



This publication is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the City.

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SECTION 1 HDL QUARTERLY SALES TAX UPDATE

Please see [Attachment #1](#) for the Third Quarter 2011 Imperial Beach Sales Tax Update

SECTION 2 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

FEMA has notified the City that our Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application to fund a replacement Fire Engine was denied. Public Safety is taking the available steps to determine the reason for the denial, and intends to apply again for the 2012 AFG. The age and high mileage of both engines necessitates replacement within the next two to three years.

SECTION 3 BATTLE OF THE BADGES- BLOOD DRIVE

Come join the Imperial Beach Sheriff's Station for the Third Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive at 845 Imperial Beach Blvd. Imperial Beach, CA 91932. Wednesday, January 25, 2012 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. See [Attachment #2](#) for more information.

SECTION 4 DANGERS OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS- SPICE & BATH SALTS

Lt. Marco Garmo of the Imperial Beach Sheriff's Station organized a regional symposium held Thursday, January 19, on the subject of Spice and Bath Salts, two designer drugs growing in popularity in the county of San Diego. Approximately 45 law enforcement professionals from thirteen different agencies attended, a testimony of the depth of this problem in San Diego County. Spice and Bath Salts are a class of narcotics purposely designed to sidestep laws by changing the chemical compositions enough from current banned substances that they cannot be prosecuted, and can be legally sold to any person of any age. These drugs are sometimes referred to as "Synthetic Marijuana", however there is no relationship at all with these drugs and marijuana. Some of the effects include hallucinations, psychosis, depression, paranoia, seizures, cardiac arrest, and others, and easily lead to violent and erratic behavior endangering lives and property. These drugs are highly addictive and can

stay in the system up to 40 hours, with a desperate need for more when ebbing. One-time use has resulted in deaths.

Until recently, Spice and Bath Salts were legal to possess and sell. State legislation has now been passed making it illegal to sell these drugs, however, possession is still legal in the State of California. Chula Vista recently established an ordinance outlawing possession of these drugs. Sheriff's deputies visited a dozen Imperial Beach businesses previously notified of the new law, and determined that eleven out of the twelve businesses were still engaged in the sale of spice.

Often sold in packaging that disguises their real intended use, legal issues are skirted by including a warning "Not for Human Consumption" on the labeling. They are made to attract young people as well as adults, often being sold in the midst of candy, incense, and other benign products. Their use is on the rise nationwide, statewide, and countywide, including in the City of Imperial Beach. Recent information indicates that spice and bath salts are popular with some Navy personnel, who are frequenting Imperial Beach to use the drugs, because of its proximity to the bases, the ease of obtaining the drugs, and the fact that possession is legal.

Please also review the attached copy of one of the very informative presentations made during the symposium.

Lt. Garmo demonstrated vision and insight by coordinating this event, which included several experts in the field providing presentations from a wide variety of perspectives, all designed to inform law enforcement agencies throughout the county about the latest information related to spice and bath salts. Please see [Attachment #3](#) for more information.

SECTION 5 BIG SURF ACTIVITY

Two weekend's ago Imperial Beach experienced big surf activity. Thanks to all the lifeguards who worked during this big surf weekend. Thanks to Jason Lindquist, Art Ayala, Jim Sullivan, Brittany Hansen, Lee Doods, Aaron Hubbard, Hans Kohler.

Friday was the biggest day of the first winter swell of the season with waves from 15 to 20 feet at the Tijuana Sloughs. Two additional lifeguards were called in to assist. Lifeguards launched the Personal Watercraft (PWC) and patrolled the surf zone from Carnation Avenue to the Tijuana Sloughs. Lifeguards made three (3) rescues on surfers at the Sloughs. The surf crowd was grateful that lifeguards were on scene. All lifeguards on duty were assigned to make patrols on PWCs and paddling the rescue board. This was a great opportunity for lifeguards to test their lifeguarding skills in an environment when the surf was severe. The Border Patrol requested lifeguards assistance three times for PWC's returning from Mexico. There were routine checks of California Fish and Game (CF) boating numbers and citizenship. We had no surfing "Tow-in" vessels the entire day.

Saturday we had big surf and lots of on-lookers! There was an extreme high tide in the morning. Again, two additional lifeguards were called in to assist with the large surf and there were two rescues at Tijuana Sloughs. Also, several assists on novice surfers/body boarders throughout the day.

Sunday waves were dropping but still larger than normal surf. One additional lifeguard was called in. There were large beach crowds and it was a clear, sunny and nice day. Descanso St. beach access was eroded from high tides and not usable. Beach access at Palm Avenue and South Seacoast were functional. Lifeguards retrieved three lobster traps from the surfline.

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Imperial Beach Sales Tax *Update*

Fourth Quarter Receipts for Third Quarter Sales (July - September 2011)

Imperial Beach In Brief

Receipts for Imperial Beach's July through September sales were 4.9% higher than the same quarter one year ago.

