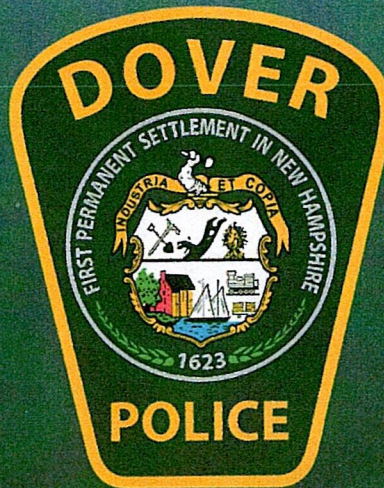




POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO DRUG RELATED ISSUES

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DRUG TRENDS

- Illicit drug use and the misuse of prescription drugs remains a serious issue facing the City, the State, and the Nation
- Dover continues to see a high number of fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses
- Substance use along with untreated mental illness remain a primary cause for chronic homelessness
- Substance use has led to an increase in "social service" related calls for police service
- Substance use has led to an increase in "quality of life" concerns from residents
- The city has seen a rise in the cost of cleanup and mitigation

HOW IS THE ISSUE MEASURED?

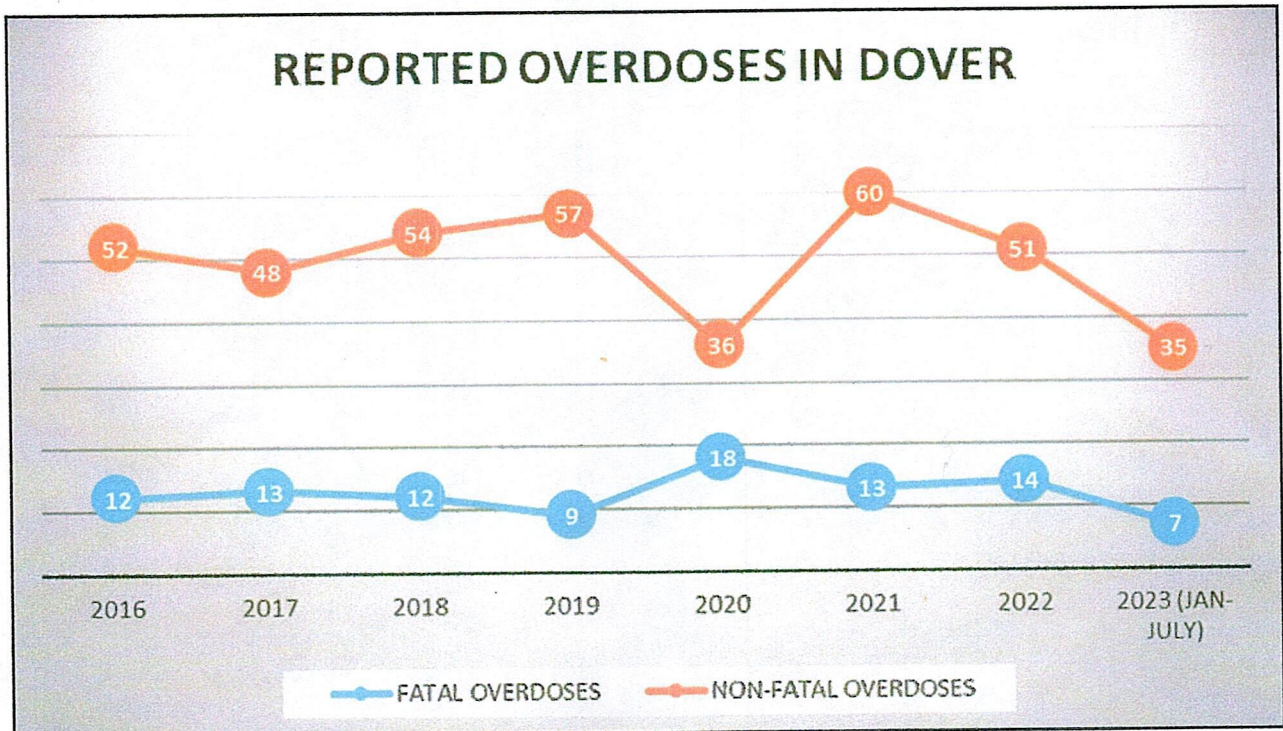
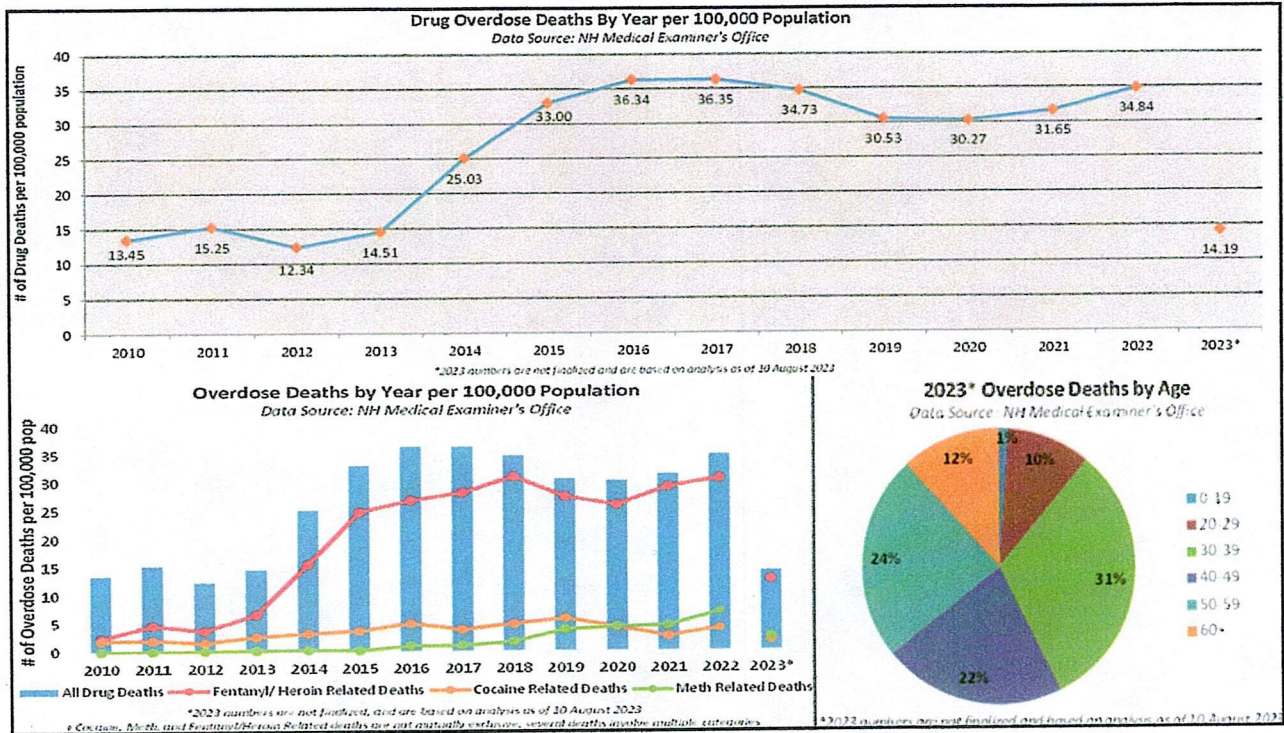
- We have no way of knowing exactly how many people in our community use illegal substances or misuse legal substances
- We assess the problem based upon the number of overdoses from data provided by the medical examiners office as well as from the Bureau of EMS
- We rely on self-reporting information acquired through sources like the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data

