<u>Opioid Overdose Death Investigations</u>

- 1 MCT Detective and 1 Vice Detective will respond to all suspected opioid overdose deaths.

- For the month of October and November a sergeant will also respond to all suspected opioid deaths. This will then be evaluated whether it is necessary to continue.

- The two detectives will work together to investigate the case during the time at the scene and after. Whether the investigation is a "call out" or during work hours, the case will be worked until there are no more immediate leads or the detectives determine that they will do follow up to the investigation at a later time.

- The case assignment will include both detectives' names. The sergeants will determine who gets primary assignment based on the case facts. This may differ case by case.

<u>The following is to assist in guiding detectives, this list is not all inclusive:</u>

MCT Detectives will:
- Focus on the death side of the investigation and confirm that there is nothing else suspicious in nature
- Coordinate with the Medical Examiner, if patrol has not yet done so
- Work with IBO to assure that the scene is documented appropriately
- Be primary on the death notifications
- Have the primary responsibility of interviewing any witnesses on scene, of course depending on the number of people present
- Follow up on the toxicology report with the medical examiner's office
- Conduct future follow up interviews if needed
- Canvas if needed

Vice Detective will:
- Focus on the "drug case" side of the investigation
- Collect phones or any other electronics pertinent to the case
- Coordinate to have the phones downloaded and go through the information, look for possible delivery case (or delivery causing death). (If a phone tech is not one of the responders, arrangements may be made to call one in if needed)
- Look at what information their Unit might possess with the persons involved and vice versa for MCT
- Write Search warrants if needed for further Digital Information
- Work on additional drug related cases if able