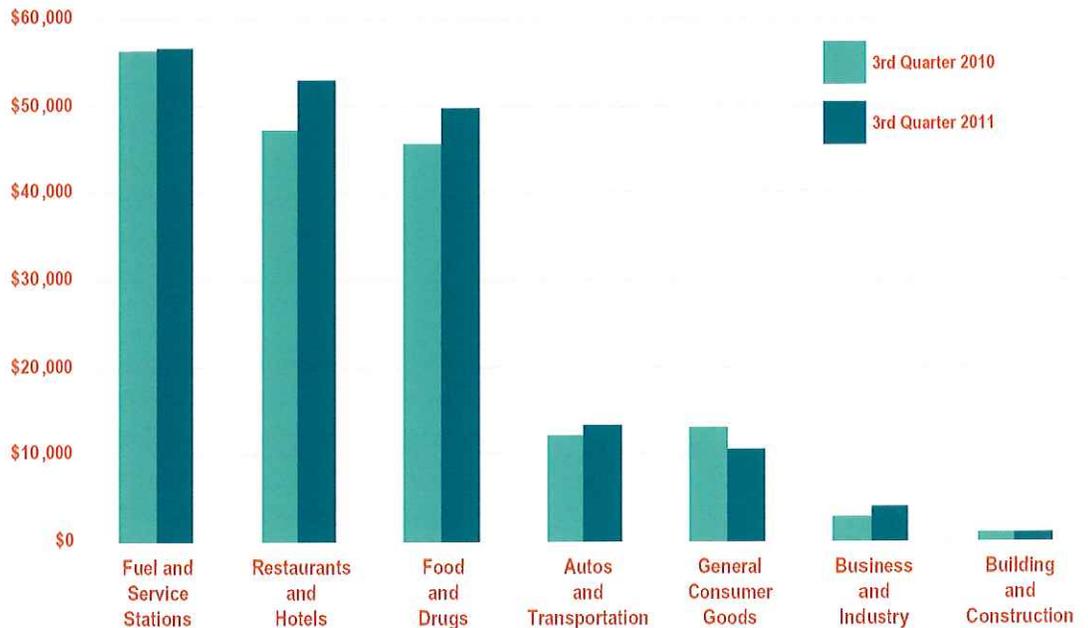
A new eatery contributed to the increase in restaurants and hotels. Multiple deviations inflated this gain; nonetheless, receipts were up 9.2% once adjusted for these anomalies. Despite several closeouts, food and drugs were on the upside.

The impressive rise in business and industry was due to a onetime sale.

A late payment depressed returns in service stations despite higher fuel prices. The gain in several general consumer categories including specialty stores was offset by a store closeout and a late payment.

Adjusted for aberrations, taxable sales for all of San Diego County increased 7.0% over the comparable time period, while the Southern California region as a whole was up 8.3%.

SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

In Alphabetical Order

13th Street Market	IB Forum
7 Eleven	Jack in the Box
7 Eleven	KFC
7 Eleven	L & M Tire
7 Eleven	La Posta Market 2
Carls Jr	McDonalds
Crossroad Petroleum	Meijo Sushi
CVS Pharmacy	Surf Hut
Dominos Pizza	Ultra Mar
El Tapatio Restaurant	Wallys Marketplace
Fine Auto Store	Wienerschnitzel
G & M Oil	Ye Olde Plank Inn
HS Cars	

REVENUE COMPARISON

Two Quarters – Fiscal Year To Date

	2010-11	2011-12
Point-of-Sale	\$357,096	\$373,060
County Pool	42,295	42,397
State Pool	255	46
Gross Receipts	\$399,646	\$415,502
Less Triple Flip*	\$(99,912)	\$(103,876)

*Reimbursed from county compensation fund

California Overall

Adjusted for accounting aberrations, statewide local sales and use tax revenues for July through September transactions increased 8.6% over last year's comparison quarter. This is the seventh consecutive quarterly gain since the beginning of the recovery.

All categories were up with receipts from higher fuel prices accounting for much of the statewide increase. Sales of new autos, consumer goods and quick and full service restaurants also exhibited solid growth.

The Foggy Crystal Ball

Although 2011-12 is shaping up to be a period of strong sales tax recovery, most analysts believe that the pace of growth will slow in 2012-13 with the only disagreement being over the degree of slowdown.

Additional state budget cuts, continued high unemployment, further declines in home values and unstable fuel prices are part of the uncertainty. The financial turmoil in Europe is also of concern.

Manufacturers, growers, distributors, transporters and other companies involved in export trade make up 25% of the state's gross product. The European crisis has the potential of slowing the demand for both U.S. and Asian goods which would also pare the growth of California's Asian markets. Comparative strengthening of the U.S. dollar would also make exports more expensive.

