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AGENDA
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street
July 9, 2019
Regular Meeting - 2:00 to 3:15 PM

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA, FLAG SALUTE

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C. REPORTS

1. Police Department

SUBJECT: Reducing Opioid Deaths. (15/15/5)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Safety Committee receive a report on the Police Department's efforts to help reduce the number of opioid-related deaths.

Contact: Scott Whitney, (805) 385-7624

D. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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Agenda Item time estimates: (Staff Presentation / Committee Discussion / Public Comment)



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

REPORTS AGENDA ITEM NO. C.1.

DATE: July 9, 2019

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Scott Whitney, Police Chief, (805) 385-7624, scott.whitney@oxnardpd.org

SUBJECT: Reducing Opioid Deaths. (15/15/5)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Safety Committee receive a report on the Police Department's efforts to help reduce the number of opioid-related deaths.

BACKGROUND

Approximately 130 people in the United States die each day as a result of overdosing on opioids. Overdose deaths have risen fivefold since 1999, and the crisis has evolved over the years, with prescription opioids giving way to heroin and illicit fentanyl as the primary drivers of the epidemic. Heroin is cheaper and a more readily available alternative to opioid pills. Heroin is often cut and mixed with fentanyl to increase the potency and profitability of the drug. Fentanyl is approximately 50-100 times stronger than heroin and is lethal in very small dosages. A lethal dosage amount could be as little as the size of three grains of salt.

The City of Oxnard, like the rest of the country, has seen an increase in fatal and non-fatal overdose calls in the last few years. The Oxnard Police Department has taken a front line approach on addressing this crisis facing our community. Officers are often the first to arrive on the scene of an overdose. They encounter and respond to the consequences of addiction every day. They see the toll this crisis is taking on our community, and have taken a critical role in helping reduce opioid-related deaths in our community.

The Police Department has created a close working relationship with Ventura County Behavioral Health and Ventura County Emergency Medical Services Agency to best address this issue. Together, these agencies developed several standards of care as the Department works to combat this epidemic.

The following is a table that provides an overview of overdose deaths in Ventura County and in the City of Oxnard in 2018:

Total alcohol & drug related overdose deaths in Ventura County	170
Opioid-related deaths in Ventura County	96
Alcohol & drug overdoses in Oxnard	41
Opioid-related overdose deaths in Oxnard	19
Narcan administrations by OXPD personnel	9
Methamphetamine-related overdose deaths in Oxnard	17

In April 2018, the Oxnard Police Department, in an effort to divert harmful drugs away from children, the environment, and potential abusers, installed a “Pharmaceutical Drop-off Bin” in the 1st floor lobby of the police station. This offers a convenient, secure, and confidential drop box where Oxnard residents can deposit unused or expired pharmaceutical medications. Approximately 40-50 lbs of medications are collected each month from this bin.

Earlier this year, the Oxnard Police Department participated in the development of a video with Ventura County Behavioral Health. The purpose of the video was to bring awareness to the residents of our county on the “Overdose Prevention Program” offered through Ventura County Behavioral Health. The video was shown at a national drug overdose reduction summit and will also be shown locally.

In 2017, the police chief acted as a moderator for a statewide training conference on "Strategies to Reduce Overdose Deaths". The police chief actively participates on a countywide drug overdose prevention workgroup. This workgroup consists of physicians, public health employees, hospitals and law enforcement and the focus is finding strategies to better address the countywide opioid problem.

In 2018, the Oxnard Police Department evaluated the response to calls for service on overdose related calls. After reviewing the call history, the Department developed a “Drug Overdose Response Protocol” to standardize response on calls for service related to unintentional drug overdoses. All overdoses are now documented with a report that details the officer’s response and the circumstances of the call. Prior to this protocol many overdose calls were not documented due to the inability to make an arrest, and were treated merely as a “medical assist emergency.”

