug investigations.
- This culminated with 24 people being arrested for drug charges, which included methamphetamine, after an 18 month investigation, two weeks ago (Hunsicker, 2017).

Follow up Research Questions

- What problems has methamphetamine being imported in from other areas caused?
- Does Adair's County's relative isolation play a role in the effectiveness of the pseudoephedrine ordinance?
- Should Adair County now take a more health related approach in addressing its drug problem?

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Oral Interviews with Sheriff Robert Hardwick and Prosecuting Attorney Matt Wilson