Analysts worry about the resulting impact on Silicon Valley's technology industries, the Central Valley's agricultural exports and Southern California's transportation sector.

Sales Tax and the Internet

In 1992, the Supreme Court ruled that interstate commerce rules preclude states from requiring sellers without an in-state physical presence to collect local taxes. Since that time, attempts to interest Congress in correcting the problem have been unsuccessful.

With internet sellers becoming a major retail competitive force and more states adopting legislation expanding the definition of what constitutes "physical presence," the need for fairness and uniformity is softening opposition. This year, three competing bills were introduced in Congress that would allow the collection of local taxes. These are: S.1452, H.R. 3179 and S. 1832.

Given the general discord and paralysis in Congress, there is some question of whether any of these will pass. However, a compromise agreement between the State of California and Amazon has resulted in legislation (AB 155) that requires

in-state affiliates of remote sellers to begin collecting and remitting sales and use tax by September 15, 2012. Estimates on the amount of new revenues that will be generated have been difficult to develop but local agencies should not expect gains of more than \$1 per capita. More on the congressional legislation can be found in HdL's December issues paper.

SALES PER CAPITA



IMPERIAL BEACH TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES

Business Type	Imperial Beach		County	HdL State
	Q3 '11	Change	Change	Change
Auto Repair Shops	2,708	-16.9%	3.6%	4.9%
Automotive Supply Stores	2,350	-23.9%	13.2%	12.3%
Drug Stores	— CONFIDENTIAL —		8.3%	6.2%
Grocery Stores Beer/Wine	22,034	11.3%	-2.5%	4.6%
Grocery Stores Liquor	7,100	27.4%	17.5%	10.8%
Grocery-No Alcohol	1,408	-19.9%	41.5%	30.4%
Package Liquor Stores	7,268	20.4%	18.4%	13.2%
Restaurants Beer And Wine	12,076	29.9%	-2.4%	0.6%
Restaurants Liquor	8,816	1.5%	9.9%	10.9%
Restaurants No Alcohol	31,568	10.0%	6.9%	7.0%
Service Stations	56,618	0.7%	18.2%	20.5%
Specialty Stores	2,863	12.7%	-0.5%	8.3%
Sporting Goods/Bike Stores	3,037	-11.2%	5.4%	8.2%
Stationery/Book Stores	1,333	3.7%	-4.7%	-4.6%
Used Automotive Dealers	8,093	62.0%	9.2%	10.9%
Total All Accounts	\$187,563	5.6%	8.5%	9.4%
County & State Pool Allocation	21,161	-0.8%		
Gross Receipts	\$208,724	4.9%		

6th Annual

Battle of the Badges

Helping save lives . . . on and off the job.



**American
Red Cross**

redcrossbattleofthebadges.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored By



Imperial Beach Sheriff's Station

Third Annual Battle of the Badges Drive

845 Imperial Beach Blvd., Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Location: Bloodmobile

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

12:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Family and Friends Welcome!

**Remember to drink plenty of water
and enjoy a good breakfast.**

To schedule your appointment, please visit
www.RedCrossBattleOfTheBadges.org, or
contact Carina at 619-259-1622

Identification is required.



People Against Spice Sales

*“The Dangers of Synthetic Drugs and
How To Protect Our Communities”*

*William Perno, Retired Deputy Sheriff
Co-Founder of People Against Spice Sales (PASS)*



Goals of PASS



- ❑ Community Education, Outreach and Awareness on Synthetic Drug Dangers
- ❑ Work collaboratively with Communities throughout San Diego County and the State of California
- ❑ Advance best policies and local ordinances to create Positive Community Change
- ❑ Ban all sales and **possession for personal use** of synthetic drugs throughout California
- ❑ Effective synthetic drug legislation - State and Federal level

Warnings By Government



- Numerous Warnings by Government Agencies and Military
- DEA, DOJ, CDC, Poison Control Centers, etc.



Synthetic Drug Dangers



- ❑ Unregulated, Untested, No Medicinal Use
- ❑ No long-term studies, the true effects are not yet known
- ❑ No known clinical trials on humans
- ❑ **Physically addicting**
- ❑ Dangerous! One-time use has resulted in death!
- ❑ Varied strength and potency of drugs, even in the same “batch”

Synthetic Drugs Are Deadly Chemicals



DANGER
**TOXIC
CHEMICALS**

- ❑ One-time use has resulted in death.
- ❑ Adults and children have died
- ❑ Deliberately mislabeled to avoid regulation

Legal To Possess in California For Personal Use!

LETHAL, BUT LEGAL

"There's no doubt people will have strokes and heart attacks, just like we see with people and coke."

