



FULTON COUNTY HEROIN WORKING GROUP UPDATE

SUMMER 2017

HEROIN CRISIS SOARS NARCAN SAVES MORE THAN 200 LIVES



In the last three years, death was injected into the lives of 317 Fulton County families. So far this year, heroin and fentanyl have already claimed 38 lives in Fulton County.

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tragic heroin epidemic. Without the life-saving efforts of first responders equipped with Narcan (naloxone), the medicine used to reverse opioid overdoses, this number could have easily exceeded 230 in just the first five months of 2017.

On April 20, 2016, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, with the encouragement of the Heroin Working Group, passed a resolution allocating up to \$49,000 for the initial distribution of Narcan.

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In response to that measure, Narcan has now been provided to first responders throughout Fulton County. To date, first responders throughout our County have already administered Naloxone more than 210 times. The availability of Narcan has likely saved hundreds of lives. This year, the use of Narcan is expected to decrease heroin and fentanyl deaths by 28% compared to 2016.

HEROIN DEATHS SPARK COMMUNITY ACTION



In response to the increasing heroin epidemic, the Fulton County Heroin Working Group will join Board of Commissioners Interim Chairman Bob Ellis, who presides over District 2, on August 30, 2017, to discuss possible solutions to the crisis. Currently, Fulton County is without a plan to address the heroin crisis. The Heroin Working Group has been seeking to develop a Comprehensive Heroin Plan to combat the increased use of heroin and opioids and their fatal effects throughout Fulton County. In addition to considering the Comprehensive Plan, the Heroin Working Group will hear from Commissioner Ellis, about his ideas to identify solutions to combat the heroin crisis.

Outside of the City of Atlanta, Commissioner Ellis district has seen widespread abuse of heroin and an increase in Narcan usage over the past several years, especially in District 2, which encompasses Milton, Mountain Park, Alpharetta, Roswell and Sandy Springs. The Heroin Working Group and Commissioner Ellis are looking forward to discussing ways to overcome the increasing Heroin crisis.

ON THE UPDATE CRISIS

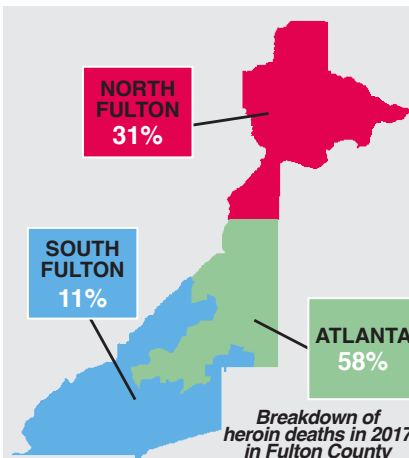
Based on your assistance, across Fulton County, there is a projected decrease in heroin and fentanyl deaths in 2017

NUMBER OF NARCAN DOSES ADMINISTERED IN FULTON COUNTY IN 2017

210+

YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS	PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS UNDER THE AGE OF 30	TREND
2012	28	53%	-
2013	38	42%	+35%
2014	92	26%	+142%
2015	105	35%	+14%
2016	120	26%	+14%
2017	94*	29%*	-28%

*Through June 1, 2017, there have been 38 confirmed heroin/fentanyl related deaths in Fulton County in 2017. Of those 38, eleven were under the age of 30. Accounting for delays in toxicology results, we have calculated the projected total for 2017 to be around 94.



DRIVER HIGH ON HEROIN SENTENCED AFTER HITTING, KILLING NINE-YEAR-OLD ATLANTA BOY



Nearly one year after the senseless death of nine-year-old Isiah Ward 29-year-old Ryan Lisabeth, the man who killed the young boy, pled guilty to charges of Homicide by Vehicle in the First Degree, Serious Injury by Vehicle, Possession of Heroin, Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (Less Safe), Reckless Driving, and Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road.