Non-fatal overdose victims are provided information on resources, such as the “Overdose Prevention Program” offered by the Ventura County Behavioral Health to assist them with their addiction. On fatal overdoses, a Narcotics Detective conducts a follow up investigation on the case. Ventura County has had several significant prosecutions against suspects that stemmed from unintentional drug overdoses. These investigations originated from the initial radio call where the Patrol Officer’s attention to detail and proper documentation ensured a successful resolution. This new protocol ensures a higher probability of a successful resolution on these cases.

Approximately 150 officers with the Oxnard Police Department have been trained to administer Naloxone to overdose victims. Officers are now issued Naloxone kits to help save lives and combat the opioid epidemic. Patrol Officers responded to 190 overdose calls in 2018 and administered 9 Naloxone treatments to save lives.

The Oxnard Police Department and the Ventura County Behavioral Health have partnered to provide several “Drug Take Back” events in the City of Oxnard in 2019. On April 27, 2019, an event was hosted at the police

station for the citizens of Oxnard.

The Oxnard Police Department, Behavioral Health, and the City of Oxnard Senior Centers have partnered to offer “Drug Take Back” events at all of the Senior Centers in the City of Oxnard this summer. Events are as follows:

- o June 12, 2019, Palm Vista @ 801 South C Street
- o July 10, 2019, Palm Vista @ 801 South C Street
- o June 12, 2019, Wilson Center @ 350 North C Street
- o July 10, 2019, Wilson Center @ 350 North C Street
- o June 19, 2019, South Oxnard Center @ 200 East Bard Road
- o July 17, 2019, South Oxnard Center @ 200 East Bard Road

In addition, Ventura County Behavioral Health provides Naloxone kits for family members or people living with an individual struggling with addiction. Naloxone kits have saved the lives of numerous individuals since being distributed to family members or friends. The administration of Naloxone provides vital time until EMS arrives to care for the victim.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This agenda item supports the Quality of Life strategy. The purpose of the Quality of Life strategy is to build relationships and create opportunities within the community for safe and vibrant neighborhoods, which will showcase the promising future of Oxnard. This item supports the following goals and objectives:

Goal 1. Improve community safety and quality of life through a combination of prevention, intervention, and suppression efforts that address crime and underlying issues.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

Prepared by: Sharon Giles, Police Commander

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation: Reducing Opioid Related Deaths pdf

Protecting Our Community With Exceptional Service



CITY OF OXNARD
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Reducing Opioid-Related Deaths

Public Safety Committee

July 9, 2019 Meeting

Reducing Opioid-Related Deaths

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Recommendation

That the Public Safety Committee receive a report on the Police Department's efforts to help reduce the number of opioid-related deaths in the City of Oxnard.



History

- Approximately 130 people in the United States die each day as a result of overdosing on opioids.
- Overdose deaths have risen fivefold since 1999, and the crisis has evolved over the years, with prescription opioids giving way to heroin and illicit fentanyl as the primary drivers of the epidemic.



Overdose Information

- In 2018, the Ventura County Coroner's Office conducted over 600 exams and determined that approximately 170 were overdoses.
- Total overdose deaths for 2018 (drug/alcohol) in Oxnard - 41. City of Ventura had the highest in the county at 44.



Overdose Information

- In 2018, the Oxnard Police responded to 190 overdose calls and administered 9 treatments of Naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray.
- Over 150 police personnel have been authorized and trained to administer Narcan nasal spray.



Efforts

- Installed Pharmaceutical Bin - April 2018
 - Collect 40-50 lbs a month
- Drug Overdose Response Protocol
 - New documentation process for fatal/non-fatal
 - Referral process to Behavioral Health
 - Enforcement efforts on suspect(s)



Efforts

- Collaboration with VC Behavioral Health
 - Participated in video on Overdose Prevention Program.
 - Organized “Drug Take Back” events throughout the city.
 - Sharing of data for prevention purposes.
 - Providing referrals to victims upon contact.





Overdose Prevention Program



End of Report

Questions?