— Dr. Joseph Antonowicz

MEDICAL COMMUNITY, OTHERS REACTING TO READY AVAILABILITY OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS



Issues with Drug Testing



- ❑ Synthetic Drugs are not detectable on Standard Drug Tests.
- ❑ Specialized test is needed
- ❑ Appeals to those who are randomly tested
 - Military – Zero Tolerance – Automatic Discharge
 - Probation/Parole
 - Athletes
 - Employment

Legal Does Not Mean Safe!

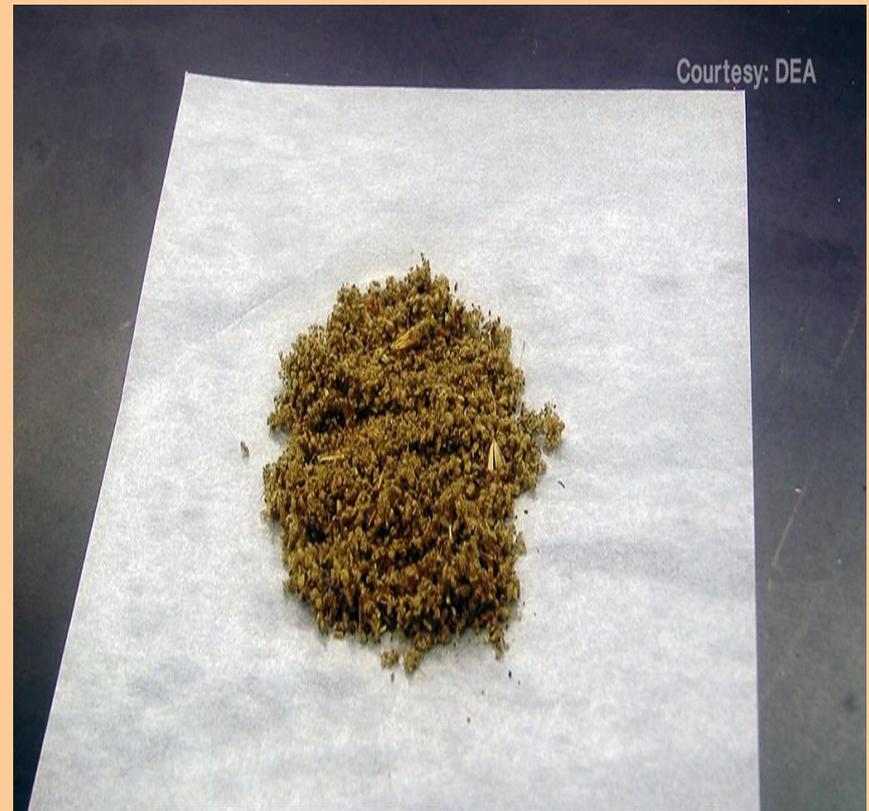


Know What is Sold in Your Neighborhood Stores



- ❑ **Spice and Bath Salts Sold At:**
- ❑ Delis & Markets
- ❑ Liquor Stores
- ❑ Gas Stations
- ❑ Smoke Shops
- ❑ Internet – Widely Available online
- ❑ Street Sales

“Spice” “K2” (Synthetic Cannabinoids)



What is Spice?



- ❑ Spice or K2 is a mixture of herbs or spices **sprayed with synthetic toxic chemicals** similar to THC in marijuana but more powerful
- ❑ **Smoked to get high**
- ❑ **Spice is NOT Marijuana, it is a dangerous Hallucinogenic Drug!**
- ❑ Intentionally Mislabeled
- ❑ Marked “Not For Human Consumption”

Many Varieties Of Spice Targeted to Youth & Young Adults

- ❑ Marketed as “Potpourri” or “Herbal Incense”
- ❑ Flavoring added
Cotton Candy
Bubble Gum
Juicy Fruit, etc.
- ❑ Attractive Packaging



Spice For Sale...



- ❑ Prices for Spice start at \$5.00
- ❑ Retail Stores
- ❑ Internet Sales
- ❑ 3,000 Companies in China selling in bulk
- ❑ Street Sales?
- ❑ **5 Billion Dollars a year in Sales per Bloomberg Businessweek (06-16-2011)**



