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**CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER  
PRELIMINARY MID-YEAR STATISTICAL REPORT 2013 –  
HEROIN RELATED DEATHS**

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office hereby releases a preliminary 2013 mid-year\* statistical report, for Medical Examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths\*\* in Cuyahoga County, with the following notations:

**\*NOTE 1:** Cases ruled as of August 1, 2013 for cases occurring between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013.

**\*\*NOTE 2:** "Heroin-related deaths" means that heroin or the proper combination of metabolites were present and were a direct or supporting cause of the ruled death.

**Medical Examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths\*\* for 2013 (through June 30, 2013)**

**97** ruled cases in Cuyahoga County. **27** ruled cases were female, **70** male.

**27.84%** of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are female.

**86.6%** of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are white.

**47** heroin-related deaths were residents of the City of Cleveland, or **48.43%** and **46** resided in suburban communities, or **47.42%**. **4** are from out of county.

**Projections for 2013 are between 190-199 deaths related to heroin.**

| <b>PAST YEARS</b> | <b>HEROIN DEATHS</b> | <b>DEATHS FEMALE</b> | <b>% FEMALE HEROIN DEATHS</b> | <b>% SUBURBAN HEROIN DEATHS</b> | <b>Age 19-29</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 2012              | 161                  | 39                   | 24.22%                        | 42.86%                          | 25.47%           |
| 2011              | 107                  | 25                   | 23.36%                        | 48.60%                          | 25.23%           |
| 2010              | 90                   | 17                   | 18.89%                        | 45.56%                          | 28.89%           |
| 2009              | 64                   | 16                   | 25.0%                         | 40.63%                          | 26.56%           |
| 2008              | 64                   | 17                   | 26.52%                        | 43.75%                          | 18.75%           |
| 2007              | 40                   | 6                    | 15.0%                         | 42.5%                           | 7.50%            |

Any questions regarding the preliminary draft statistical numbers regarding medical examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths to date for 2012 shall be referred directly to Thomas P. Gilson, M.D., Medical Examiner of Cuyahoga County.

Annual statistical data reports from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office are available on-line at: <http://medicalexaminer.cuyahogacounty.us/>.

Members of the media who wish additional medical examiner's statistical reports, must make such requests pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 313.10 to:

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