



Police and Fire Committee Agenda November 1, 2021 at 5:15 PM

Police and Fire Committee

Peg Conway, Chair
Rich Bardach
Natalie Wolf

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes: August 10, 2021

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Heroin Task Force Update: Tom Fallon, Investigative Commander
Hamilton County Heroin Task Force

ADJOURNMENT

Amberley Village Council – Police-Fire Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021

Present: Peg Conway (Chair), Natalie Wolf (committee), Tom Muething, Chief Wallace, Scot Lahrmer

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting on April 27 were accepted as submitted.

Department Update

Chief Wallace shared highlights of recent departmental activities.

Ohio Collaborative: With the Lexapol system now in place, they continue to move forward with the certification requirements, albeit slowly. Each month, Lt. Blum sends out 5-6 policies for officers to review, followed by a quiz. There are hundreds of policies, so it takes time. The Lexapol system provides automatic updates while also maintaining Amberley's customized policies. An example of an AV-specific policy is the requirement to secure your weapon at a fire scene.

Training: Using a 7-minute video on implicit and explicit bias created by the national Criminal Justice Training Center, the entire Village staff participated in a training that was well received. Chief has shared this resource with the JCC and Golf Manor police as well. The Committee requested that it be shared with Council members.

Training Supervisor: Sgt Gehring has been serving in this role for five months now and has rotated through all the staff shifts to make sure they're operating uniformly. He reviews policies and procedures with them, then gives a scenario for them to prepare paperwork on. The clerk has observed greater uniformity among the reports since this process has occurred. When there are issues with paperwork, she refers them to Sgt Gehring to review with the officers. Consistency is important to an effective department, rather than each shift functioning distinctly.

Progression Planning: Chief meets monthly with the command staff (Lt Blum and the five sergeants). Recent topics have included the budget process, HRC, Urban League's Social Justice topics such as racial profiling, use of force, use of LPRs and cruiser cameras. Chief has also met with each person to discuss their strengths and areas for development as leaders as well as the unique demands of the Chief's position. The Committee noted that a strength of AV Police, esp Chief Wallace, is relationships, which Chief said he emphasizes with the staff.

Stats: Chief presented info on citations to date in 2021, the recent successful Bike Safety event, and the canine unit's activity.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Peg Conway, Chair

