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Tri-county Sheriffs team up to nab region's cross-county crooks

- *Operation ICE targets fugitives living in one county, committing crimes in another*

Law enforcement agencies from across Metro Detroit have teamed up this week for a massive effort to round up fugitive felons wanted in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Sheriffs Warren Evans (Wayne), Michael Bouchard (Oakland) and Mark Hackel (Macomb) announced today.

Operation ICE, which stands for Inter-county enforcement, is part of an ongoing collaboration between the three sheriffs to catch crooks that live in one county but commit crimes in another. For operation ICE, the sheriffs are joined by more than two dozen other local, state and federal agencies that are working side by side as part of multi-agency apprehension teams.

The idea behind the ICE concept, Evans said, is to effectively erase the jurisdictional boundaries that too often can get in the way of a police agency making an arrest if it the suspect is outside of its venue.

"This is how law enforcement should work everyday," said Sheriff Warren Evans, who spearheads the annual ICE effort. "Crooks don't respect city or county boundaries so there is no reason that we as the police should let boundaries get in the way of our finding them."

For the past several weeks, officers have been preparing apprehension files for nearly 500 fugitives wanted for crimes ranging from fraud, auto theft, armed robbery, rape and even murder. Many of those files are for individuals who have committed a crime in one county, but have a last known address or are believed to be staying in another. For three days this week, nearly 200 officers from 35 agencies have teamed up to start arresting their targeted offenders.

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During the three day joint enforcement period of Operation ICE, task for officers made 206 arrests, including:

- Keith Holliday, 18, who was wanted for assault with intent to commit murder in Detroit. He had been living recently in Macomb County and Wayne County and was apprehended Wednesday in Detroit.
- Delbert Toler, 35, who was wanted on a felony fraud warrant by the Farmington Hills police and was arrested Tuesday in the city of Detroit.
- Some significant arrests, however, don't necessarily have a crossover component. Corey Dawson, 39, was in Detroit arrested by Violent Crime Task Force officers from the FBI, Detroit Police and Wayne County Sheriff's Office on an outstanding warrant for a murder he is alleged to have committed in the city.

Teams of officers and corrections agents also have been conducting unannounced visits to the homes of individuals on parole or probation for similar crimes to ensure they are complying with the terms of their supervised release. During Operation ICE, teams conducted more than 200 home inspections and found about 45 of the individuals in some form of violation of their parole or probation, five of which resulted in immediate arrests.