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To: City Council
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From: Perry Tabak, Chief of Police

Reference: Opiod Funding Options

I have outlined some suggestions/options for use of the Opiod Funding. I feel they fit into several of the three main components of the Ohio Opioid Abatement Strategy.

Prevention: There are many good preventions programs available. I think bringing in speakers/presentations as part of our prevention program is a great tool. I am familiar with and have worked with a few. These could be staggered between community offerings, running some through or offering them to students and/or student athletes, etc. This may also include expanding certifications and training that our SRO's could perform (DARE, etc.). One example is Tyler's Light, <https://tylerslight.com/>

Response: A solid law enforcement/safety forces response strategy should include training. Including but limited to responding to calls that are related to addiction/mental health. These calls can often be challenging for first responders. Individuals that have overdosed, are under the influence and/or emotional disturbed are often highly dynamic and multi-faceted.

Specialized Training: Bringing in outside specialized training and/or train the trainers for annual in-service training. Possibly purchasing a simulator or VR based training system that could be used for in service and CPT training requirements. These systems would allow for expanded scenario-based training including but not limited to overdose (Narcan), EDP (emotionally disturbed person), Under the Influence of controlled substances, etc. These scenarios and training can be specifically targeted towards and tailored for Hudson specific needs and factors (hyper-local).

I would be more than happy to address any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Chief Perry Tabak