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**Public Safety Announcement: DuPage Overdose Statistics 2020**

On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 DuPage County Coroner Richard Jorgensen, M.D. reported on preliminary data indicating an alarming increase in overdose deaths in DuPage County, followed by an in-depth review of all deaths due to overdose in the first six (6) months of 2020. This Public Service Announcement is a follow up for the entire year of 2020.

A thorough investigation and review of every overdose case has been undertaken to understand the circumstances and cause of this rise in overdose deaths. Personal, demographic and toxicological information was collected and reviewed to identify trends on who and how these overdoses occurred in the hope of fostering a better understanding of the problem and identifying potential solutions both on a personal and societal level.

**Opioid Overdose Death Data:**

Overall Deaths 1/1/2019-6/30/2019 -46

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Overall deaths 7/1/2020-12/31/2020 -42

Total Opioid Overdoses for 2020: 112 (17% over 2019)

Cocaine Only = 6

Non Opioid overdoses = 18

**Age**

<19=0

20-29 = 41

30-39 = 32

40-49 = 18

50-59 = 13

60-69 = 7

70-79 = 1

**Sex:**

Female =24%

Male =76%

**Past Years:**

**2015**

36 = Heroin alone

7 = Heroin/Fentanyl mixture

8 = Fentanyl alone

Total deaths=51

**2016**

36 = Heroin alone

26 = Heroin/Fentanyl mixture

16 = Fentanyl alone

17 = Opioid based Prescription Medications

Total deaths (illegal Drugs) = 78

Total deaths (all opioids) = 95

**2017**

23 = Heroin alone  
32 = Heroin/Fentanyl mixture  
17 = Fentanyl alone  
23 = Opioid based Prescription Medications  
Total deaths (illegal Drugs) = 72  
Total deaths (all opioids) = 95

**2018**

17 = Heroin alone  
34 = Heroin/Fentanyl mixture  
30 = Fentanyl alone  
17 = Opioid based Prescription Medications  
Total deaths (illegal Drugs) = 81 (13% increase over totals in 2017)  
Total deaths (all opioids) = 98 (3% increase over totals in 2017)

**2019**

13 = Heroin alone  
42 = Heroin/Fentanyl mixture  
33 = Fentanyl alone  
8 = Opioid based Prescription Medications  
Total deaths (illegal Drugs) = 88 (8.6% increase over totals in 2018)  
Total deaths (all opioids) = 96 (2% decrease over totals in 2018)