

# **Maynard Police Call Attention to Recovery Resources after Two Fatal Overdoses**



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## **Maynard Police Call Attention to Recovery Resources after Three Residents Overdose, Two Fatally, in Three Separate Incidents**

MAYNARD – Chief Mark W. Dubois and the Maynard Police Department are urgently seeking to call attention to resources in town available for those suffering from substance use disorders, particularly those using opioids, as a recent spike in overdoses has taken two lives and left a third resident in critical condition after an overdose incident in another community.

Two 26-year-old men died in Maynard on Feb. 23 and March 24,

in separate incidents after they allegedly overdosed on heroin. A third resident, a 35-year-old Maynard woman overdosed on March 24 in another city and is currently fighting for her life at a hospital in Central Massachusetts.

Chief Dubois is getting the word out to inform people about the dangers of opioids and the risk of overdose and to remind everyone about the resources available to prevent overdose death.

The Maynard Police Department is a member of the [Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative \(P.A.A.R.I.\)](#) and is part of the [Central Middlesex Police Partnership](#). The Department has retained the services of recovery coach Coretta McGill, and she is available free of charge to those in need of substance abuse services and their families. McGill can be reached at [978-216-9863](tel:978-216-9863) or via email at [corettaamericorps@paariusa.org](mailto:corettaamericorps@paariusa.org).

Again, there are NO COSTS associated with McGill's recovery coach services, and her salary and compensation are paid by P.A.A.R.I. through its AmeriCorps program. There are no fees and no insurance is needed.

The Maynard Police Department can also assist families needing nasal narkan, which is available at pharmacies and can be acquired without a prescription in Massachusetts.

"We are not simply alerting our residents about this spate of overdoses. We have resources available to help those who are suffering from the disease of addiction," Chief Dubois said. "One overdose death is too many, especially for that person's friends and family and for our community to endure the senseless loss of life."

Anyone with any questions or concerns can also contact the Maynard Police Department at 978-897-1011 or 978-897-1012 anytime.

## **ABOUT THE CENTRAL MIDDLESEX POLICE PARTNERSHIP**

The CMPP was formed in 2016 by the police departments of Acton, Bedford, Concord, Carlisle, Lincoln, Lexington, Stow, Maynard and the Hanscom Air Force Base. Through partnerships with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Eliot Community Human Services, the Domestic Violence Services Network and Concord District Court, CMPP works to address growing concerns around substance abuse issues through targeted and ongoing substance use prevention, intervention and educational programming.

## **ABOUT P.A.A.R.I.:**

The Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to help law enforcement agencies establish pre-arrest programs that create immediate and stigma-free entry points to treatment and recovery programs.

P.A.A.R.I. works across sectors to provide training, coaching and support; program models, policies and procedures and templates; seed grants; connections to more than 300 vetted treatment centers; a network of like-minded law enforcement agencies; a unified voice with media and legislators; and capacity building through AmeriCorps.

P.A.A.R.I. is free to join and open to any law enforcement agency that believes in treatment over arrest and views addiction as a disease, not a crime. Since June 2015, P.A.A.R.I. has launched more than 375 law enforcement programs in 32 states, distributed 10,000 4mg doses of life-saving nasal naloxone and helped more than 12,000 people into treatment.

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# **Plymouth County Outreach Featured in National Policing Magazine**



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## **Plymouth County Outreach Featured in National Policing Magazine**

**East Bridgewater and Plymouth Police  
Chiefs Help Pen Article in The Police  
Chief Magazine**

## LEADING A COMMUNITY SOLUTION TO A COMMUNITY PROBLEM



By Michael E. Botteri,  
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The recent opioid epidemic did not start overnight, and the statistics continued to progress significantly over the past several years. Since the late 1990s, chiefs of police have battled the epidemic with traditional law enforcement interventions and evidence-based tactics, as communities everywhere grapple with the threat of an unprecedented opioid overdose death toll. Police officers had a front-row seat to this crisis. While there was concern about the traditional "war against drugs" not working, in a study, the police chiefs in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, did what they do best: they adjusted, adapted, and began problem solving.

