America’s Opioid Crisis

The stunning spread of the opioid painkiller and heroin epidemic in two maps over 10 years.

Drug mortality, 2005

Drug mortality, 2014

A challenge for cities, counties and states

The rise in prescription opioid and heroin addiction is causing an increase in overdoses as well as more cases of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C.

Deaths from opioids

78 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.

National overdose deaths

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health
Virtual Town Hall Series on the Local Response to the Opioid Crisis:
Law Enforcement Strategies | June 30, 2016 | 2:00-3:30PM ET

Speakers
• Judge Gary Moore, Boone County, Ky.
• Commissioner Doug Corcoran, Ross County, Ohio
• Dr. Emilia Istrate, NACo Research Director
• Sheriff Dave Mahoney, Dane County, Wis.
• Prosecutor Joe Coronato, Ocean County, N.J.
• County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County, Penn.
• Mr. Bill Walker, Kern County, Calif. Mental Health Director

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Strategic Plan

• Education/Prevention
• Enforcement
• Narcan (Naloxone) Program
• Treatment/Breaking Cycle of Addiction
Education/Prevention

- **Back to School Nights**
  - Assistant Prosecutors attended every Middle and High School back to school night - 5 minute presentation connecting with school community
  - AP Rory Wells attending in-school forums/PTOs
- **Prosecutor’s Forums**
  - October 24, 2013-Pine Belt Arena, Toms River
    - 2,000 attendees
  - December 12, 2013-Stafford Township Arts Center
    - 750 attendees
  - May 27, 2014-Pine Belt Arena, Toms River
    - 4,000 attendees
  - January 15, 2015-Playing it Clean Forum
    - 1,300 athletes from across the County
- **Right Turns Videos**
  - Paid for by drug dealers through forfeited funds
  - To be distributed Countywide through schools system
  - Additional videos being produced focusing on parents and their role and involvement in stemming the tide of drug addiction
Enforcement

• Southern Narcotics Unit
  – Focusing on drug distribution activity in the southern portion of the County
• Aggressive Prosecution- Leading the State in prosecuting **strict liability** deaths-removing the true drug dealer from the community
• Aggressive Forfeiture Policy
• Countywide K-9 operations
• Pawn Shop Ordinance-RAPID System
• Project Medicine Drop- 13 PDs have boxes (4 had them in 2013); over 10,000 pounds destroyed to date: Funeral cards distributed
Narcan/Naloxone Program

Narcan utilized by every Police Agency in the County-Ocean County led the State in this life saving effort (98% of PDs in NJ are carrying)

• 129 deployments in 2014, 272 deployments in 2015, 190 as of 6/15/16

• OD deaths 112 in 2013, 104 in 2014, 118 in 2015, currently 70 as of 6/15/16
Partnership between Law Enforcement, Prevention and Health Care (Barnabas Health) to develop a strategy to combat the cycle of opiate addiction

• Hospital

• Detox Facility

• Treatment Options
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