



Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force



PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton County Heroin Task Force would like to make the public aware of a changing trend in the overdoses and overdose death data. It has been made public that crack cocaine has been tainted with Fentanyl and we are seeing a significant increase in suspected overdose deaths involving crack cocaine. Our task force has investigated at least 6 suspected crack cocaine overdose deaths in the past ten days. In the last few weeks, we have seen a steep increase in African Americans overdose victims (4 of the 6 crack cocaine deaths and 6 of the 11 people referred to last weeks East Quick Response Team.)

Another current investigation has revealed a supplier was mixing Fentanyl with Methamphetamine and then adding red, yellow or blue food coloring and pressing the mixture in pill form to be sold as MDMA or Ecstasy. For many months we have encountered various fake pressed pills sold on the street as Hydrocodone or Percocet and are formulations of Fentanyl.

Warning to recreational drugs users: Any type of street drug could be mixed with or have a type of Fentanyl added.

- DO NOT USE ALONE AND ENSURE SOMEONE IS NOT USING IN THE GROUP
- ALL RECREATIONAL DRUGS USERS SHOULD HAVE NARCAN ON HAND-CALL HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AT 513-946-7676 or narcan@hamilton-co.org
- ALWAYS CALL 911 IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE IS OVERDOSING, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NARCAN ON HAND
- FOR HELP, CALL ADDICTIONS SERVICES COUNCIL HELP LINE AT 513-281-7880 OR IN KY 859-415-9280

The Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force was created by the Hamilton County Association of Chiefs of Police in 2015 and is comprised of Task Force Investigators from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Cincinnati Police Department, Amberley Village Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Sharonville Police Department, DEA and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force was created to initiate an immediate and focused investigation to target the source dealer of the heroin which led to an overdose, overdose death, and ultimately, the prosecution of the source dealer on applicable State and Federal charges. The Task Force receives support from the local participating agencies and The Hamilton County Commissioners. Additionally, The Task Force partners with the Hamilton County Prosecutors Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Hamilton County Coroner and the Ohio Attorney General's Office-Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

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