

Prince William County Police

Prince William County - 348 Square Miles

Multiple Cities / Townships that vary from rural to suburban

Current population - 500K plus

Large commuter population via I95 and I66

- **Emerging trends 2012-present**
- **Increase in availability of opioids**
 - **Decrease in price**
- **Significant increase in Overdoses within Prince William County**

Operation Blue Dragon 2013

- In July of 2013, a growing drug trend was identified in Prince William County. The intelligence indicated wide spread abuse of prescription medication and the strongly related surge in Heroin availability and use. This problem was beginning to manifest itself in overdoses, an increase in patrol related Heroin and pill arrests.
- **Operation Blue Dragon** – Operation duration August 2013 - November 12, 2013
- Three tier approach:
 - ***Enforcement***
 - ***Public awareness and education (Washington Post Present During Arrests)***
http://www.washingtonpost.com/posttv/video/thefold/blue-dragon-flushes-out-drug-dealers-in-va/2013/11/13/8114010c-4ce0-11e3-9890-a1e0997fb0c0_video.html
 - ***Prevention and addiction support and treatment***
- Provided standard pamphlets for Community Service Board (CSB)

Operation Blue Dragon Results

- **Results:** 46 arrests / 7 search warrants in one day
- Evidence recovered that day included Pills, Heroin, Cash, 9 firearms and a vehicle was seized. This was in addition to the hundreds of doses that were taken off the street through the undercover operations.
- The media coverage of the operation was massive and in the few weeks following the arrests, undercover operations were difficult to conduct as every drug dealer we tried to deal with was noting concern due to Operation Blue Dragon.

Operation Dragon Slayer

The Prince William County Narcotics Task Force concluded a three month investigation nicknamed “**Dragon Slayer**” that was focused on Heroin and prescription abuse. We partnered with CSB, CA’s Office, and our Chaplains to allow for the low end user/sellers to get *help on the spot* for their addiction issues.

- *Enforcement (Main Targets were Dealers)*
- *Public awareness and education (PIO, Media Involved)*
- *Prevention and addiction support (Chaplains and CSB)*

- *CSB created Rapid Entry Program for Addicts.*
- *Commonwealth Attorney's Office agreed to work with those that took the addiction assistance.*

Operation Dragon Slayer Results

- **Results:** 86 Arrests / 13 Search Warrants
- **CSB:** Reported that many of the arrestees elected to get into treatment during the arrest process.
- **Search Warrants** resulted in the seizure of over \$100,000 cash and significant quantities of Heroin, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Marijuana, 8 Firearms, along with suspected prescription medications.

Current Opioid Stats

- Numerous arrests weekly for Opioids
- Increase of ODs each year
- Rapid Entry Program offered to everyone arrested for Opioids

- Prince William County Fire/Rescue ran 498 overdose calls in 2016.
- PWCPD investigated 52 Fatal ODs in 2016 involving Opioids.

- 90% of suspected Heroin submissions are returning as Fentanyl with no Heroin detected.
- Carfentanil located in PWC during traffic stop. Substance is 100 X more potent than Fentanyl.

2016 Operation Save A Life

- Fairfax County PD hosted a regional opioid operation to combat prescription pill and heroin related problems in the community as well as provide treatment assistance to addicts. Prince William, Loudoun, Alexandria, Arlington, VSP and others joined Fairfax County PD in an effort to make a larger impact on the region.
- **Results of Operation Save A Life:**
 - Each jurisdiction reported separately, but arrest totals were bordering on 100. Addicts were offered immediate treatment options, and dealers were remanded to the jail. Press conference the next day allowed individual PIOs to report to the community.