



MEDIA RELEASE

HEROIN TASK FORCE DEPUTIZED

Event: Swearing In Ceremony

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2015

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Hamilton County Courthouse (1000 Main St.) Room 360

Notes: Sheriff Jim Neil Deputizes Officers / Newtown Police Chief Tom Synan addresses media and other attendees

Sheriff Jim Neil will swear in the investigators of the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force giving them the ability and authority to respond to any overdose, track any dealers and intervene with those who are addicted anywhere in the County. The Task Force has assembled a group of highly experienced and dedicated investigators from various law enforcement agencies to take on this challenging task. Success will not just be measured in arrests but in lives saved, addictions broken and disruption of the distribution of Heroin throughout our communities.

Law enforcement now has a resources solely dedicated to investigating overdose deaths back to find the individuals who contributed to the overdose.

Director of the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force Chief Tom Synan stated, "If you've lost a loved one you should know that law enforcement sees the loss as a human being, not just an addict, and the loss of any human life is worthy of an investigation. Although individuals taking the drugs may know the possible consequences, others that deal, give, supply or share heroin and opiates will also have to take responsibility in that consequence."

This Task Force will work with all law enforcement to do all it can to break the cycle of addiction, hold those responsible accountable and disrupt those who distribute this poison. Chief Synan added, "If we have to knock on your door, charge you with a crime, make our presence known in a neighborhood or make contact with those addicted in an attempt to get you treatment we will break the cycle and take our communities back."