

AIM VCET - YTD Snapshot*

The Aitkin-Itasca-Mille Lacs Violent Crimes Enforcement Team (AIM VCET) was created in January of 2022 and received State of Minnesota grant funding to investigate, identify, and disrupt illegal drug activity within the jurisdictions of the AIM VCET members.

Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the 3 counties have signed a joint powers agreement allowing law enforcement officers from Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, Aitkin Police Department, Itasca County Sheriff's Office, Grand Rapids Police Department and the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office to seek out and conduct criminal investigations on those who are involved with violent crimes.

Since the AIM VCET has been operational Agents assigned have successfully investigated numerous crimes resulting in the following arrests and seizures.

YTD Drug Arrests by Charge*

	1 st Degree	2 nd Degree	3 rd Degree	4 th Degree	5 th Degree	Total
Itasca County Possession	3		4	1	8	16
Itasca County Sales	7		1		1	9
AC/MLC Possession	1		4		17	22
AC/MLC Sales	4				2	6
Total	15		9	1	28	53
Itasca County Warrants/Non-Drug Arrests						18
AC/MLC Warrants/Non-Drug Arrests						5

Itasca County Narcotics Seizures and Purchases

For the period ending **December 31**, 2022, the AIM VCET seized and purchased:

1. A combined total of **15,309.77** grams (**33.75** pounds) of Methamphetamine, having a street value of **\$1,133,831.52**
2. A combined total of **7.52** gram of Heroin/Fentanyl, having a street value of **\$834.72**
3. A combined total of **284** prescription pills, having a street value of **\$1,619.88**
4. A combined total of **1,360.21** grams (**3** pounds) of Marijuana, having a street value of **\$8,137.77**
5. A combined total of **453.59** grams of Marijuana Concentrates, having a street value of **\$74,246.00**

Total Street Value of Drugs Seized and Purchased: \$1,218,669.89

Children removed from endangerment: 5

Currency seized: **\$7,943**, pending administrative forfeiture

Total of 14 Firearms Seized

AC/MLC Narcotics Seizures and Purchases

For the period ending **December 31, 2022**, the AIM VCET seized and purchased:

1. A combined total of **2** grams of Fentanyl having a street value of \$ **222**
2. A combined total of **1,948.74** grams (**4.30** pounds) of Methamphetamine, having a street value of **\$144,267.39**
3. A combined total of **2** gram of Heroin/Fentanyl, having a street value of \$ **222**
4. A combined total of **82.5** prescription pills, having a street value of **\$914.94**
5. A combined total of **4,263.16** grams (**9.40** pounds) of Marijuana, having a street value of **\$15,380.20**
6. A combined total of **405** grams (**.89** pounds) of Marijuana Concentrates, having a street value of **\$24,300**
7. A combined total of **1.97** grams of Mushrooms, having a street value of **\$78.80**

Total Street Value of Drugs Seized and Purchased: \$185,385.33

Currency seized: **\$22,359** pending administrative forfeiture

The AIM VCET requests that if any citizens in the three county coverage area have concerns or information regarding ongoing criminal activity involving drugs or violent crimes to please contact their local dispatch centers or the AIM VCET office at 218-927-7449.

***** Data as of December 31, 2022 *****