



The Opioid Epidemic

A Law Enforcement Perspective

Scope of the Problem



16 overdoses, two dead in six hours in New Haven

By: [DAVID YAFFE-BELLANY AND PAUL BASS](#) | June 24, 2016



AG: Maine on track to see record overdose deaths

By [Nok-Noi Ricker](#), BDN Staff | Dec. 31, 2015

DAILY TIMES

Drug overdose deaths on the rise in Delco

By the Times Staff | 01/17/17, 10:34 PM EST

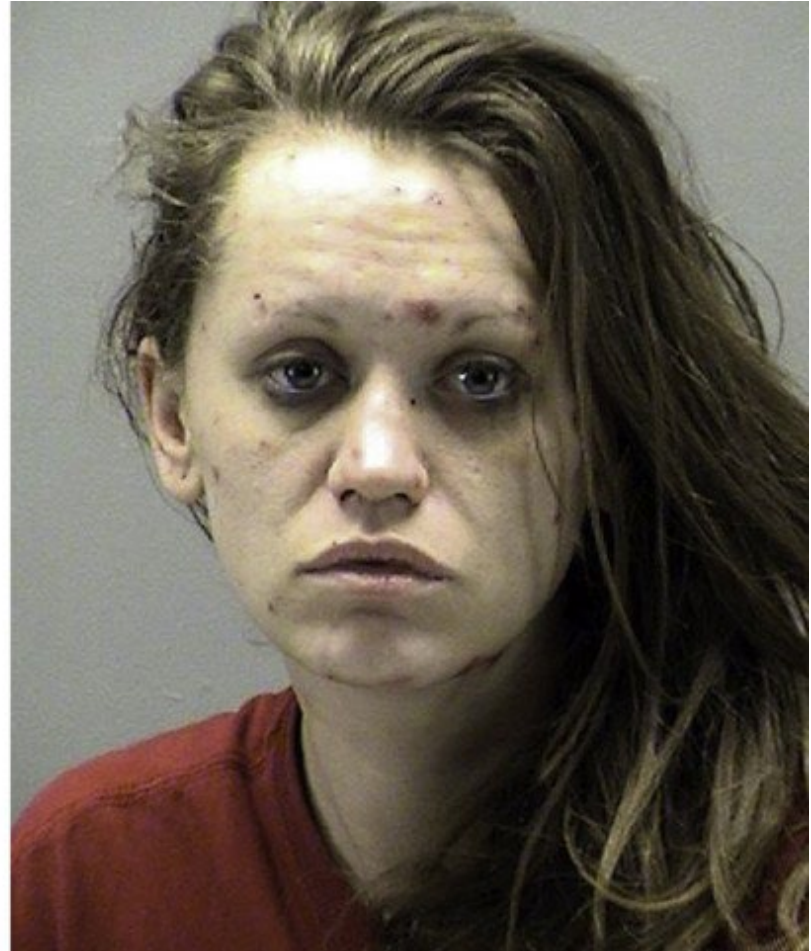
DAILY TIMES

**Cops aid heroin user in Brookhaven, then
arrest him for Walgreens robbery**

[By Rose Quinn](#), | POSTED: 07/19/16, 10:05 PM EDT

Ashley Bullock was revived **four times** from heroin overdoses by Dayton Police carrying Narcan over the course of four months. The photo at left was taken when she was about 20. Now 26, Bullock is in the Montgomery County Jail on drug charges but will enter a treatment program.

[Chris Stewart](#) - Staff Writer – Dayton Daily News



PHOTOS: COURTESY FAMILY; MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL

Ohio police share shocking photos of adults who OD'd with 4-year-old in back seat - *PUBLISHED: 09/09/16 10:17 AM EDT*



Traditional Role of Law Enforcement



One Dimensional Approach to the Issue of Substance Abuse

Step 1: Respond to radio reports of drug activity or initiate proactive drug dealing **investigation** based on citizen complaints or information from another policing agency.

Step 2: Make arrest and **institute criminal proceedings** under the authority of the PA Crimes Code or Health and Safety Act.

Step 3: **Support the District Attorney's prosecution** by offering testimony and ensuring lab analysis of any suspected drug evidence.

Step 4: In addition to any punishment handed down by the legal system, the defendant will complete a **court-ordered drug treatment** program as part of plea deal.



The Drug Court Process

Defendant is Arrested or indicted on sealed indictment



Defendant goes to Court, Qualifies for Drug Court and Agrees to Participate



Defendant is evaluated, file is reviewed and discussed by team



Defendant accepts plea to felony and signs Drug Court Contract as part of plea



Defendant participates and is monitored throughout process



Defendant Successfully Completes Drug Court

Defendant Returns to Court



Defendant Violates Drug Court Agreement and the Case Returns to Traditional Prosecution Process

The Legal System is beginning to Evolve.



Police Practice/Procedure is beginning to Evolve.

