

PLYMOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

The latest news and updates on overdose related incidents in Plymouth County, MA and how law enforcement and public health officials are tackling this opioid epidemic in real-time.

OVERDOSE STATISTICS 6/01/2023 - 6/30/2023



95 incidents



44 successful home visits*

*The outreach team made contact with a SUD, family/friend or both.



59% non-fatal

5% fatal

36% at-risk*
*A loved one reported this individual due to concern of potential overdose.

DEFLECTION DAY

On Thursday, July 19th, PCO participated in the first National Day of Deflection! Deflection programs work to reduce substance use through non-arrest pathways by connecting individuals with treatment options, resources, and support. Rather than traditional police intervention, deflection uses community policing to bridge the gap in services for those experiencing substance use disorder. On Deflection Day, PCO participated in five events throughout the county. During these events, PCO distributed 29 boxes of Narcan, 14 Xylazine kits, 8 harm reduction kits, and 2 basic need bags!

COFFEE WITH A RECOVERY COACH - KINGSTON

Join us on Saturday, July 29th from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Kingston Police Department located at 244 Main St. in Kingston, MA for Coffee with a Recovery Coach! A trained Recovery Coach will be available to answer questions on substance use, treatment, and recovery for individuals or loved ones. Free coffee, Narcan, resources, and more will be available at the event!

WELCOME, HEATHER!

We are excited to announce we have hired a new full-time Recovery Coach! Heather has worked with Plymouth County Outreach as a per diem Recovery Coach since the program's inception and many of you probably know her through the work she's done with PCO HOPE. Heather's role will focus on increasing Narcan access to overdose hotspots within the six hardest-hit towns in Plymouth County, providing overdose prevention education, and assisting with day-to-day follow-ups and Tier 2 visits. We are extremely grateful Heather will be joining us full-time and look forward to getting her into the community!