

Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

Emerging Drugs of Abuse: Opioids – Heroin - Fentanyl

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Summary

Members: Don Reese-Chair and Roger Lindl

Staff: Sharon Ehrhardt

1. Emerging Drugs of Abuse: Opioids - Heroin - Fentanyl

A. **Place:** Jefferson High School

700 W. Milwaukee Street, Jefferson, WI 53549

B. **Time:** 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

C. The Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee will be providing information on drug drop-off box locations and other Clean Sweep events. The program on “Emerging Drugs of Abuse” runs from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Bryan Kastelic, Special Agent, WI DOJ DCI/NADGI Task Force explained the problems of policing drug trafficking in Wisconsin and the United State. He said about five drug cartels manage most of the drugs coming into the County and most of the fentanyl comes from China though Canada and Mexico. The drug cartels are very sophisticated, using social media and digital platforms to distribute and sell their drugs. He said you can get anything on line. Drug come in all different forms and anyone can purchase a pill press for about \$150 dollars. Fentanyl is the most dangerous of all drugs because it comes in many different strengths and is often cut and mixed with other drugs. Special Agent Kastelic give a very enlighten speech.

Detective Sargent Margo Gray, Jefferson County Drug Task Force said they are changing the way they look at drug users. Addiction starts most often with plain relievers from medical problems. Drug users aren't bad people the addiction takes over their lives. They want to help drug users before they enter into criminal behavior. Det. Sargent Gray said that sometime jail is the only recourse for a drug user. The public can aid in helping the Drug Task Force by being alert to the activities in their neighborhoods. Example; if you see random cars sitting outside a house and a lot of different cars coming and going at all hours it could be a drug house. The task force can't be everywhere so tips from the public can be very useful. The only way for us to combat drugs in our county and communities is by working together and being aware that there is a serious problem.

In attendance for this event were about 67 people. The information share by Agent Kastelic and Sargent Margo was very informative and gives those in attendance a better understand of the drug problems in our county.

D. Event flyer attached.

**This is a Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee education opportunity;
No business will be conducted!**

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