



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Title of Item: AIM VCET - 3 yr Overview

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
Submitted by: Sheriff Dan Guida		Department: Sheriff's Office/ AIM VCET
Presenter (Name and Title): AIM VCET Commander/ SGT Greg Payment		Estimated Time Needed: 15 minutes
Summary of Issue: Overview of the past 3 years of dedicated work from AIM VCET agents to include results within the time frame. (Press Release attached)		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: 		
Recommended Action/Motion: 		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		



AITKIN-ITASCA-MILLELACS VIOLENT CRIMES ENFORCEMENT TEAM

218 1st St NW Aitkin, MN 56431

218-927-7435 / 1-888-900-2138

Emergency 911

Date: December 4th, 2024

As a result of nearly 3 years of dedicated work from AIM VCET Agents, local partnering law enforcement agencies, neighboring task forces, the State of Minnesota and Federal partners, the seizure of over **\$2,000,000** worth of controlled substances has been removed from our local communities.

(Seizures)

AIM VCET Agents have seized over 59 pounds of Methamphetamine, \$30,000 worth of Fentanyl, 20 pounds of illegal Marijuana and THC concentrates, along with numerous other controlled substances. Additional seizures of 110 firearms and the removal of 12 children from dangerous circumstances have occurred

(Results)

AIM VCET Agents have executed 263 search warrants resulting in the arrest of 160 people for controlled substance related crimes, of those arrests 46 are for 1st Degree level sales and possession crimes. Additionally our Agents have made 132 arrests for persons on warrant status or for committing violent crimes.

With a combined population of less than 90,000 in the VCET coverage area these numbers demonstrate the important need for law enforcement to have the ability to focus on disrupting these forms of violent crime.

AIM VCET Commander Greg Payment would like to thank our communities for their assistance in reporting drug activity and cooperating with our Agents in taking necessary steps toward reducing the ability of those who wish to infect our communities with dangerous substances.

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.