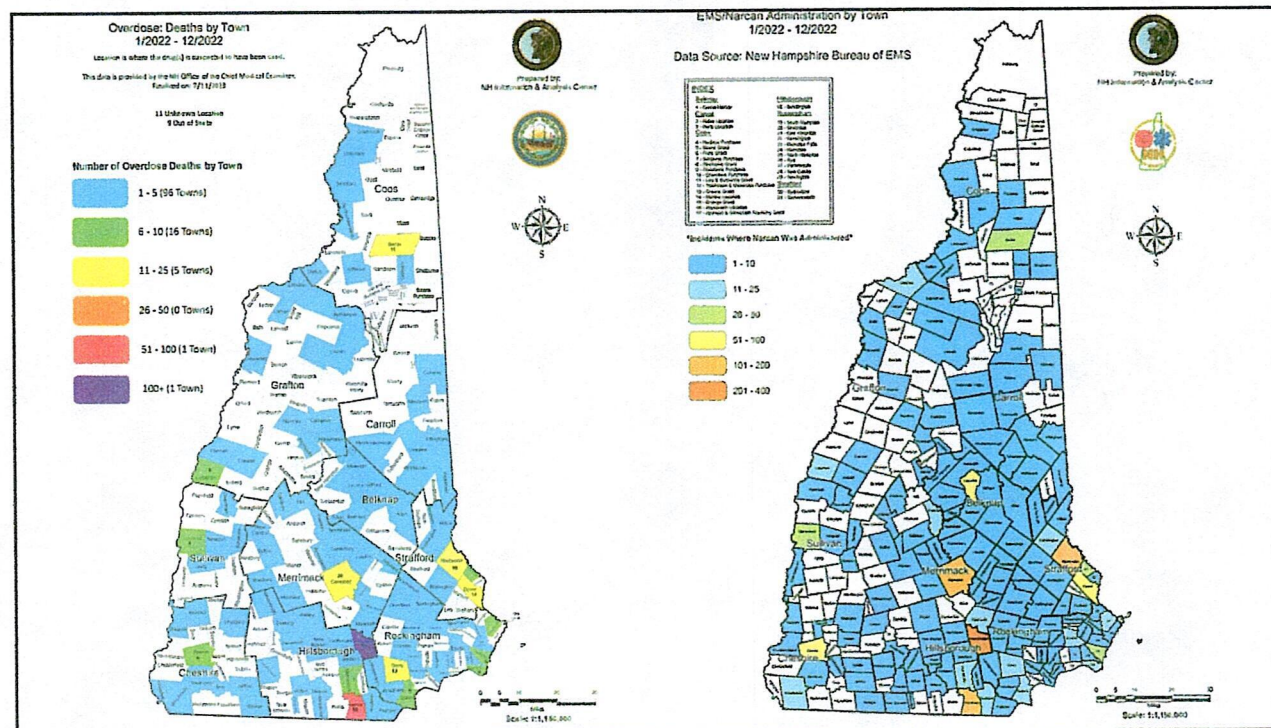
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FATAL OVERDOSES

- The total state wide number of fatal overdoses in 2022 are an 11.5% increase from calendar year 2021
- This is the third consecutive yearly increase in NH, and returns us to levels not witnessed since 2016-2018, when drug overdose deaths in NH were at their highest
- Fentanyl is responsible for a large percentage of both fatal and non-fatal overdoses.
- Overdoses of Methamphetamine continue to increase

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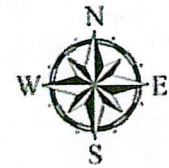