Spice Effects on Mind & Body

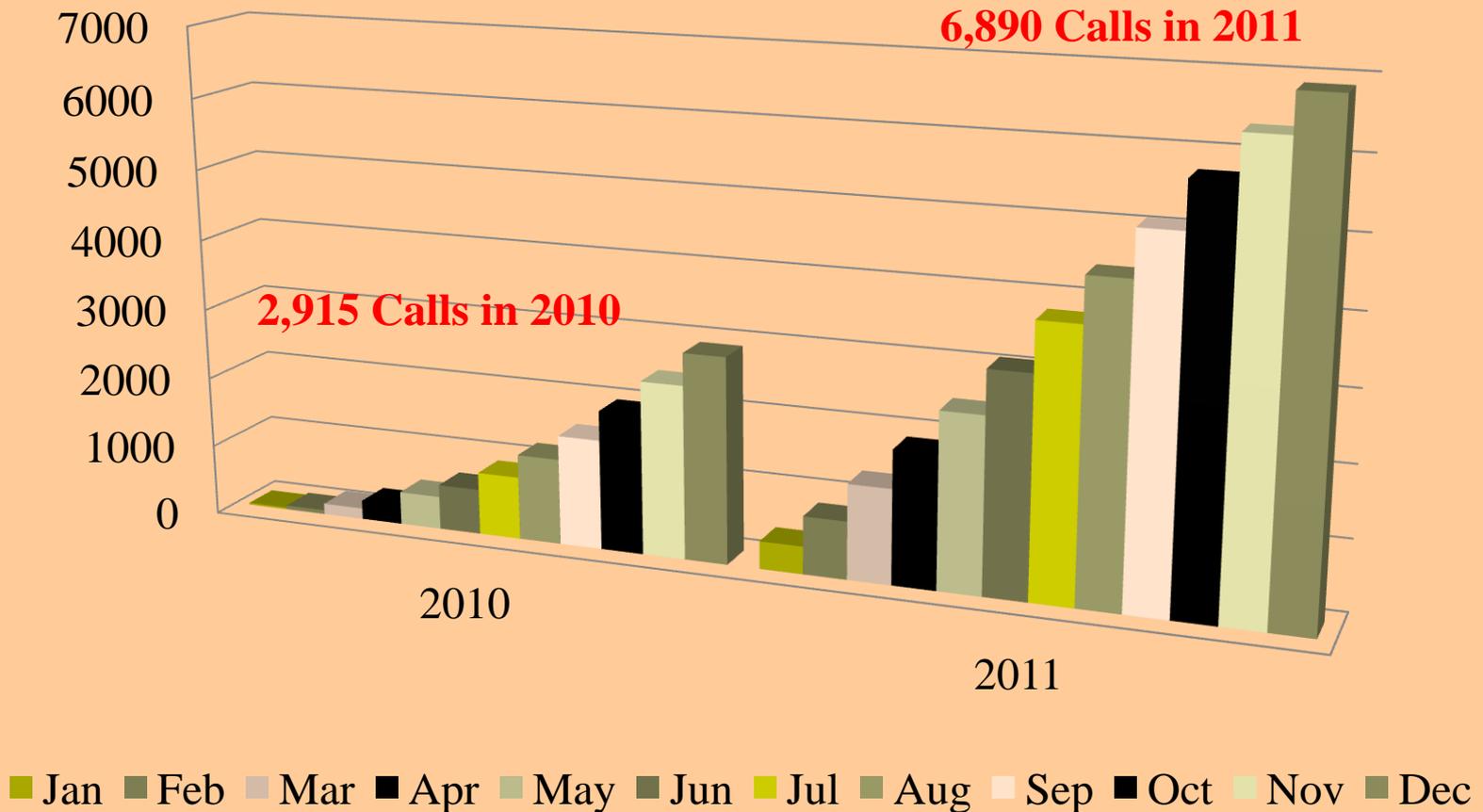


- **Agitation**
- **Anxiety including extreme panic attacks**
- **Depression**
- **Paranoia**
- **Psychosis**
- **Hallucinations**
 - **Visual**
 - **Auditory**
- **Flashbacks**
- **Increased blood pressure**
- **Increased heart rate**
- **Cardiac arrest**
- **Blood shot eyes**
- **Insomnia**
- **Tingling, numbness**
- **Vomiting**
- **Brain Seizures**
- **Tremors**
- **Suicidal Thoughts**

Spice Poison Center Calls



American Association of Poison Control Centers



Bath Salts – Synthetic Stimulants and others -What are They?

- ❑ A very dangerous synthetic drug
- ❑ **Are NOT used for Baths!**
- ❑ Deliberately Mislabeled
- ❑ “Not For Human Consumption”
- ❑ Other Names Used



As Dangerous as Cocaine, Crystal Methamphetamine, PCP and LSD...



