

WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Overdose Prevention Quarterly Report

December 2019 - February 2020

March 2020



Moving
Forward,
Full Steam
Ahead

The months of December through February have been devoted to solidifying a working system of sustainability for our community. As a result, to increase the capability of local Peer Support services and overdose referrals, the Wayne County Health Department has

- secured a memorandum of understanding with Wayne UNC Healthcare,
- secured a memorandum of understanding with One to One with Youth, Inc;
- secured a memorandum of understanding with Primary Health Choice, and
- created the Overdose Prevention webpage on the Wayne County Health Department website with access to our Resource Guide.

Quarterly Snapshot

Overdose Referrals Received = 74

Narcan Trainings = 6

Participants Trained on Narcan = 41

Narcan Kits Dispensed = 16

**Anyone can now make an Overdose Referral on the Overdose Prevention webpage.*

Announcing

Wayne County S3



Syringe Support Services

The Syringe Support Services (S3) is designed to

- Prevent the spread of infectious diseases
- Provide an outreach of contact for many individuals to help assist with referrals to treatment and other services like STD screenings, immunizations, family planning and prenatal care
- Reduce costly visits to the emergency room by individuals having injection related complications
- Reduce the number of improperly discarded needles from streets, parks, parking lots and vacant lots

As of February 26, 2020, the Wayne County S3 will be at this fixed site:

Community Crisis Center
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month
1:00 – 3:00 PM

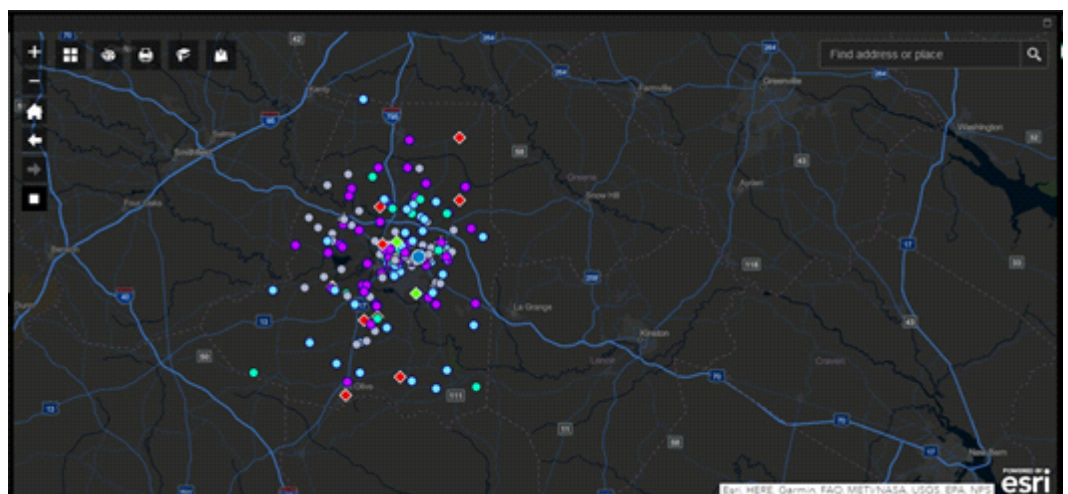
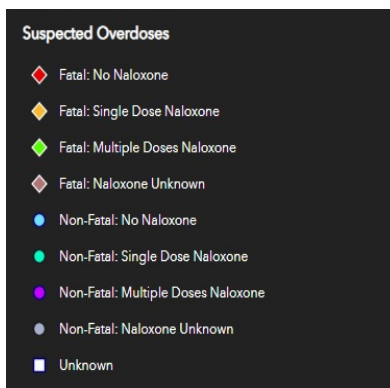
Wayne County Overdoses for 2019

Data reported by First Responders only.

Total Suspected Overdoses = 272

Fatal = 18

Naloxone Administered = 118 times



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Sheriff Larry M. Pierce

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: 2-11-2019

On December 11th, 2019 at approximately 5:40 pm Deputies with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division were dispatched to an overdose at Doug Dr. in Dudley NC. After clearing the overdose, Deputy B. Elrod was transporting narcotics from the scene to place into evidence and began to have a medical emergency during transit. Deputy Elrod was on the phone with a supervisor when this occurred and was able to give his location for Deputies and EMS to respond. Deputy Elrod was able to pull his vehicle out of the lane of travel. Deputy Elrod was administered Narcan (naloxone) by responding deputies, and was transported by EMS to Wayne UNC for evaluation and treatment. The medical emergency is a result of an exposure that occurred while dealing with the narcotics found at the residence on Doug Dr.

INTRODUCING

The Wayne County Detention Substance Misuse Program

With a goal of reducing recidivism of inmates by one-third, the Overdose Prevention Coordinator (OPC) was honored to assist with the development of the Wayne County Substance Misuse Program which is to begin in April 2020. This program is designed to:

- Educate addicted inmates of their higher risk of overdosing once released;
- Encourage addicted inmates to consider as well as communicate needs for sobriety,
- Provide educational material for review while in the detention center, and/or with their belongings upon request;
- Connect inmates with a Certified Peer Support Specialist before being released for continued support and assistance with needed resources;
- Provide Narcan training and the option of having Narcan placed with their belongings for access once released; and
- Continue follow up with the inmate once released.

**"Sobriety is
a journey."**

E V Stankowski

A special thank you to the team that made this happen: Sheriff Larry Pierce; Major Robert Thaxton; Captain Tammy Mazingo; Jennifer Health; Director of Day Reporting Center; Dustin Pittman, President of CALM; Danny King, Owner of One to One with Youth, Inc., and Michael Olliver, Peer Support Specialist with One to One with Youth, Inc.

THANK YOU

At this time, the OPC would like to thank all that met and participated during this quarter. The OPC had meetings with the following (listed in alphabetical order): 4 Day Movement, CALM, CLIFF, Community Crisis Center, Easter Seals, Eastpointe, Goldsboro Boys and Girls Club, Mental Health Association, NC DPS Adult Probation, NC Harm Reduction, One to One with Youth, Inc., Primary Health Choice, Wayne County EMS, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and Wayne UNC Healthcare.

Want to get involved?

Your support is important to our work in reducing overdose deaths in Wayne County. There are many ways you can contribute towards our cause and every little bit that you commit goes a long way in helping to fulfill our mission. Visit the Wayne County Health Department's Overdose Prevention website at <https://www.waynegov.com/915/Overdose-Prevention> for important information or opportunities to make a positive impact.

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