EMS/Narcan Administration by Town 1/2022 - 12/2022

Data Source: New Hampshire Bureau of EMS



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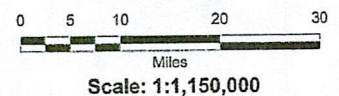
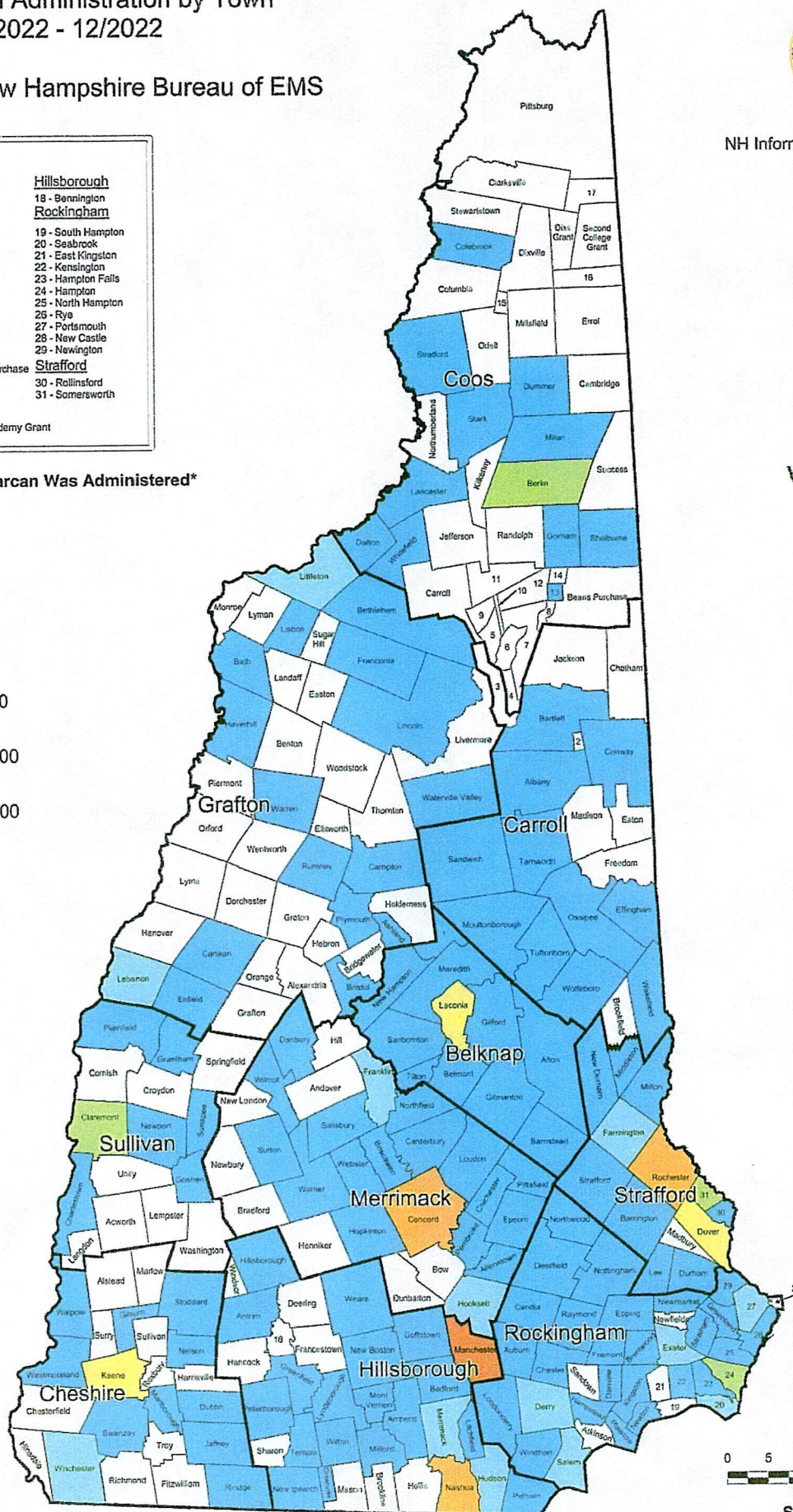
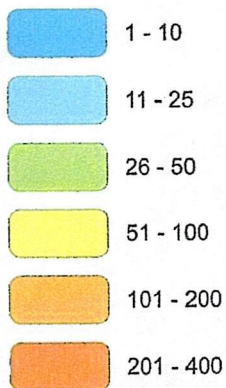
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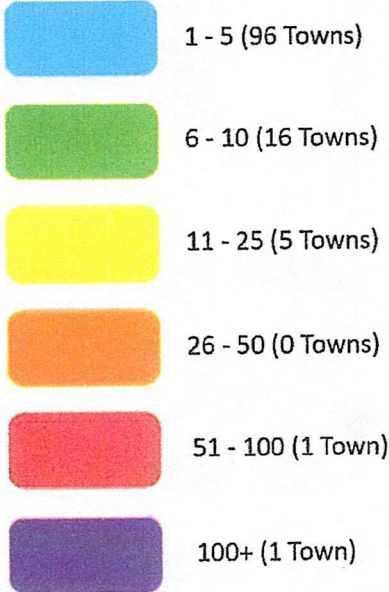
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Location is where the drug(s) is suspected to have been used.

