

Berkley PD POP Unit 2025 Expenditure Report Audit Highlights

March: The Berkley PD POP Unit became members of Bristol County Outreach and subscribers to the Critical Incident Management System (CIMS) Overdoes Database. POP also began receiving a regular supply of NARCAN from BCO for free distribution to the community via the Berkley Police Department.

April: The POP Unit sponsored their first-ever NARCAN Training & Distribution event in conjunction with the SAFE Coalition and Town of Berkley officials.

April: The POP Unit, through coordinated effort with the Berkley Town Clerk, began supplying NARCAN to the Town Clerk's Office for distribution to any community member interested in having it on-hand. A "free NARCAN" ad campaign (posters, social media, etc.) began at this time, as well.

June-July: The POP Unit personally visited all of the retail businesses in town; introduced themselves and explained their mission; and provided free NARCAN for these businesses to keep on-hand at their counter(s); in their medical kit(s); with their on-site AED; etc. POP received overwhelming support from these businesses and distributed many units of NARCAN.

July: The Berkley PD joined PAARI with the POP Unit Coordinator as its contact person.

August: The POP Unit sponsored their second 2025 NARCAN Training & Distribution event in conjunction with Town of Berkley officials and a representative of Fall River's SSTAR Treatment Facility.

August: The POP Unit set up a table at the Westport Police Department's "National Night Out" event, where free NARCAN and print materials from Taunton's Learn to Cope organization were handed out by the Unit to attendees.

September: The POP Unit co-sponsored, with the Berkley Middle School, SAFE Coalition's "Hidden in Plain Sight" program at the Middle School's Parent's Open House. The program displays a mock child's bedroom and teaches parents that ordinary, everyday objects can actually be devices used for vaping and administering drugs. The program also provides numerous examples of common "hides" used by children concealing drug, alcohol, smoking, and vaping products.

September: The POP Unit Coordinator sat on a panel at a multi-disciplinary seminar regarding ending stereotypes related to SUD entitled: "End the Stigma" held at UMass Dartmouth.

October: The POP Unit co-sponsored/taught an elders-centric NARCAN Training & Distribution event at the Berkley Council on Aging.

November: The POP Unit Coordinator met with the owner & manager of Envision Farm/Luke's Light Wellness Center in Berkley to discuss a collaboration between the Berkley PD's outreach unit and the center, which had a history of offering on- and off-site services/resources to those suffering with SUD/AUD and mental health issues but had to close due to a lack of funding. Every effort will be made to partner up with the center in the near future to, at least, partially fund their reopening and begin fighting the Opioid Epidemic together.

November: The POP Unit Coordinator reserved several seats at the upcoming Art Pharmacy seminar being held at Franklin's SAFE Coalition headquarters on November 14th with the intention of bringing this highly-regarded & successful program to the Town of Berkley in the near future.

