

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Heroin Unit

Attorney General DeWine created the Heroin Unit in 2013 to help law enforcement pursue high-level traffickers and to work with communities affected by the opiate epidemic. The unit is a combined effort by the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC), the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Section, and community outreach specialists from the Attorney General's Office.

SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS

197

The number of heroin-related cases the Ohio Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Section has been involved in since 2014



During the past year, Attorney General DeWine has conducted drug forums throughout the state, special meetings for clergy members and school leaders, and, in January, an emergency meeting about opiates for first responders that drew 1,200 people.



Heroin is the most common drug tested in the BCI crime lab. Fentanyl, a more potent opiate than heroin, however, is a growing concern. Last year, the lab handled more fentanyl cases than in the previous five years combined.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

130

The number of community events in which the Heroin Unit's outreach team has participated

88

Number of Ohio counties assisted by the Heroin Unit's outreach team

3-4*

The number of Ohioans who die each day from a heroin overdose



* Ohio Department of Health

BCI Labs Statewide

