

# FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## PROGRAMS

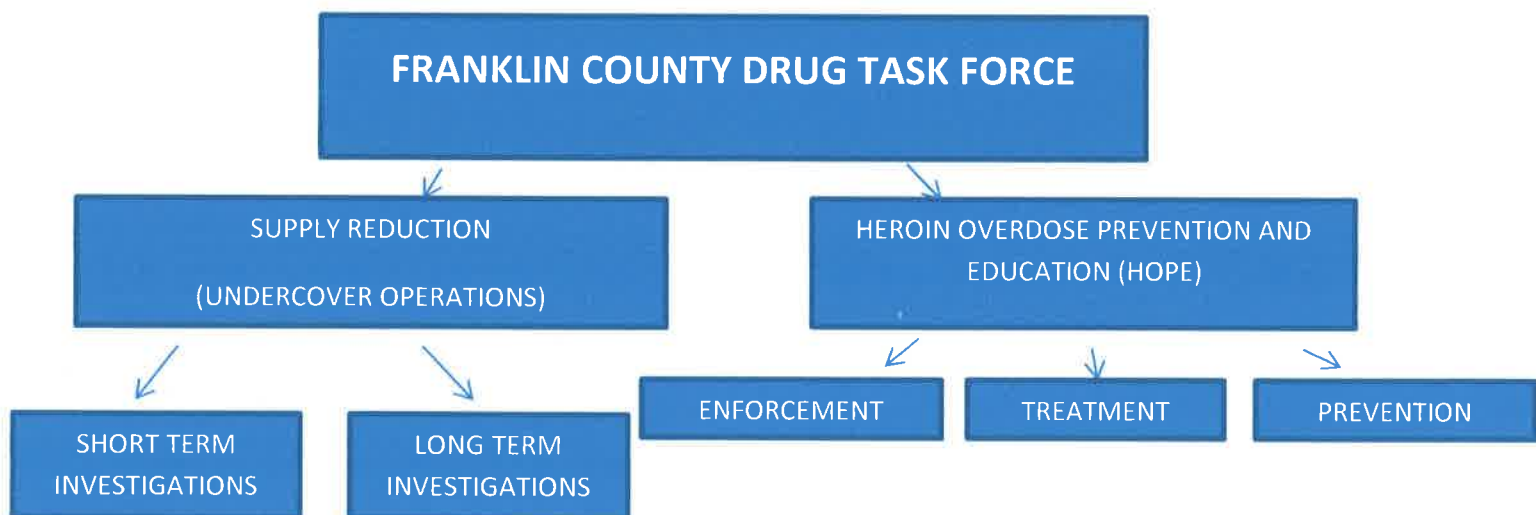
# FRANKLIN COUNTY HEROIN OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION TASK FORCE (HOPE)

## PURPOSE OF HOPE:

In response to the increasing amount of overdose deaths in Franklin County, Ohio the Franklin County Sheriff's Office recognized the heroin overdose death epidemic requires a coordinated law Enforcement, educational, and treatment based response. As a result, a new vision led to the restructuring of the already existing Franklin County Drug Task Force (FCDTF). In addition to the traditional enforcement actions, the addition of the Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education Task Force (HOPE) as a working branch was established to respond to drug overdose incidents.

In partnership with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, Franklin County Coroner's Office, ADAMH, Southeast Inc., and addiction support groups such as The Addict's Parents (TAPS) United, multiple agencies have united under the HOPE model to focus investigative resources, support legislative change, provide education to treatment options, and increase public awareness of the heroin use epidemic in Franklin County.

## ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENTS:



Break-down of the restructured Franklin County Drug Task Force (with the HOPE model)

### Supply Reduction:

The Franklin County Drug Task Force (FCDTF) is already tasked with the primary goal of supply reduction. The FCDTF is made up of local, state, and federal law enforcement participation. Through two (2) units that work separately, yet in concert when necessary, short term and long term investigations are

occurring on a daily basis. The primary goals for these investigations are drug related Trafficking charges on sources of supply in and around Franklin County, Ohio.

- A. Short Term – Focus on street level dealers and investigations typically take 1-2 weeks to complete. Investigators utilize undercover buys, search warrants, and other investigative techniques with the primary goal of prosecuting the offenders at the state level.
- B. Long Term – Focus is on mid to high level dealers in an around Central Ohio. Investigators are attached with DEA agents and conduct covert operations with the primary goal of prosecuting large Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) at the federal level. Investigations can take anywhere from a few weeks to multiple years.

### ***Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education (HOPE) Task Force:***

The (HOPE) Task Force is comprised of (3) three major components.

- A. **Enforcement:** A team of investigators with both crimes against persons experience, and narcotics investigations experience work together to initiate investigations with the primary goal being immediate source of supply target acquisition in a heroin overdose death event, and prosecution of the source of supply for state or federal level Manslaughter charges.
- B. **Treatment:** By partnering with Southeast Inc., and other similar local agencies, relatives and/or friends of overdose death victims will be put in contact with medical professionals and mental health specialists to assist with detoxification, medically assisted treatment programs, and counseling.
- C. **Prevention/Education:** The HOPE Task Force would work closely with the already established Operation: Street Smart program which offers narcotics and overdose education to the general public. By working closely with the Street Smart operation, surviving Families would be offered educational seminars free of charge.