CUYAHOGA COUNTY

MEDICAL EXAMINER’S OFFICE

Heroin & Fentanyl Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County

JANUARY 11, 2016
Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2015

Most Common Drugs

Heroin  Cocaine  Fentanyl  All Opioids (Inc. Oxycodone & but not Fentanyl)  TOTAL OD DEATHS

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 1-4-17
Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2016*
Most Common Drugs  (*projected based on ruled cases as of December 31)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 1-11-17
CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

At least 17 fatalities since January 1, 2017

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in December—at least 44 (3 cases pending additional testing)

Carfentanil: 23 CONFIRMED CASES TO DATE in 2016

21 - City of Cleveland Residents
23 - Suburban Residents- Berea, Broadview Hts., Brook Park, East Cleveland (2), Lakewood (4), Lyndhurst, Oakwood, Parma (2), Westlake with (4) Out of County – Chardon, Painesville (2), Ravenna and (4) Out of State – Beaver Falls, PA; Stem, NC; Silverwood, MI; Sterling Hts., MI and (1) UNKNOWN

VICTIMS

Victims’ ages range from 20 – 70
32 Male victims; 12 Female victims
7 African American victims; 35 Caucasian victims (1 hispanic)

EXPONENTIAL RATE OF INCREASE

In 2015, one person died every day in Cuyahoga County from a drug overdose.
In 2016, that will nearly double, with 85% of them due to heroin/fentanyl or some combination. At least 517 victims have died in 2016, more than double the 228 from 2015.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 1-11-17
CCMEO 2016 Fentanyl & Heroin Related Deaths, by Month

(NOTE: revised monthly counts due to carfentanil)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 1-11-17
DAWN includes all documented naloxone saves through DAWN including police reversals. Does not include EMS administration (nearly 1,000 in 2015).
Cuyahoga County Fentanyl Deaths 2006-2016

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