



The Arlington County Police Department

Arlington County Comprehensive Opioid Response

THE OPIOID CRISIS IN ARLINGTON

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, since 1999, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids (including prescription opioids and heroin) quadrupled in the United States. While this region initially remained sheltered from the growing epidemic, Virginia began seeing a marked growth in opioid overdoses in 2016. Collaboratively with the Department of Human Services, the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office and other County agencies and non-profit organizations, ACPD is taking a multi-faceted approach to addressing the opioid epidemic by focusing on enforcement, outreach and education.

- In 2016, opioid overdoses and deaths reported in the County began to increase significantly. Since then, the number of fatal opioid overdoses in Arlington has tripled, with police incidents involving opioids and non-fatal overdoses also on the rise.
- Whenever possible, overdose victims are referred to the Department of Human Services’ peer support group for follow-up after an incident involving opioids. This has led to an increase in the number of people seeking treatment for opioid use disorders through County programs.
- Local, regional and federal law enforcement agencies continue to work together to monitor incident trends, track data and collaborate on investigations of incidents involving opioids.
- ACPD has strengthened internal data reporting and tracking geographic and demographic trends of opioid related incidents.
- The Department’s Organized Crime Section is working with the Courts system and the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office to develop the framework for a voluntary self-surrender program for opioid victims to turn-in controlled substances/paraphernalia and enter treatment without fear of incarceration. This program is expected to be rolled out in 2019.

Drug Take-Back in Arlington

The Arlington County Police Department participates in two DEA-sponsored prescription drug take-back days each year, at sites around the County. In 2018, three permanent drug take-back boxes were installed in the County, providing a way for residents to anonymously dispose of drugs 24/7. In the first three months since the boxes’ installation, residents have safely disposed of more than 580 lbs. of unwanted prescription medications.



Drug take-back boxes are installed at the following locations:

- Arlington County Fire Station #2 – 4805 Wilson Boulevard
- Arlington County Fire Station #9 – 1900 S. Walter Reed Drive
- Arlington County Police Department – 2000 block of 14th Street N.

Arlington Addiction Recovery Initiative (AARI)

AARI was formed in 2017 to unite staff from ACPD, the Department of Human Services, the Fire Department, Arlington Public Schools, substance abuse treatment providers, Virginia Hospital Center and numerous non-profit partners. The creation of AARI laid the framework for community and governmental collaboration to share data, further community outreach and bolster education efforts. The group hosted a community town hall event, assisted with bringing REVIVE! training on the safe administration of Naloxone (Narcan) for rapid overdose reversal to the Arlington community, developed a resource guide, distributed information in-person and via social media and web platforms and established a 24-hour opioid response hotline.

One crisis. One community. One conversation.

#OneArlington

National, Regional and Local Trends

OPIOID INCIDENTS IN ARLINGTON

Year	Total Incidents Involving Opioids*	Total Opioid Overdoses**	Total Opioids Overdoses— Non-Fatal	Total Opioids Overdoses— Fatal
2014	No Record	10	6	4
2015	73	10	6	4
2016	122	45	33	12
2017	157	74	55	19
2018 (thru 10/1/18)	121	40	32	8

ALL DRUG RELATED FATAL OVERDOSES

Arlington***			Virginia****			United States*****		
2016	2017	2018 (YTD)	2016	2017	2018 (YTD)	2016	2017	2018 (YTD)
12	19	8 (as of 10/1/18)	1,428	1,538	1,456 (as of Q2)	63,632	72,306 (prelim.)	N/A

*All incidents involving heroin (overdose, possession, distribution); **Total Fatal and Non-Fatal Heroin Overdoses; ***Source: ACPD Records Management Systems; ****Source: Virginia Department of Health; *****Source: NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse; 2018 statistics not yet published by CDC



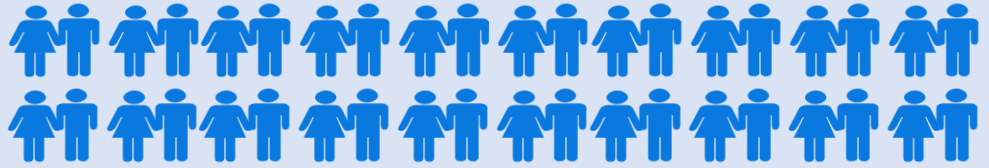
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OPIOID INCIDENT TRENDS IN ARLINGTON COUNTY

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OPIOID
OVERDOSES
IN 2018



Opioid & Heroin Overdoses by Gender

17 FEMALE

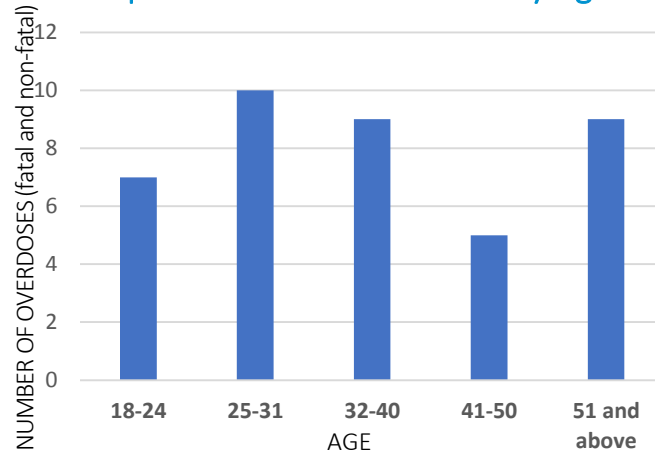
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2018 Opioid & Heroin Overdoses by Race

37 WHITE

3 BLACK

Opioid & Heroin Overdoses by Age



Opioid & Heroin Overdoses by Zip Code

