



The Indiana Sheriff

Kentucky/ Southern Indiana partnership aims to curb the production of illegal meth

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and a group of Kentucky and southern Indiana sheriffs have joined forces to combat illegal meth labs along the states' borders. Louisville is one of several communities using MethCheck, an electronic service that monitors the purchase of pseudoephedrine (PSE) at local pharmacies.

Investigators use MethCheck to determine whether buyers are "smurfing" or making purchases at several pharmacies in a short period of time. Because MethCheck has not been available to Indiana pharmacies, meth suppliers have been buying PSE across the river and bringing it to Kentucky meth lab cooks.

Under the partnership, MethCheck is available to pharmacies in Clark and Floyd counties free of charge for one year, allowing sheriffs access to the records.

"This is a great step for Kentucky and Indiana law enforcement to combat an issue that is devastating our communities," said Stephen Luce, Executive Director of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association. "This collaboration is just the beginning of continuing the vision in strengthening public safety in our communities."

The pilot program marks the first time that states have shared electronic PSE purchase information on a real-time basis.



Pictured above (left to right): Scott County, Indiana, Sheriff John Lizenby, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, Jefferson County, Indiana, Sheriff Bill Andrews and ISA Executive Director Steve Luce