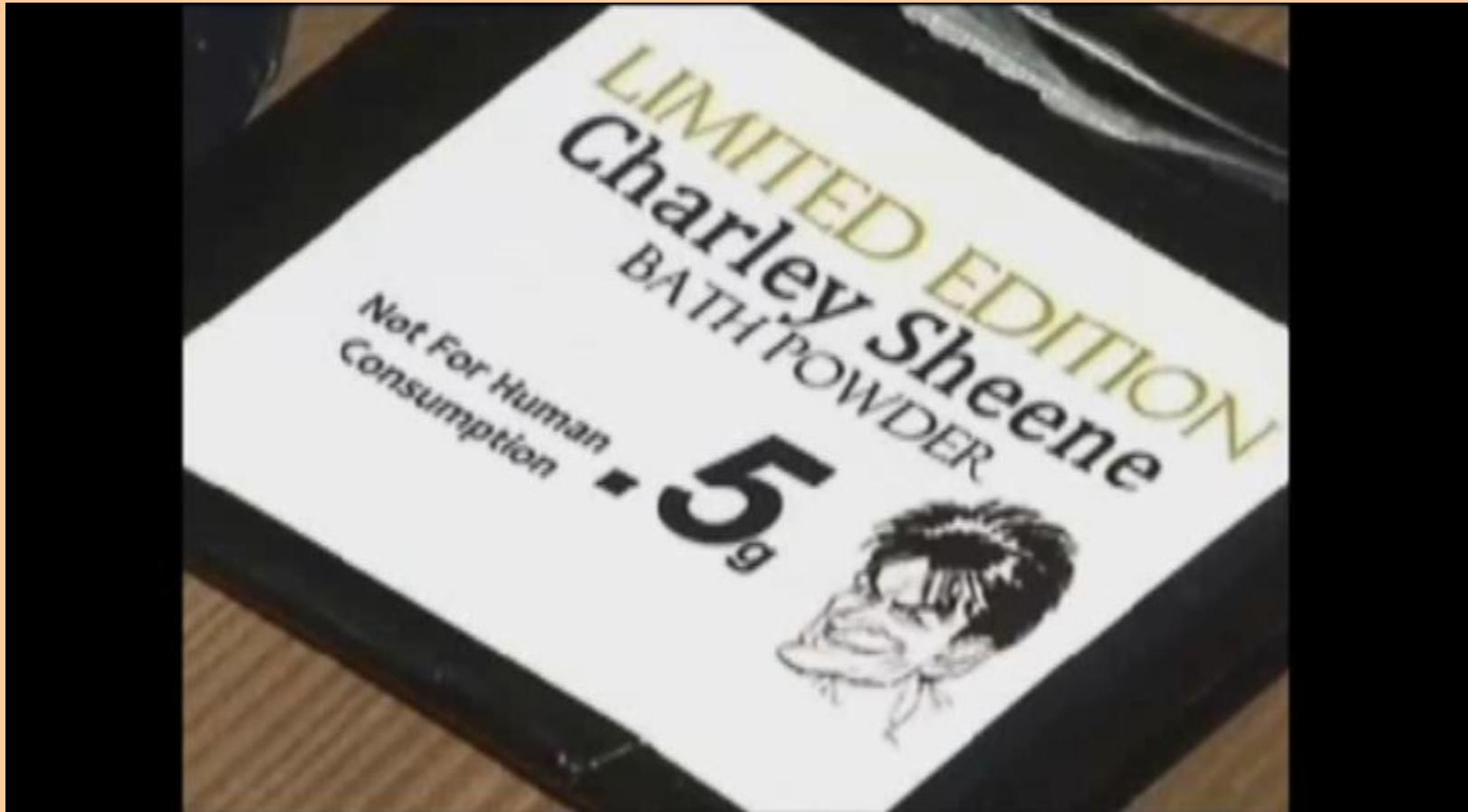
Bath Salts Used To Get High



- ❑ Same manner as controlled substances cocaine and methamphetamine
- ❑ Snorting
- ❑ Smoking
- ❑ Injection
- ❑ Swallowing in water
- ❑ Active Ingredient MDPV and others



“Charley Sheene” Bath Powder





White Girl, Scarface, Superman, “Bath Salts”



Bath Salts User Video



Bath Salts for Sale



- ❑ Prices start at \$15
- ❑ Retail Stores
- ❑ Wholesale sites in China
- ❑ Internet Sales
- ❑ Street Sales?
- ❑ Individuals making Millions of Dollars in sales



Deception and Profits!



- ❑ 30 Ounce Container of REAL Bath Salts is only **\$4.00**
- ❑ 30 Ounce Container of Drug **mislabeled** as Bath Salts is **\$51,000.00**
- ❑ People Selling **Know** This is a DRUG and Don't Care!

Who Sells Synthetic Drugs?



- ❑ Anyone can manufacture, package and sell these drugs. Most are hard to locate
- ❑ Can make in your own kitchen, garage, home
- ❑ Bulk Chemicals from foreign and domestic sources
- ❑ No need for a “cook” like methamphetamine
- ❑ Possibly three Spice manufacturers in San Diego County. Bath Salts manufacturers??

Synthetic Drugs

“Manufacturer” Video



A screenshot of a YouTube video player. The video content shows a news broadcast with the text "Heartland NEWS AT 12" in a stylized font. A large play button is centered over the video. Below the video, the title "Inside look at bath salts and incense business" is displayed, along with the copyright notice "©KFVS". The player interface includes a "Play" button, a progress bar showing "00:00/02:50", a volume control slider, and a "Share" icon. On the right side of the player, there are four buttons: "EMAIL", "EMBED", "SHARE", and "HELP".



