

What First Responders Are Seeing In Our Community

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Learning Objectives

- What are first responders seeing when we go on calls in our community.
- What drugs are we seeing in our community.
- What are first responders views on what is needed in our community to combat the problem.

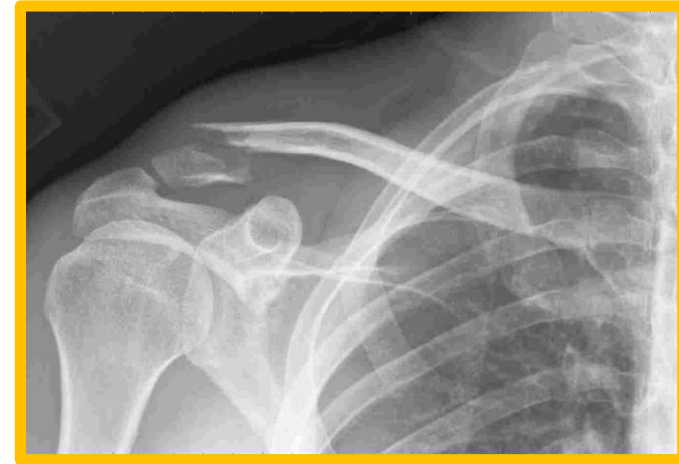
The Problem

Prescription Pain Killer & Heroin addiction.

- Heroin/Opioid Addiction does not discriminate.
 - All Ages
 - All Races
 - All Economic Classes
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - 2018 Saw 70,200 drug overdose deaths.
 - 68% of those involved an opioid.
 - In other words, an average of 130 Americans died each day from an opioid overdose.

How does it start?

- Legitimate Injury
 - Neck pain
 - Broken bone
 - Sore back etc.
- Prescription of Opioid Painkillers
 - Hydrocodone
 - Oxycodone
 - Oxycontin
 - Vicodin



Pain Killers To Heroin The Link

- Starts off with pain killers
- Build an Opioid tolerance and dependence
- Require an increased amount for “high”
- Prescription runs out
- Heroin is cheap and available

What is Heroin?

- Heroin is three times more potent than morphine.
 - A depressant
 - Can be snorted, injected or smoked



Method of delivery

- Snorting or smoking
 - 10 to 15 minutes for the drugs full effects
- Injecting
 - Much faster
 - Injection in to muscle 5 to 8 minutes
 - Injection in to vein, 7 to 8 SECONDS



HB348 Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)

- October 1, 2015 JRI took full effect
- One section of HB348 devoted to drug possession
- Reforms for drug related crimes and possession of controlled substances intended to help non-violent offenders become law-abiding members of their communities.
- Downgraded felony drug possession for personal use to misdemeanor.
- Downgraded marijuana possession charges to Class B Misdemeanor
- Downgraded 241 Misdemeanors to Infractions.

HB348 Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)

- Reduce prison population for non-violent drug crimes.
- Reduce the area for “drug-free zones” in Utah.
- Change the way criminal history affects sentencing length.
- More funding for treatment instead of incarceration for drug crimes.
- Additional resources.

HB348 Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)

- Biggest impact of HB348 is the fact that it makes schedule I or II controlled substances, which include drugs like methamphetamines, oxycontin, and heroine a Class A misdemeanor instead of a felony for the first two convictions.
- Third offense is a 3rd degree felony.

What is the Brigham City Police Department Seeing?

- Calendar year 2018
 - 181 total drug related calls for patrol division
 - 79 Marijuana
 - 26 Meth
 - 17 Opioid
 - 59 Other
- Why the differing numbers?
 - Accessibility (Legalization)
 - Meth harder to produce
 - Opioids on the rise

Why is opioid use on the rise?

- Accessibility Issue

- If someone came to your home, how easy would it be to grab one or a few out of the bottle?
- Would you notice that there is medication missing?



What do we feel is needed in the community to combat the problem?

- Be involved!
- Don't have the mindset that it is not a problem or that your kids could not be involved!
- Don't be afraid to talk about it!
- Do research and keep up on current trends and information!
- Work together!
- Get rid of unused prescription medications!



Pharm Parties

- Teenage parties involving prescription medications

- “Pharm Party”
- “Pill Party”
- “Skittle Party”



- Everyone brings pills from home and places them into a bowl. The bowl gets passed around for everyone to use.



