OPIOIDS

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Objectives

- Discuss the recent spread of opioid misuse
- Discuss the rise of the current opioid crisis, a national addiction/overdose problem
  - Includes medical and illicit opioids
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- Discuss the dangers of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids
- Discuss overdoses and overdose deaths
- Discuss the magnitude of the opioid crisis in Fort Wayne
Prescription Opioids

- Some of the most sought after street drugs
- OxyContin and other strong opioids can go for $30 or more per pill on the street
- We are regularly seeing methadone and occasionally Suboxone at drug raids
Prescription Opioids

- The latest trend is the manufacturing of lookalike prescription drugs
- Dealers are manufacturing drugs to look like prescription medications
- Sometimes these fake medications contain Fentanyl, which is attributed to overdose deaths
Fake Prescription Drugs

- Counterfeit Oxycodone Pills Containing U-47700.
Fake Prescription Drugs
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- The important thing for drug abusers to remember is that there is no guarantee that what they are buying is actually a pharmaceutical grade drug.

- It’s a complete roll of the dice…
Prescription Pills

- In 2016 FWPD Vice & Narcotics seized 3,093 pills
- In 2017 FWPD Vice & Narcotics seized 3,597 pills
Heroin

- We know that a majority of people who abuse heroin started out abusing prescription opioids.
- We also know that demand has greatly increased for heroin in the last few years.
- A heroin abuser can be any age, race or sex.
- Heroin abusers come from ALL walks of life.
Heroin

- 4 out of 5 Heroin abusers started with a prescription Opioid problem
- And when they can’t get Prescription Opioids, they turn to Heroin
- Most people who use heroin start by snorting it
- Almost all abusers end up using needles...
Heroin

- Heroin in Fort Wayne comes from Mexico
- With the legalization of Marijuana, the Drug Cartels lost a huge source of income
- Drug Cartels increased their Heroin production to make up for this loss
  - Current Heroin Epidemic
Scope of the Problem

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Operation Hoosier ICE

Arrests and Seizures 12/17/2014
Heroin
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Heroin Paraphernalia

SPOON W/COTTON & BURN MARKS
Heroin Paraphernalia
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Heroin

- Drug poisoning deaths have become the leading cause of injury death in the United States
  - More than Car Crashes and Gunshot Wounds combined!

- Each day in the U.S. over 175 people die as a result of a drug overdose
Fentanyl

- Fentanyl is a Schedule II synthetic opioid that is approximately 100 times stronger than morphine, and was developed for the pain management and treatment of cancer patients.

- There were over 700 deaths related to fentanyl between late 2013 and early 2015.

- Clandestinely produced fentanyl is sometimes added to heroin to increase its effects, or mixed/diluted and sold as heroin.
Fentanyl

- **Two Types:**
  - Pharmaceutical Grade
    - Patches, Suckers and Liquid
  - Clandestinely Produced
    - Powder
Fentanyl
Fentanyl
Fentanyl Packaging
Carfentanil

- Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid used as a large animal anesthetic
  - Typically used to sedate Elephants…

- DEA released a bulletin warning about Carfentanil

- It is 100 more times powerful than Fentanyl

- It has been found in the Cincinnati, Ohio area and is responsible for an even bigger spike in overdose deaths
Heroin/Fentanyl Trends

- Still seeing Fentanyl in Heroin Drug Seizures
- Buying Straight Fentanyl on a Regular Basis
- Fentanyl & Carfentanil a danger to First Responders
- Allen County Had First Carfentanil Drug Poisoning Death
  - Occurred April 25, 2017
  - Not Confirmed Until May 23, 2017
  - Carfentanil is 100 times more powerful than Fentanyl
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} Carfentanil Death November 26, 2017
Heroin/Fentanyl/Carfentanil
Heroin/Fentanyl

- It would appear that we are in the midst of an opioid epidemic!
- While synthetic cannabinoids and meth are still prevalent in Fort Wayne, the overwhelming abuse trend in the last year has been heroin/fentanyl

- In the span of a couple of days over the summer of 2015, there were 5 overdose deaths that we know of
  - Three from the same dealer…
Seriousness of Addiction

- In July of 2015, we had three drug poisoning deaths in a 24 hour period
- Three people all bought what they thought was heroin from the same dealer at the same time
- The three people left, the first person used what they bought and died immediately
- The other two left their dead friend behind, went their separate ways, used the same substance they saw their friend die from, and both also died
Heroin/Fentanyl

- Estimated 50,000 people in Allen County abusing Opioids
- Estimated 4,000 to 6,000 people in Allen County abuse Heroin
- Average age of Heroin abuser in Allen County is 40
Current Trends

- 2016 Total Heroin Seized—247.6 Grams
- 2017 Total Heroin Seized—711.4 Grams
- 2016 Total Fentanyl Seized—10.3 Grams
- 2017 Total Fentanyl Seized—1,504.4 Grams
Current Trends

- Total FWPD Drug Raids 2016—67
- Total FWPD Drug Raids 2017—111
Drug Poisonings

- **2014**
  - 310 Drug Poisonings / 44 Poisoning Deaths

- **2015**
  - 567 Drug Poisonings / 73 Drug Poisoning Deaths

- **2016**
  - 804 Drug Poisonings / 68 Drug Poisoning Deaths
2016 VS 2017
Drug Poisonings

- 2016 Non-Fatal Cases
  - 804

- 2017 Non-Fatal Cases
  - 1200
2017 Drug Poisoning Deaths

127 Drug Poisoning Deaths
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