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Where does a chief seeking to implement a community-based, proactive collaborative approach to reduce the number of fatal and nonfatal overdoses start?

• Understand that overdoses require a solution and must be met with the term "interdisciplinary solution."

• Use your inside-the-ops role to your advantage. It starts with identifying, prioritizing, and coordinating with public health and community-based solutions to best approach.

• Develop your own approach to add value. "You can't solve problems by using the same thinking that created them." The traditional "war on drugs" is not working. Officers are not going to the scene, providing the hospital, and calling. Community-based solutions are needed.

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Plymouth County Outreach was recently featured in the March issue of a monthly national policing magazine. (Photo courtesy International Association of Chiefs of Police)

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EAST BRIDGEWATER – Chief Scott Allen is pleased to announce that Plymouth County Outreach was recently featured in the March issue of The Police Chief Magazine.

The nationally distributed magazine is a product of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The entire March issue was dedicated to the topic of current issues involving drugs.

The 3,700-word article entitled “Leading a Community Solution to a Community Problem” was penned by Chief Allen and Plymouth Police Chief Michael Botteri, with the assistance of Stonehill College assistant criminology professor Pamela Kelley, Roger Williams University criminal justice professor Sean Varano and Patrick Nevins, assistant director of grants and special projects in the Plymouth District Attorney’s Office.

The article provides an in-depth look at the opioid epidemic that local law enforcement has been dealing with for more than a decade. It highlights the tactics, partnerships and ongoing efforts to find solutions that help save lives and offer substance users the help and recovery options they need.

Plymouth County Outreach (PCO) is an opioid prevention and recovery coalition made up of 27 municipal police departments in Plymouth County, along with the Bridgewater State University Police.

PCO has partnered with healthcare and treatment and recovery agencies, along with local coalitions, faith-based organizations and four of the five hospitals in the county, to help overcome the opioid epidemic in Plymouth County.

“Having Plymouth County Outreach and our county collaboration featured in the magazine is an honor and a privilege. It has taken a lot of dedication and hard work by our coalition to get PCO where it is today,” Chief Allen said.

Said Chief Botieri, “While we don’t profess to have all of the answers, it is great to be able to use the magazine as a platform to share what we have learned with law enforcement members across the country. This epidemic is something we are all dealing with.”

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About Plymouth County Outreach:

All 28 Plymouth County police chiefs have committed to working across the county in proactively assisting those impacted by the opioid crisis. As PCO has evolved, since expanding in December 2016, its organizational structure has grown to include an advisory board. The board is made up of 12 police chiefs and also includes three physicians from South Shore Hospital, Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital and Plymouth’s Board of Health and an executive from South Shore Hospital. This group has been meeting regularly to further develop and enhance PCO’s goals.

The chiefs and advisory board are pleased to announce that Governor Charlie Baker, in his FY’19 budget, has earmarked \$100,000 in funds to support PCO as a pilot program, with the

goal of hiring a full-time program coordinator. The advisory board has also worked to extend its partnerships with leaders in the healthcare, public health, treatment and recovery fields to further PCO's mission. PCO's board has worked to extend partnerships with neighboring county's as well, working to open lines of communication using its multi-jurisdictional approach with neighbor cities and towns.

*Plymouth County Outreach is a collaborative of police departments throughout Plymouth County led by the following chiefs: Abington Chief David Majenski, Bridgewater Chief Christopher Delmonte, Bridgewater State University Chief David Tillinghast, Brockton Chief John Crowley, Carver Chief Marc Duphily, Duxbury Chief Matthew Clancy, East Bridgewater Chief Scott Allen, Halifax Chief Ted Broderick, Hanover Chief Walter Sweeney, Hanson Chief Michael Miksch, Hingham Chief Glenn Olsson, Hull Chief John Dunn, Kingston Chief Maurice Splaine, Lakeville Chief Frank Alvihiera, Marion Chief Lincoln Miller, Marshfield Chief Phillip Tavares, Mattapoisett Chief Mary Lyons, Middleboro Chief Joseph Perkins, Norwell Chief Ted Ross, Pembroke Chief Richard Wall, Plymouth Chief Michael Botieri, Plympton Chief Patrick Dillon, Rochester Chief Paul Magee, Rockland Chief John Llewellyn, Scituate Chief Michael Stewart, Wareham Chief Kevin Walsh, West Bridgewater Chief Victor Flaherty and Whitman Chief Scott D. Benton.*

