CUYAHOGA COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER’S OFFICE
Heroin & Fentanyl Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County
AUGUST 2, 2016
CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS
15 fatalities in first 72 hours of August

No. of Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in July – 47
26 - City of Cleveland Residents
21 - Suburban Residents- Bay (2), Brecksville, Brooklyn, East Cleveland, Garfield Hts., Lakewood (2), Maple Hts., Middleburgh Hts., Olmsted Falls, Parma Hts., and (9) out of County residents – Ashtabula (2), Elyria, Greenwich, Northfield, Seville, Sheffield Lake, West Bloomfield (MI) and Willowick.

VICTIMS
Victims’ ages range from 19 – 65
32 Male victims; 15 Female victims
7 African American victims; 40 Caucasian victims; (2 Hispanic victims)

EXPONENTIAL RATE OF INCREASE
In 2015, one person died every day in Cuyahoga County from a drug overdose.
In 2016, during January and February, one person died every day in Cuyahoga County from a heroin or fentanyl overdose. Since then, we have lost an average of 9 people every week. At least 280 victims have died already in 2016, far exceeding all of 2015.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-2-16
Cuyahoga County Deaths per Day due to Heroin and Fentanyl or in Combination

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-2-16

Represents 228 heroin/fentanyl deaths out of 370 total OD deaths

Represents a projected rate of 821 heroin/fentanyl deaths

Represents a projected 553 heroin/fentanyl deaths
CCMEO 2016 Fentanyl & Heroin Related Deaths, by Month

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-4-16
Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2016*

Most Common Drugs (*projected based on ruled cases through July)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-2-16
Cuyahoga County Heroin Related Overdose Deaths 2007-2016*
Projected deaths with DAWN Saves and Fentanyl as overdose Deaths

(* 2016 projected based on preliminary data thru July)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-2-16
CCMEO Monthly Fentanyl Deaths Oct 2014 to July 2016

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-2-16
Cuyahoga County Fentanyl Deaths 2006-2016

- 2006-Sept. 2014: 105 deaths
- Nov. 21, 2015 - Apr. 7, 2016: 5 deaths
- Apr. 8 - July 20, 2016: 3.5 deaths
- July 21 - Aug 2: 0.5 deaths

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