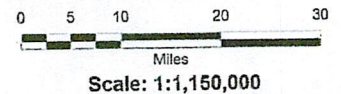
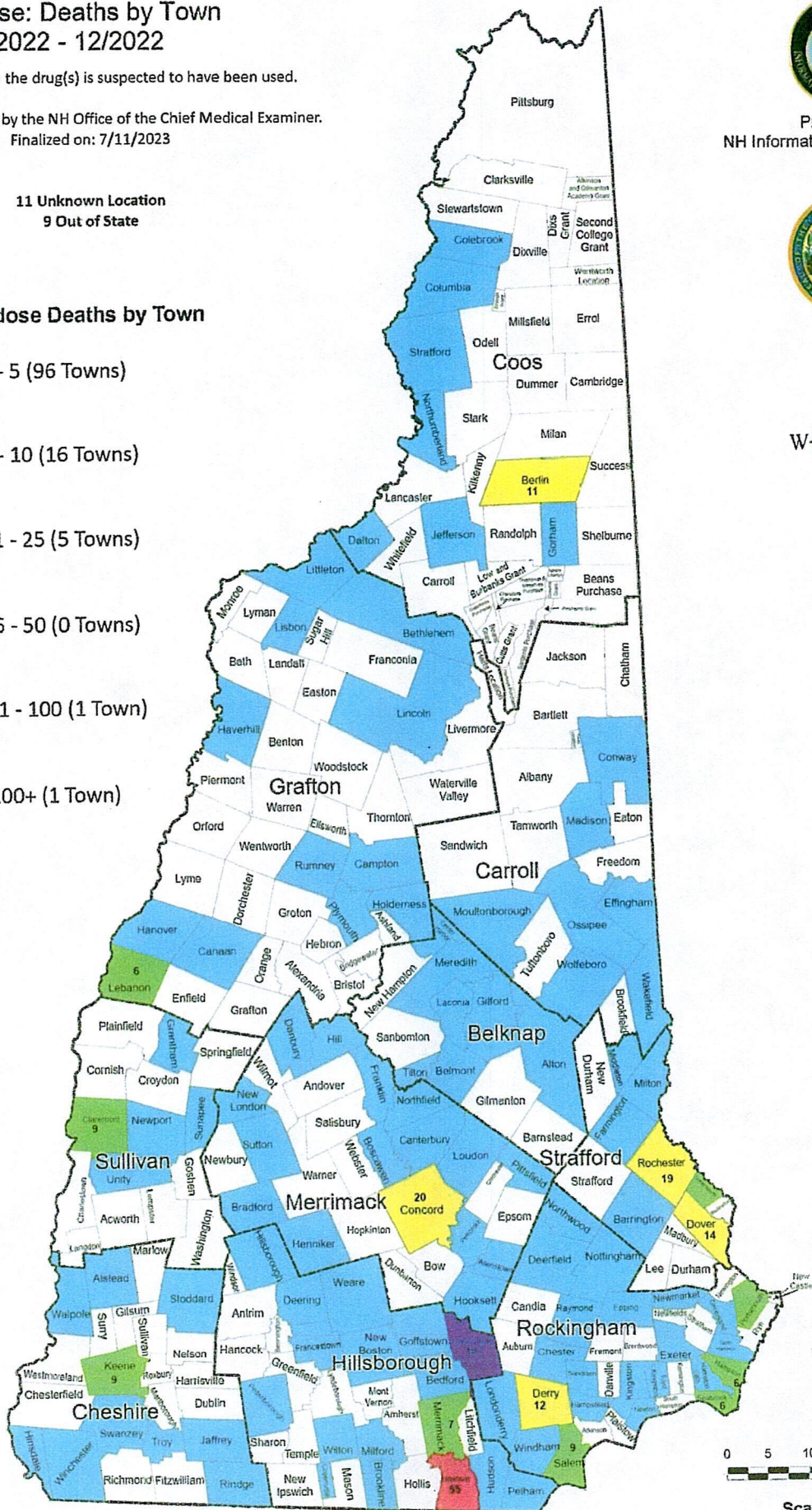
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3-PRONGED APPROACH