What does heroin look like?

What are slang terms for Heroin?

- H
- Horse
- Brown Sugar
- Junk
- Nod
- Smack
- Boy

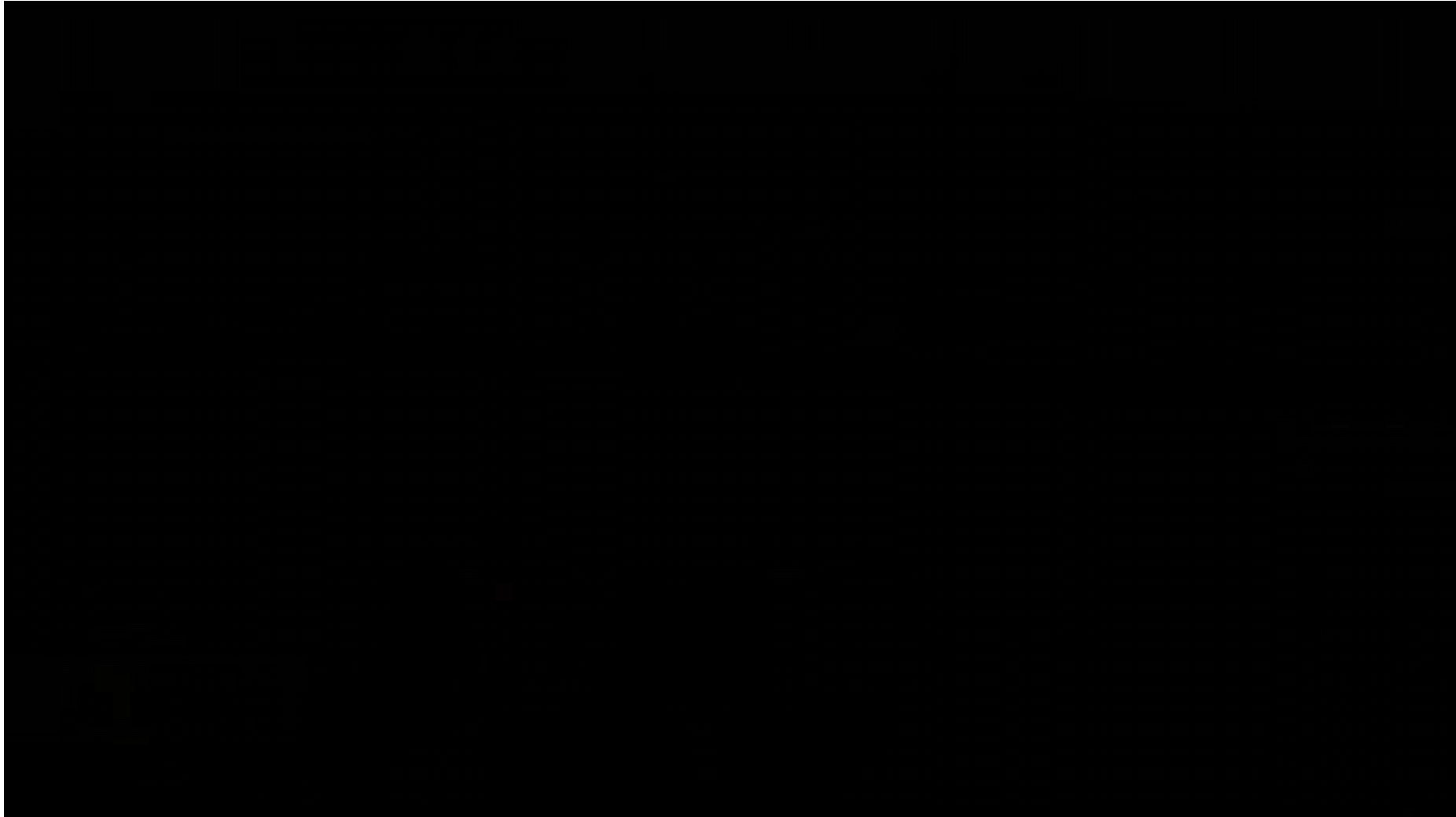


Effects of drug use

- Long term health effects
 - Internal organ damage, weight, teeth, etc.
- Secondary criminal offenses
 - Theft, Burglary, etc.
- Social status
 - Drop out of school, loss of job, etc.



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Questions?

Thank you for your time!