



The Grand Blanc Township Police Department like so many agencies across the state and country has certainly felt the effects of opiate use and misuse. We see the increased use in overdoses, traffic arrests, and calls for service. In fact, prescription and illicit opiate overdose deaths are at an all-time high. As a result we have tried to identify potential solutions to the crisis involving; Enforcement, Education, and Treatment.

ENFORCEMENT

- Currently we have an officer assigned to the Flint Area Narcotics Group for undercover investigations. The team has recently shifted its focus to Opioid possession and sales.
- We have increased our efforts to prosecute overdose death cases. Opening investigations on the people who have sold illicit drugs in these cases.
- All of our patrol officers are trained in ARIDE and we have three DRE's on staff. This allows more thorough investigations and prosecution of people suspected of driving under the influence of illicit drugs including the use and abuse of opioids.

EDUCATION

- All of our patrol officers are trained in ARIDE and we have three DRE's on staff. This training allows department members to better identify a subject who is under the influence of narcotics.
- We have conducted several community presentations on the problems of opioid use and abuse.
- We have a prescription pill drop box located in our lobby 24/7. This is a place where residents can anonymously drop off unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medications so they can be safely disposed of.
- We participate in the DEA national Take Back Initiative.
- We are in the early stages of partnering with the United Way in developing a program on the dangers of opioid use and presenting that program in schools across Genesee County.
- We participate in the use of the MAPS system to track opioid prescriptions.

TREATMENT

- We have partnered with Families Against Narcotics and participate in their Hope Not Handcuffs program. The program allows people who want help in their addiction fight to come to the Police Department and we will set them up with an "Angel" to get them treatment.

Unfortunately any possible solution to the problem is quite complex. This is not a problem that Law Enforcement can "arrest" itself out of, it will take cooperation between several organizations including; law enforcement, the courts, treatment facilities, as well as ongoing education with the community.

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