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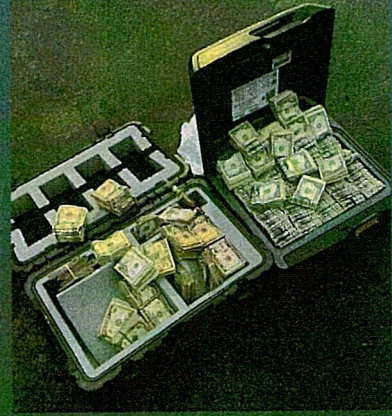


Outreach &
Assistance

ENFORCEMENT

- The Dover Police Department takes an aggressive approach to enforcing drug laws
- Partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies
- Since January of 2022, the Dover Police Department has made 117 felony arrests/indictments for drug law violations and has conducted over 475 drug investigations
- Seized more than 32.5 kilograms of fentanyl, 0.5 kilograms of cocaine, \$540,000 in cash, and numerous firearms

SEIZURES



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REALITIES OF THE SYSTEM

- Good Samaritan Law – NH RSA 318-B:28-b passed in 2015
- Drug Paraphernalia – State law passed in 2017 exempts residual amounts of controlled substances in hypodermic syringes and needles from the provision of the controlled drug act
- State Lab Results (timing/capabilities)
- Bail Reform
- Needle Exchange

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PREVENTION

- The Dover Police Department remains committed to prevention through early intervention and consistent messaging
- Developed three tiered approach
- Evidence based

THREE TIERS TO PREVENTION

UNIVERSAL PREVENTION	Target entire population regardless of risk level	• Youth to Youth • Dover Coalition for Youth • DARE • Teen Center • PACT parent training • Media campaigns • Presentations
SELECTIVE PREVENTION	Target groups identified as having an increased risk	• Youth Experiencing ACEs ◦ ACERT • Children of Substance Using Parents ◦ ACERT ◦ Groups run by school LADAC ◦ Referrals to parenting programs • LGBTQ Youth ◦ Partnership with GSA, Seacoast Outright, Arts in Reach etc. ◦ Representation in prevention messages ◦ Safe spaces and alternative activities
INDICATED PREVENTION	Target high risk individuals showing early signs of use	• Juvenile Diversion • Alternative Suspension

WAYS WE MEASURE PREVENTION

Outcome Measures	Process Measures
• Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data (grades 7-12) • School data • Police, Hospital, EMS, and School Data; such as substance use violations, school suspensions, overdoses, calls for service • Community Focus Groups	• Number of youth and adults attending presentations • Number of people exposed to prevention messages • Number of meetings held and people attending

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OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE

- Problem Oriented Policing Focus
- Police Social Worker
- Outreach Social Worker
- Mental Health Response
- Overdose Follow-Up
- Community Access to Recovery
- Post -Arrest Diversion
- Resource Cards
- Partnership with City Departments and Resources
- Partnership with Outside Organizations