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HAMILTON COUNTY

Two Missions under the same umbrella

Heroin Task Force
Team



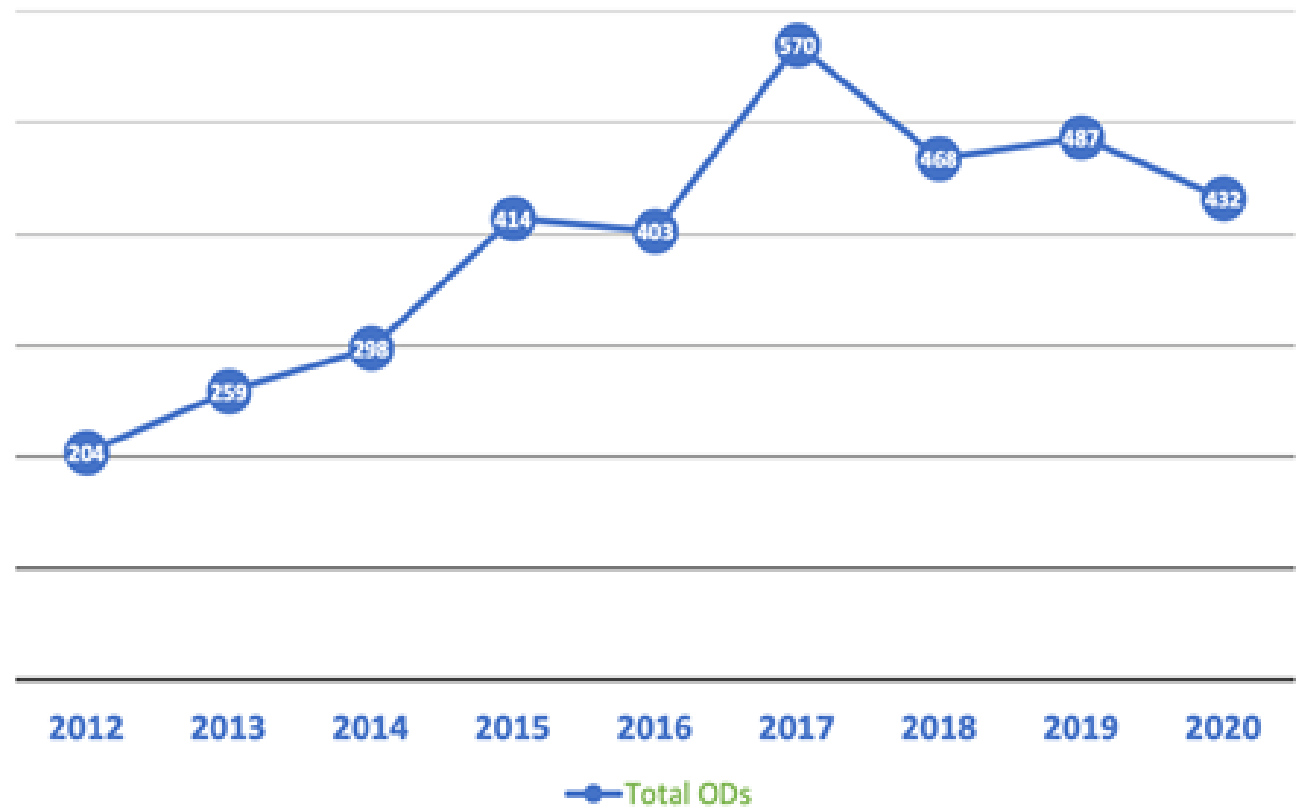
Quick Response



Hamilton County Accidental Overdose Deaths



Total Overdose Deaths



**Total overdose death counts include any overdose death that occurred within Hamilton County, as of February 2021. The count continues to be finalized. This count does not necessarily reflect Hamilton County resident deaths. These statistics are courtesy of the Hamilton County Coroner's Office.*

Hamilton County Heroin Task Force

MISSION:

- ♦ A County wide multi-jurisdictional task force involving federal, state and local investigators to conduct immediate and focused investigations which target the source dealer of the heroin/opiate that lead to an overdose death or non-fatal OD.



***Hamilton County
Association Of
Chiefs Of Police***

Task Force Parent Agencies



Task Force Innovative Creation

- ◆ Establishes the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force by the Police Chiefs Association in 2015
- ◆ All suspected overdose scenes are treated as crime scenes and processed accordingly
- ◆ Emphasis on responding officer to “establishing rapport” with any witness and “avoid rushing to arrest”
- ◆ Establishes formal partnerships with the Hamilton County Coroner, Hamilton County Prosecutor and US Attorney’s Office

Task Force Innovative Creation

- ◆ Only county in Ohio that mandates heroin/opiate overdose reporting by all police agencies in Hamilton County
- ◆ “Patrol Officer Check List and Matrix” to ensure that there were some solvability factors present before the Task Force responded and adopted the case.
- ◆ This information is sent to the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center, our Criminal Analyst processes it and is sent to all police agencies. A non LE version is sent to our partners in Prevention, Treatment and Harm Reduction

Task Force Death Investigations

- ♦ 2015-53
- ♦ 2016-142
- ♦ 2017-228
- ♦ 2018-219
- ♦ 2019-220
- ♦ 2020-175
- ♦ 2021-through 9/30/2021 -154 Overdose death investigation, 8 non-fatal OD investigations & 2 drug cases
- ♦ Since our existence, we just surpassed investigating **1200** overdose deaths

Heroin Task Force Awards

2016 Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award by AG DeWine



Heroin Task Force Awards

On August 31, 2018, many Task Force Officer's received the "Angel Award", at the 2018 Overdose Awareness Day, at Washington Park. We received the award from Katie Renfrow who lost her son to an overdose death and our task force was able to charge the dealer in federal court.



