

## HEROIN OVERDOSES IN EAST AND WEST PRICE HILL -DISTRICT THREE-

### The Team:

District Three, Hamilton County Health Department, Heroin Task Force, Hamilton County Quick Response Team, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral, Excel Properties, Hamilton County Addiction Response Coalition

### Scan:

The Price Hill neighborhoods are disproportionately affected by heroin overdoses and overdose deaths. Attention to this issue increased a few years ago and continues today.

### Analysis:

Approximately 60% of overdoses for Hamilton County occur in East and West Price Hill.

### Response:

Officers created lists of the most frequent overdose individuals. Those identified individuals were targeted for intervention. Officers also identified overdose hotspot locations.

Teams met with individuals in as close to real-time as possible, to provide them with wrap-around services, to offer support, and to explore every possible opportunity to support addicted individuals and remove barriers to recovery.

Officers also conducted assessments of properties where overdoses occurred, and they used target hardening techniques to make it more difficult for people to conduct illicit drug activities at these locations. (securing common entries, removing brush, lot cleanups, installation of temporary cameras, installation of signage).

Some locations were also the subject of enforcement activities including search warrant execution and drug related arrests. (900 block of Mansion, 1000 block of Woodlawn x2).

On October 24, 2024, a resource fair, specifically focused on addiction services and support was held in Price Hill at Olden Tot Lot (3448 Warsaw Avenue). Participants included Hamilton County

Heroin Quick Response Team, Community Health Alliance, Woodhaven, 513 Relief Bus, Armada Recovery, Ethan Crossing, Brightview, Community Medical Services, Sunrise, Bloc Ministries, Healthsource of Ohio, and Glenwood Behavioral Health Hospital



### Assessment:

Building on the activities of the Heroin Task Force, the CPOP team also built on successes. While not necessarily fully inclusive of all potential overdoses, there was a steady reduction in drug and/or heroin calls for police service, specifically in the Warsaw corridor. Year over year, there were about 3 fewer calls in the Warsaw corridor, which appear to be the trend for 2025 as well. Arrests with drug-related charges remained about the same in 2023, 2024, and 2025 in the Warsaw corridor.

In conversations with another city response team (Mobile Crisis Team) that operates in District 3, drug of choice appears to have shifted to Methamphetamine and away from Heroin. While they describe the difficulty in managing those using Meth, it is a less-lethal shift than with Heroin. In the future, leveraging the overdose data collected by the Fusion Center and/or Hamilton County Heroin Task Force could be beneficial.

