CUYAHOGA COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER’S OFFICE
Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County

AUGUST 4, 2017
Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2017*

Most Common Drugs  (*projected based on ruled cases as of August 4)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-4-17
CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS — at least 6 fatalities since August 1

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in July—at least 39 (19 cases pending additional testing)
20 - City of Cleveland Residents
19 - Suburban Residents- Brook Park, Chagrin Falls, Euclid (2), Lakewood (3), North Olmsted, Oakwood (2), Olmsted Twp., Parma (3), Richmond Hts., and (4) Out of County – Mentor on the Lake, Perry, Perrysville and Sagamore Hills.

VICTIMS
Victims’ ages range from 20 – 70
23 Male victims; 16 Female victims
8 African American victims; 31 Caucasian victims (5 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS
At least 314 victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination in 2017. This compares to 213 through end of July 2016. Drug deaths in 2017 total at least 418 fatalities when including cocaine as well.

Carfentanil: 58 CONFIRMED FATAL CASES IN 2016; 12 IN 2017
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 20.0% of all victims, a significantly higher rate than 2016 (14.5%). At least 34 cocaine related deaths occurred in July (at least 221 for 2017), with 14 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both (at least 121 for the year).

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-4-17
CCMEO Heroin, Fentanyl and Heroin/Fentanyl Combination Deaths
1st Half 2014-2017

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 7-8-17
DAWN includes all documented naloxone saves through DAWN including police reversals. Does not include EMS administration (nearly 1,000 in 2015, and over 2,000 thru October 2016).

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-4-17
Cuyahoga County has seen 523 more fentanyl related deaths in the past 20 months than the previous 10 years.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-4-17
2017 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved

Combined is heroin and fentanyl in some combination (Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns).

**Source:** Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 8-4-17
CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2017*
(Blue - Projected for remainder of year, as of August 4, 2017)

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