Heroin Task Force Awards

September 11, 2019, the HCTF received the “Task Force of the Year” award by Ohio NARCO. What makes this award special is that it is voted on by peers in the drug enforcement community all across Ohio.





What is QRT?

- ◆ Prior to 2021, QRT stands for Quick Response team or law enforcement led delivering “in-home” triage and assessment to overdose victims to connect them with the most appropriate treatment, specific to their needs.
- ◆ QRT started in 2015 In Colerain and I started the 2nd team ever in Norwood in 2016
- ◆ 2018 I was asked to build the Hamilton County QRT to service all of Hamilton County

2018 QRT Statistics

	EAST	WEST	Total
People referred to QRT Program	279	148	427
People connected to treatment	55	38	93
People unable to make contact	155	51	206
Open cases	31	16	47
Deceased, ineligible or incarcerated	14	15	29
Declined any help of QRT	24	28	52
People unable to be contacted	48%		
People found/connected to treatment	42%		

2019 QRT Statistics

People referred to QRT Program	419
People unable to be located	185
People connected/referred to treatment	121
People already connected to services	46
Open cases	18
Deceased, ineligible or incarcerated	18
Declined any help from QRT	47

People unable to be contacted	44.2% which is improved from 48% in 2018
People found/connected to treatment	52% increase of 10% from the 42% in 2018

2020 QRT Statistical Data

People referred to QRT Program	441	
People unable to be located	123	
People connected/referred to treatment	139	
People already connected to services	15	
Open cases	66	
Deceased, ineligible or incarcerated		25
Declined any help from QRT	73	
➤ People unable to be contacted 28%, huge improvement from 44% from 2019		
➤ People found/connected to treatment 58%, increase of 6% from 2019		

2020/2021 QRT Expansion

Through multiple sources (including over \$800k of grants I wrote) a major QRT expansion in Hamilton County

Went from QRT two days each week to 2 full time teams doing both Reactive and Proactive Outreach

2020/2021 QRT Expansion

OUTREACH TYPES

REACTIVE OUTREACH

- DOOR KNOCKS
 - Overdose follow-up three to five days post-overdose
 - "How can we help you?"
 - Referrals
 - Law Enforcement
 - Fire/EMS
 - Hospitals
 - Public Health
 - Hamilton County Justice Center

PROACTIVE OUTREACH

- Targeted Outreach
 - Price Hill Hotspot
 - African American Male Outreach
 - HC ARC African American Engagement Work Group
 - Hamilton County Justice Center Narcan Distribution
 - Hamilton County Drug Court
 - One-City for Recovery
 - Other Hotspot Outreach

Services Provided by QRT

- ◆ Direct access or referral and transport to treatment (Engagement Center/CAT)
- ◆ Ongoing case management
- ◆ Family support and counseling
- ◆ Harm Reduction materials: Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, Sharps containers, hygiene kits
- ◆ Adult Probation liaison to coordinate any issues related to clients and their probation status

QRT Structure- Hamilton County



TOM FALLON
HEROIN TASK FORCE
COMMANDER

**DEPUTY RANDY
BERNHARDT**
QRT OFFICER

**TROOPER SCOTT
ROBINSON**
QRT OFFICER

ALYSSA BOIMAN
QRT NAVIGATOR

SARAH COYNE
QRT NAVIGATOR

KAMEKA LEWIS
QRT NAVIGATOR

MEAGAN GOSNEY
PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATOR

Alex cheney
DRUG COURT NAVIGATOR
(ONE CITY FOR RECOVERY)

Fallon–Accomplishments

- ◆ Presenter at the White House National Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the National Governors Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference and IACP DAID conference and the first annual Police Treatment and Community Collaborative (PTACC) National Conference, as well as many state and local presentations.
- ◆ Legislative Chair of the Ohio Task Force Commanders Association and member of the Executive Board.
- ◆ Authored many successful grant proposals, including federal and state awards and serves as a Peer Reviewer for the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.
- ◆ Founding member of the Ohio QRT Association