Delaware County Data

- Year 2015 OD Deaths
- 204 Total Overdoses
- 104 Heroin Deaths
- 65 Fentanyl Deaths
- 48 Combo Deaths
- 83 Other Drug Deaths



- Year 2016 OD Deaths
- 182 Total Overdoses
- 94 Heroin Deaths
- 83 Fentanyl Deaths
- 56 Combo Deaths
- 61 Other Drug Deaths
- As of 12/06/2016
- Toxicology is pending on more than 30 cases

Delaware County Data

- 2015
 - 135 White Males
 - 48 White Females
 - 14 Black Males
 - 5 Black Females
 - 1 Hispanic Male
 - 1 Asian Male
- 2016
 - 94 White Males
 - 58 White Females
 - 17 Black Males
 - 9 Black Females
 - 2 Hispanic Males
 - 2 Asian Males
 - Thru 12/06/2016

Delaware County Data

- 2015
 - 2 Under Age 20
 - 42 Ages 20-29
 - 56 Ages 30-39
 - 39 Ages 40-49
 - 49 Ages 50-59
 - 12 Ages 60-69
 - 4 Over Age 70
- 2016
 - 1 Under Age 20
 - 31 Ages 20-29
 - 46 Ages 30-39
 - 48 Ages 40-49
 - 43 Ages 50-59
 - 13 Ages 60-69
 - 0 Over Age 70
 - Thru 12/06/2016

Delaware County Data

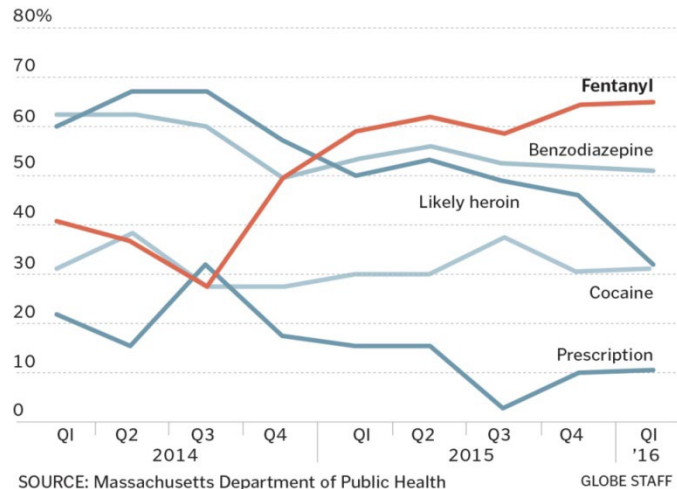
- 2015
- 157 Accidental Deaths
- 20 Suicide Deaths
- 27 Undermined Deaths
- 2016 (thru 12/06/2016)
- 142 Accidental Deaths
- 15 Suicide Deaths
- 25 Undermined Deaths

Opioid overdose deaths across the country have risen steadily since 1999.



Fentanyl deaths on the rise

PERCENT OF OPIOID DEATHS WITH SPECIFIC DRUG PRESENT
Massachusetts, 2014-16



SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

GLOBE STAFF

Where are we now???

Delaware County Police Narcan

2015 Saves = 151

2016 Saves = 301

Program Total = 465

Upper Darby Police Narcan

2015 Saves = 56

2016 Saves = 88

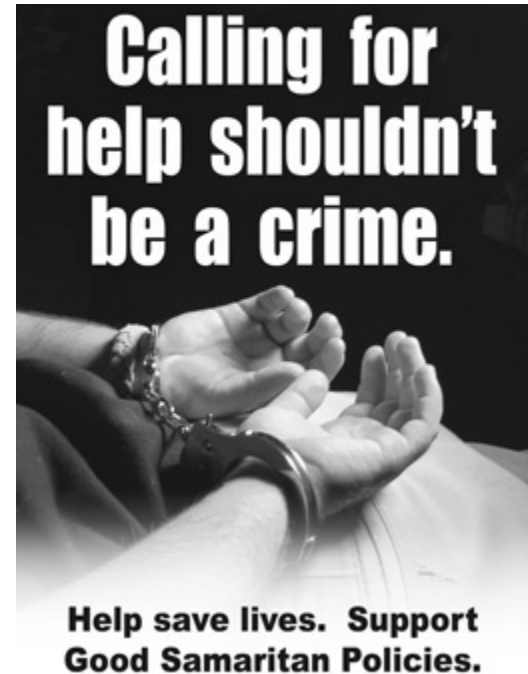
Program Total = 151

Includes Dec '14 & Jan '17



Who PAYS for all of this??

Pa Senate Bill 1164 – David's Law



Named for David John Massi II, Age 27, of Upper Chichester Delaware County. Overdose death, a mix of drugs that included heroin, on Jan. 27, 2013.

Provides immunity from prosecution to certain persons who call 911 and stay with the at-risk victim during an overdose medical emergency.