

Quick Response Team

One Community's Response
To The Heroin/Opiate Epidemic

Colerain Township Department of Public Safety
Hamilton County, Ohio

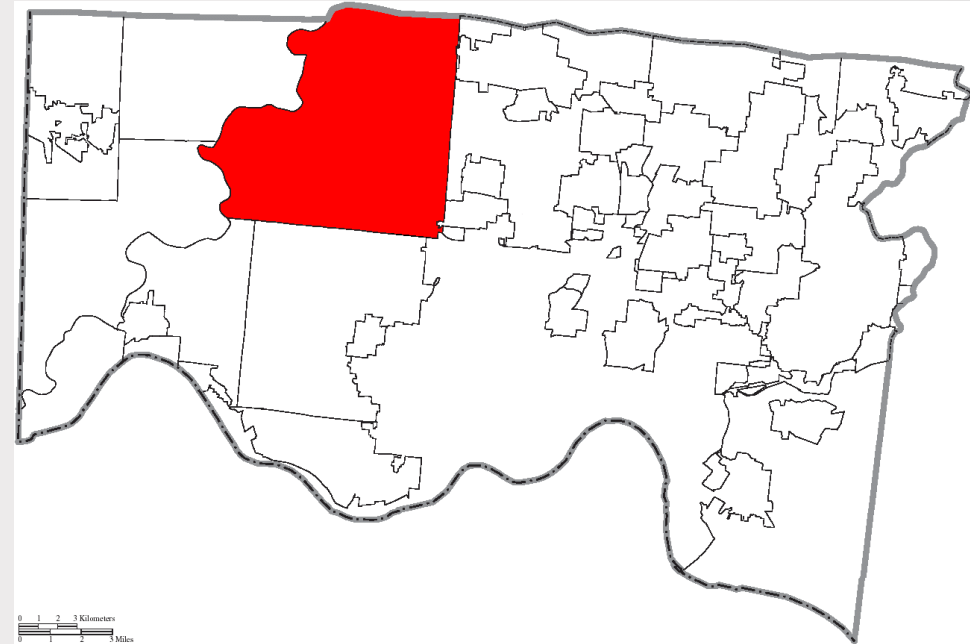


Objectives

- Discuss the Quick Response Team (QRT) response model
- Describe the need for culture change amongst fire, EMS, and law enforcement personnel.
- Review the effectiveness of the QRT response model.

Statistical Data: Painting the Picture

- 14th Largest Community in the State of Ohio
- 45 Square Miles
- 60,000 residents
- 5 Fire Stations
- 170 Fire Department Personnel
- Fire Department Staffing: 33 personnel
- 54 Law Enforcement Personnel



QRT Staffing Model

- Six firefighter (FF)/medics; each specially trained as a “Tactical Medic” (TACMED) (SWAT, Military and HRT Experience)
- Five Police Officers (SWAT, Military, Narcotics Inv. Experience)
- Social Worker/Addiction Counseling Expert
 - Triage
 - Assessment
 - Medicaid Sign up Assistance

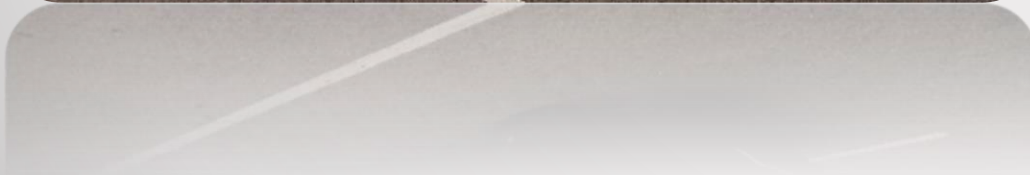
How Does it Work?

- Follow-up is led by police officers and is facilitated by a commitment to investigate the overdose incidents as criminal acts
- The police officer brings a paramedic and licensed counselor from the Addiction Services Council of Greater Cincinnati
- Discretion is used as a means to introducing the counselor

QRT Goal

- Move patient towards action
- Assist in preparation
- “Bridge to treatment”





Operational Data

- QRT Unit (General Response Model) Operational since July 2015
- 310 “Overdose Follow-up” investigations (July 2015 through March 2017)
- QRT responded to more than 1,500 incidents, to include medic and fire incidents (Experienced “response time” impact)

Overdose Follow-Up Data

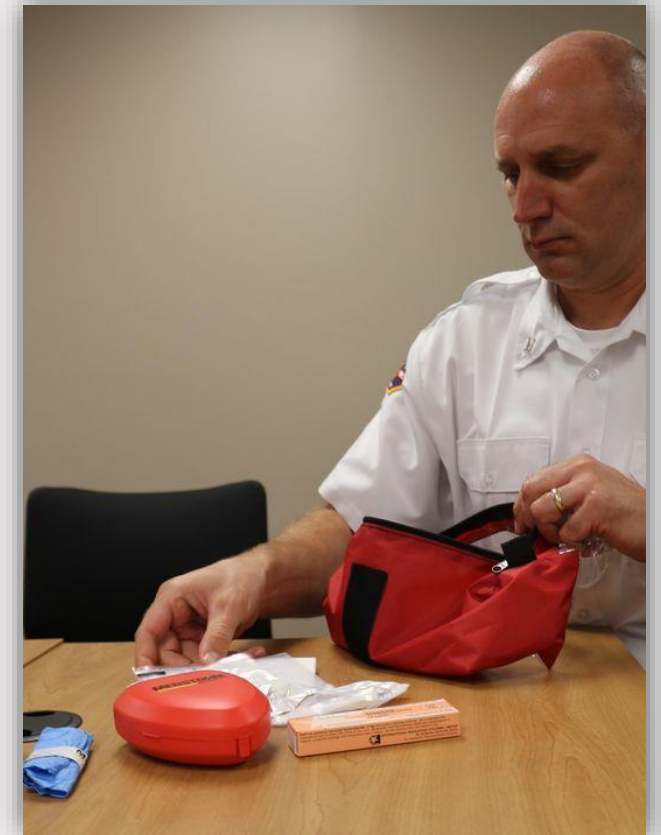
- The QRT and Addiction Services Council professionals conducted 310 investigations between July 2015 and March 2017. 82% of the persons have entered treatment – in/outpatient
 - Face to Face Engagement – 250
 - In recovery - 205
- Conducted “door to door” canvassing of “Working to Save Lives” brochure in Township neighborhoods (follow-ups responded to the Police Department, seeking help)

Creating the 360° Solution

Police officers carrying Nasal Narcan



Canvassed “door to door” (Brochure distribution)



Moving Forward

- What are next steps?

**“The best way
to predict
the future
is to
create it.”**

Abraham Lincoln