Bath Salts Effects

Mind and Body

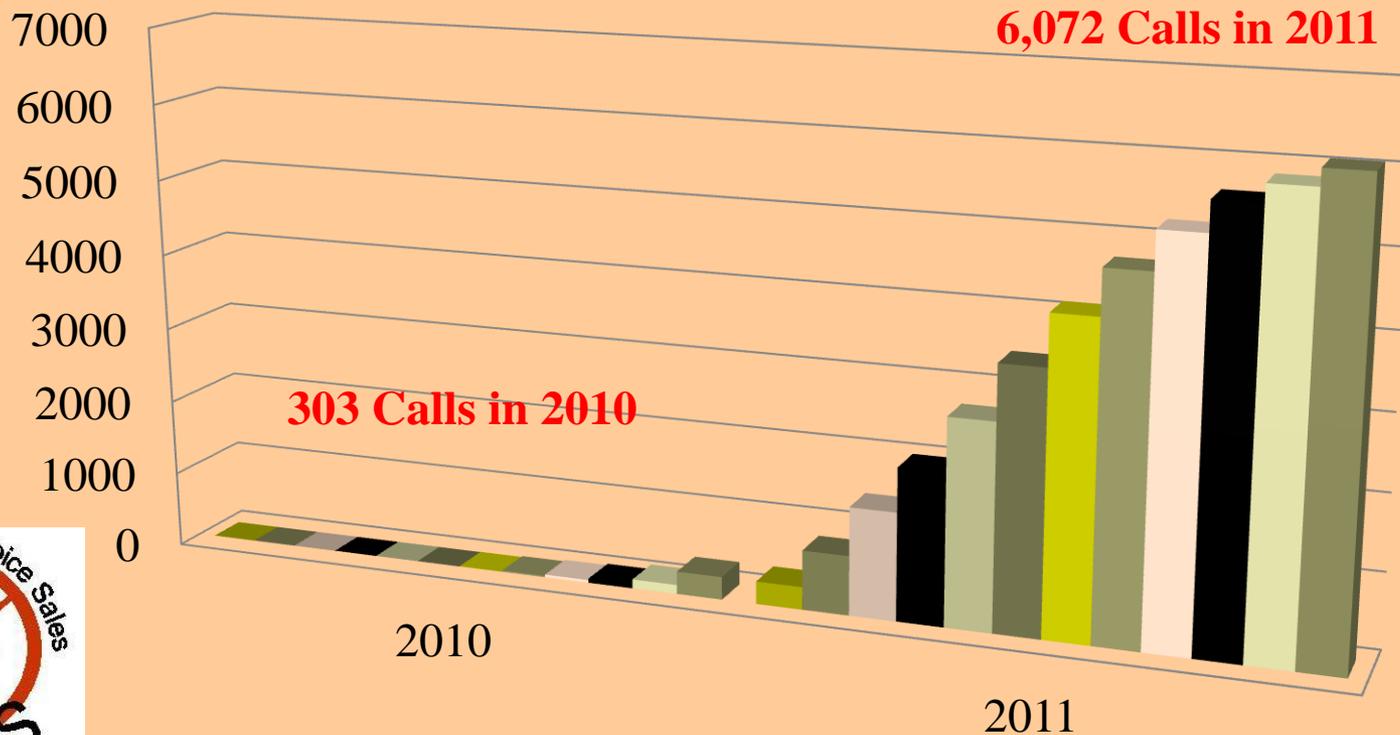


- ❑ **Insomnia**
- ❑ **Increased blood pressure**
- ❑ **Increased heart rate**
- ❑ **Agitation, Easily Angered**
- ❑ **Extreme Energy**
- ❑ **Extreme Paranoia**
- ❑ **Hallucinations**
- ❑ **High Body Temperature**
- ❑ **Kidney Failure**
- ❑ **Excited Delirium**
- ❑ **Walking Overdose**
- ❑ **Medical Emergency**
- ❑ **Flashbacks for up to 72 hours**
- ❑ **Stimulant High**
- ❑ **LSD Hallucinations**
- ❑ **PCP Strength**
- ❑ **Psychosis seems to be prominent (toxicologist, UCSD Medical Center)**

Bath Salts Poison Center Calls



American Association of Poison Control Centers



■ Jan ■ Feb ■ Mar ■ Apr ■ May ■ Jun ■ Jul ■ Aug ■ Sep ■ Oct ■ Nov ■ Dec



California Poison Control

Spice and Bath Salt Calls 1/11 to **8/11**

- **Synthetic cannabinoids**
 - 135 calls
 - 7 admitted to hospital critical care unit
- **Bath Salts**
 - 105 calls
 - 5 admitted to psychiatric unit
 - 15 admitted to hospital critical care unit
(Data from Dr. Schneir on 10-20-11)

Headlines Across The Nation



Spice

- ❑ School Shooting
Principal wounded, AP Killed
- ❑ High Speed Pursuit 19
year old killed
- ❑ Suicides
- ❑ Cardiac Arrest
- ❑ Brain Seizures
- ❑ Hallucinations
- ❑ Panic Attacks

Bath Salts

- ❑ Deputy Sheriff Killed
Suspect with extraordinary
strength
- ❑ Priest stabbed while
asleep in Church bed
- ❑ Mom believes 2 year-
old son is a demon –
Skull fractured
- ❑ Army Combat Medic
Kills Wife, Self. Son?