On April 15, 2016, Lisabeth injected heroin into his body before he began speeding on Joseph E. Boone Boulevard in Northwest Atlanta. Lisabeth veered over the center line, into the wrong lane, and finally over the sidewalk curb where he struck the three children.

Isaiah Ward died from his injuries. Isaiah's older brother, 12-year-old Roland Ward, suffered a broken pelvis and broken leg. The other victim, 14-year-old Timothy Hood, also a friend of the Ward brothers sustained two skull fractures and a broken leg. The injuries sent Timothy into a coma for three to four weeks. Presently, both surviving victims are still recovering emotionally and physically from their wounds. "I'm thankful that this day has come and we're able to bring some closure. I'm asking that justice be served for all three kids," said Hood's mother,

Teresa Lawrence.

"April 15th was the day my life changed for the worst," said Isaiah's Uncle LaFreddie Smith. "I'm all for second chances. Unfortunately, my nephew (Isaiah) won't have a second chance. I hope Roland can get a second chance."

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Henry Newkirk sentenced Lisabeth to 30 years to serve in prison without the possibility of parole in a non-negotiated plea.

QUICK RESPONSE FROM FIRST RESPONDERS SAVES HEROIN OVERDOSE VICTIM



On March 31, 2017, Narcan saved the life of a heroin addict. The victim was unconscious and turning blue when a number of people transported the person to the Atlanta Fire Rescue Station 2, located in the Lakewood community. Captain Jerry DeBerry and his team responded quickly by administering a nasal spray of Narcan that was made available because of the Heroin Working Group's efforts to ensure all first responders are equipped with the life-saving drug. Shortly after receiving the Narcan, the victim began breathing and was taken to a local hospital.

HEROIN WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

GOAL	STATUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission an in-depth study on the heroin crisis in Fulton County	Research and study completed by Applied Research Services and report issued on 1/15/16.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official acknowledgment of the heroin crisis by the Board of Commissioners	On 2/17/16, Fulton County passed resolution recognizing the heroin crisis in Fulton County- the first of its kind in Georgia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create a resolution to begin distributing Naloxone to all police departments, fire departments, EMS and all Fulton County first responders	The Fulton County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on 4/20/16 allocating \$49,000 for the distribution of Naloxone to all first responders in the county. Naloxone has since been distributed to first responders throughout the county
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support and encourage U.S. Senate Bill ("CANA") which will provide state funding to municipalities to combat the opioid crisis	Heroin working group members wrote letters in support of U.S. Senate Bill. Bill passed by both houses of Congress
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide copies of Heroin report to Congressmen David Scott and John Lewis	Report provided to Congressmen Scott and Lewis on 3/16/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Develop a comprehensive plan to combat the Fulton County heroin crisis	In progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Establish heroin helpline referral card to be distributed by first responders on scene	In progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Develop a community court in APD Zone 1	In progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Extend drug court to state court and juvenile court	In progress

HEROIN WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director John Robison - Alpharetta Police
 Capt. Will Merrill - Alpharetta Police
 Chief Rusty Grant - Roswell Police
 Lt. B. Holland - Roswell Police
 Chief Ed Densmore - Johns Creek Police
 Maj. Paul Guerrucci - Atlanta Police
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 Inv. Angela Washington - Fulton Cty Schools
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 Comm. Liz Hausmann - Fulton Cty Commissioner, Dist. 1

Rita and Bill Bennett - Alpharetta Concerned Citizens
 Kate Boccia - Alpharetta Community Advocate
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 Robin Elliott - GA Overdose Prevention, Co-Founder
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 Matthew Meyer - The Incite Program
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 Elizabeth Hall - Atlanta Community Activist
 Linda Tramel - East Point Activist
 Mario Head - Atlanta Community Activist
 Ewell Hardman - Treatment Provider

Paul L. Howard, Jr. - Fulton Cty District Attorney
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 Niaa Daniels - Zone 5 Comm. Prosec.
 Jocelyn Watkins - S. Fulton Comm. Prosec.