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## **Ipswich Police Partner With Peer Departments to Address**

# Addiction and Mental Health



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## **Ipswich Police Partner With Peer Departments to Address Addiction and Mental Health**

IPSWICH – Chief Paul Nikas is pleased to announce that the Ipswich Police Department has partnered with five North Shore law enforcement agencies in a Jail Arrest Diversion Program after the City of Beverly received a \$90,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

This collaborative partnership grant will be shared among the Ipswich, Beverly, Gloucester, Essex, Manchester and Rockport Police Departments and support the hiring of a full-time co-responder clinician who will help police by answering calls involving individuals with mental health or substance abuse issues.

The goal of this program is to divert people from arrest and to promote treatment interventions as an alternative to further justice system involvement. Longstanding affiliations



with regional providers such as Lahey Health Behavioral Services and Eliot Community Human Services create a strong capacity to leverage health provider and treatment services.

The co-responder clinician will be based at the Beverly and Gloucester Police Departments, providing responses as needed to all six member communities. The six partnering communities represent a geographic area of 158 square miles and comprise a shared population of approximately 100,000 people.

“We’re committed to pursuing every possible avenue to better serve the people in our community struggling with mental health and substance abuse disorders,” Chief Nikas said. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to join this collaborative effort with our law enforcement partners on the North Shore and am optimistic about the impact it will have on our community.”

This new program will bolster the Ipswich Police Department’s ongoing efforts to combat the opioid crisis, including its pre-existing partnership with the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative and the Evelyn Lilly Lutz Foundation to fund the work of a part-time recovery coach who works directly with Ipswich residents.

“We thank the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health for this generous collaborative grant to support law enforcement who respond to situations involving individuals with mental health and/or substance use issues,” Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill said. “It’s important to divert individuals with behavioral health issues away from the criminal justice system and toward appropriate treatment and recovery services.”

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# Arlington Police Chief Frederick Ryan, Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian participate in SAMHSA/BJA Expert Panel on Medication- Assisted Treatment Implementation

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## **Sheriff Koutoujian, Chief Ryan participate in SAMHSA/BJA**

### **Expert Panel on Medication-Assisted Treatment Implementation**

ROCKVILLE, Md. – Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian and Arlington Police Chief Fred Ryan were among the national experts to participate in a discussion on implementation of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs today.

Sheriff Koutoujian and Chief Ryan were invited to participate in the dialogue convened by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) due to their leadership in implementing programs to assist individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs). The goal of the convening was to develop guidance for implementing MAT programs across the criminal justice system to assist individuals with SUDs.

Sheriff Koutoujian and Chief Ryan are nationally recognized leaders for their efforts to address the opioid crisis in Massachusetts. In addition to participating in today's convening, Sheriff Koutoujian has previously presented on the MSO's Medication Assisted Treatment and Opioid Recovery (MATADOR) program at the White House, while Chief Ryan has testified before the United States Senate regarding the Arlington Opiate Outreach Initiative.

"I want to thank SAMHSA and the BJA for the invitation to participate today," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "As we all seek to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic, nothing could be more important than learning from one another and sharing best practices. This convening provided an opportunity to do both."

"Those with Substance Use Disorders are our neighbors, friends, and loved ones, and law enforcement stands on the front lines of the battle against this epidemic," Chief Ryan

said. "I am grateful to participate in a dialog with other leaders on this subject, including my friend and colleague Sheriff Koutoujian."

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