California Penalties for Bath Salts Versus Drugs They Mimic



State of California	Possession Personal Use	Sales Trans. Manuf.	Guns present	Locations schools, parks ,etc	Minors	Priors	Weight Enhanc ement
Bath Salts	NO Penalty	Up to 6 months and/or \$1,000	None	None	None	None	None
Cocaine	Up to 3 Years.	Up to 7 Years	Up to 5 Yrs extra	Up to 9 Years	Up to 11 Yrs.	Up to 4 Yrs extra	Up to 25 Yrs extra
Meth amphet amine	Up to 3 Yrs	Up to 7 Years	Up to 5 Yrs extra	Up to 9 Years	Up to 9 + 5 Yrs if Child under 16	Up to 3 extra years	Up to 15 extra years
PCP	Up to 3 Years.	Up to 7 Years	Up to 8 Years.	Up to 9 Years	Up to 9 Years	4 Years extra	Up to +15 Yrs

Bath Salts Penalties California and Maine Comparison



Bath Salts California	Possession Personal Use	Sales Trans. Manuf.	Guns	Locations	Minors	Priors	Weight Enhancement
Penalties	NO Penalty	Up to 6 months and/or \$1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Bath Salts Maine	Possession Personal Use	Unlawful Furnishing	Aggravated Furnishing	Unlawful Trafficking	Aggravated Trafficking
Penalties	Up to 1 Year	Up to 5 Years	Up to 10 Yrs	Up to 10 Yrs	Up to 25 Years

Maine Data Courtesy of Lt. Thomas Reagan,
Bangor, Maine Police Department

New Policies for Emerging **Issues**



- **DEA Bans**
 - Temporary Emergency Bans on Spice and Bath Salts
- Stop-Gap
- Limited Scope
- Manufacturers quickly modify chemical formulas to skirt the law
- **Federal Legislation Pending**
- **S409** – Ban MDPV and Mephedrone
- **S605** – David Mitchell Rozga Act - “Spice” Schedule 1 and increase Length of DEA Bans
- **S839** – Ban 2CE – and other Synthetic Drugs

Avoiding New Laws Bath Salts Seller - Pennsylvania



California Legislation - New Spice Law Effective January 1, 2012

- ❑ SB420 “Spice” became 11357.5 H.S
- ❑ No Ban on Possession for Personal Use
- ❑ Bans Sales and Possession For Sales
- ❑ Misdemeanor Offense – Up to 6 months in Jail and/or up to \$1,000 Fine

- ❑ **38 States Have Banned Sales of Spice**

Including Bans on Possession for Personal Use



Bath Salts New California Law



- ❑ AB486 “Bath Salts” became 11375.5 H.S.
- ❑ **Effective Immediately and Enforceable**
- ❑ No Ban on Possession for Personal Use
- ❑ Misdemeanor Offense – Up to 6 months in Jail and/or up to \$1,000 Fine
- ❑ Urgency Clause Signed October 9, 2011
- ❑ 31 States Have Banned Sales of Bath Salts
- ❑ **Including Bans Possession for Personal Use**



Local Ordinances?

- ❑ Local Ordinance may be adopted by Cities in San Diego County for Spice and Bath Salts
- ❑ Other Cities in U.S. have banned these drugs
- ❑ **Could include bans on possession for personal use**
- ❑ **Will other Cities in San Diego County ban possession of synthetic drugs?**
- ❑ County-Wide Ban for sales and possession

Best Policy Options and Practices



- ❑ Comprehensive Chemical Class Approach
- ❑ Address Sales & Possession for Personal Use in One Ordinance and all Cities same language
- ❑ Preemption language for when State of California bans possession for personal use
- ❑ Many States making Bath Salts possession a Felony charge, similar to Cocaine, Methamphetamine and traditional controlled substances, to prevent migration to these drugs

Missing Information and Data



- Large gaps in data collection for synthetic drug users. Awareness? Privacy concerns?
- **Difficult to know the scope of the problem**
- Need for information collection by
 - Schools – Elementary through College
 - **Police and first responders - Fire and Medical**
 - Hospital Emergency Rooms & Treatment Centers
 - **Detention Facility intake classification**
 - Medical Examiner (unknown death investigation)



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