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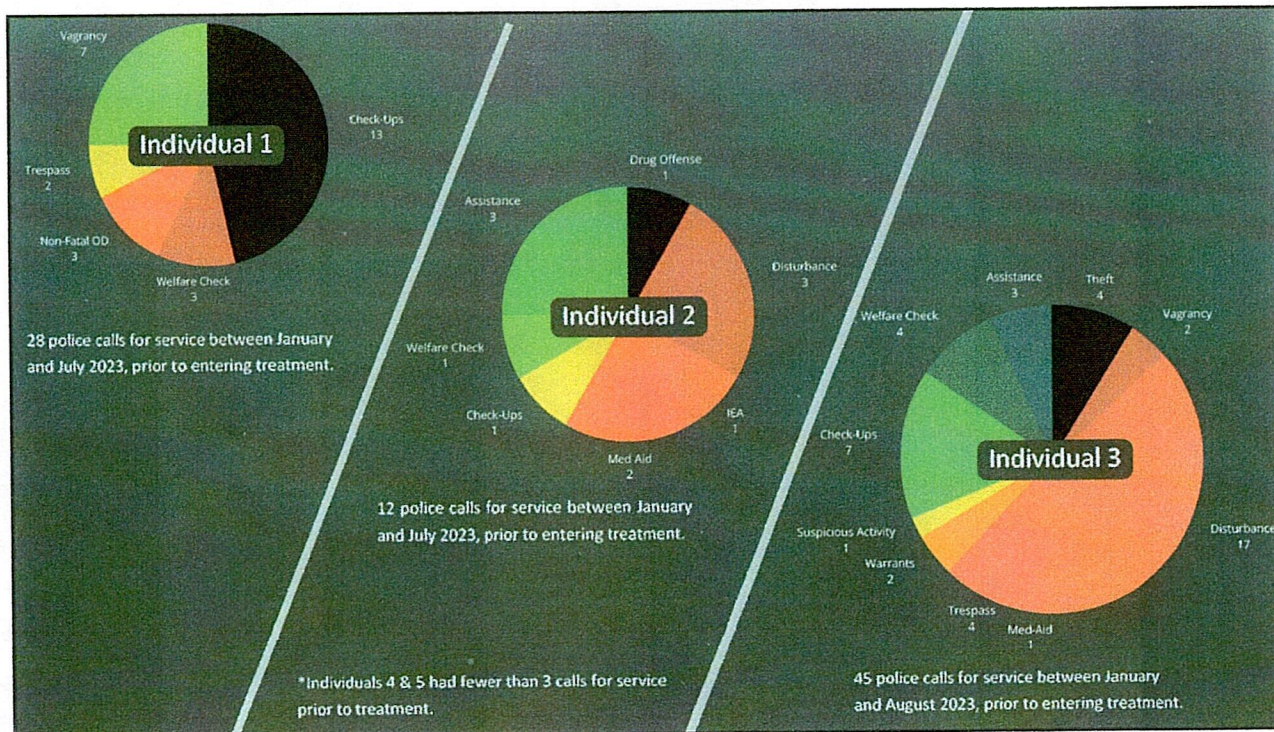
HOMELESS OUTREACH SOCIAL WORKER INTERACTIONS

Since starting the position in April 2023

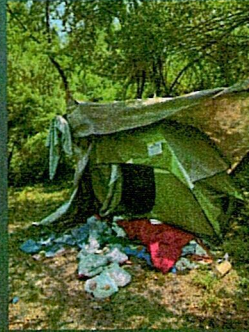
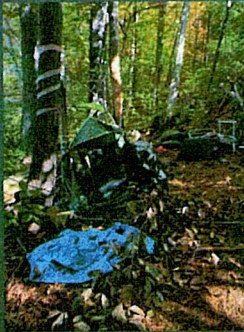


*Out of the 35 who were willing to discuss options, 28 individuals had multiple interactions with OSW in which she offered access to treatment.

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CAMPSITE CLEANUP COSTS



2022

\$16,827 cost to clean up
21 sites

2023

\$22,549 cost to clean up
18 sites

(*2023 information is only January – August)

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REALITIES OF CAMPSITES



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CHALLENGES

Enforcement

- Realities of the system
- Multi-jurisdictional
- Resource intensive
- Ever-evolving
- Staffing

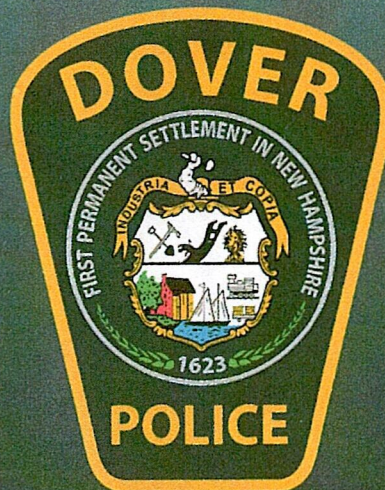
Prevention

- Grant funded
- Competing against large market advertising (\$)
- Media – Societal Attitudes (perception of harm)

Outreach + Assistance

- Can't force someone to accept help
- Limited treatment options / insurance issues
- Co-occurring needs
- Barriers between service providers
- Differing / competing philosophies

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