

# CT EMS SWORD

## Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive Newsletter

September 2019, Issue IV

### ODMAP Access for EMS, Fire Departments, Hospitals, Law Enforcement and Local Health

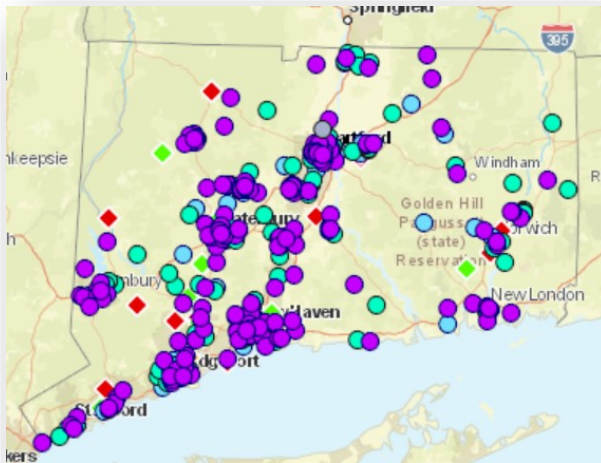
The Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) provides near real-time suspected overdose surveillance data across jurisdictions to support public safety and public health efforts to mobilize an immediate response to a sudden increase, or spike in overdose events. It links first responders and relevant record management systems to a mapping tool to track overdoses to stimulate real-time response and strategic analysis across jurisdictions. ODMAP is available to tribal, local, state and federal government entities serving the interests of public safety and/or public health. ODMAP is also available to licensed first responder agencies and

hospitals. The ODMAP will be available once you have signed a participation agreement.

Upon Level 2 access, your agency may view real-time overdose data. The [Overdose Spike Response Framework](#) is a resource that can guide development of a local Overdose Response Plan.

Agencies need to 1) Request [Agency Access](#) 2) Decide an Agency Administrator (who can set alerts) and then the Agency Admin can 3) Create Level 2 users (which will provide access to the map).

**\*Note: All data in this newsletter comes from reports made by CT EMS and can be viewed in ODMAP Level 2\***



State of CT ODMAP for August 2019 with Legend

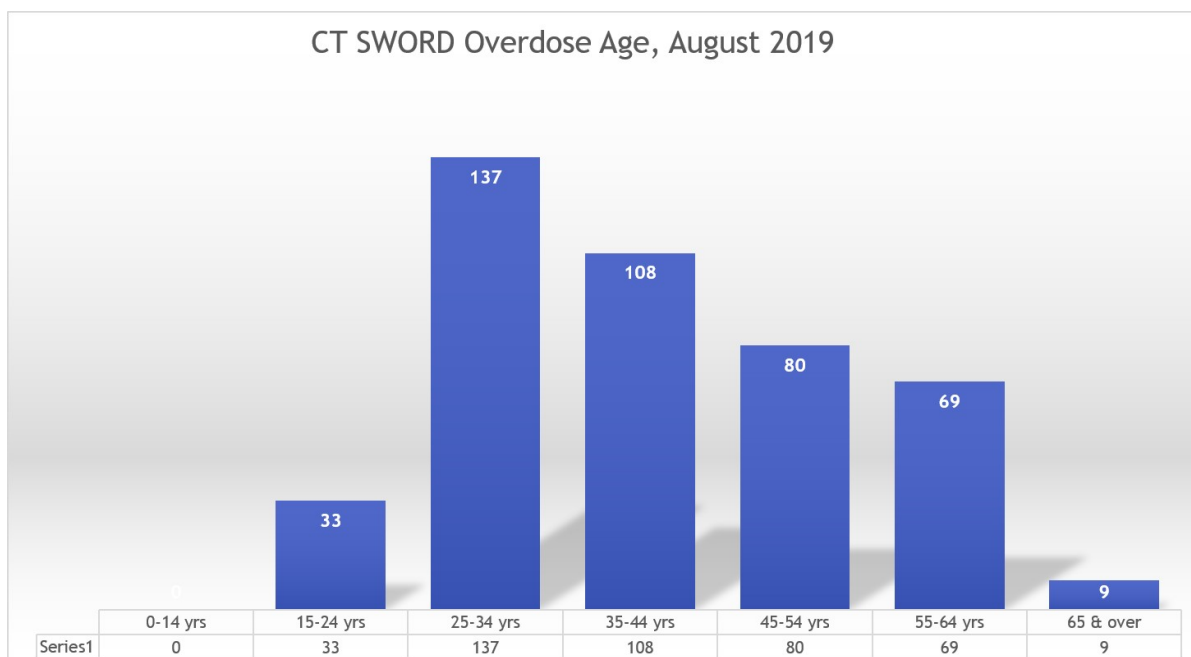
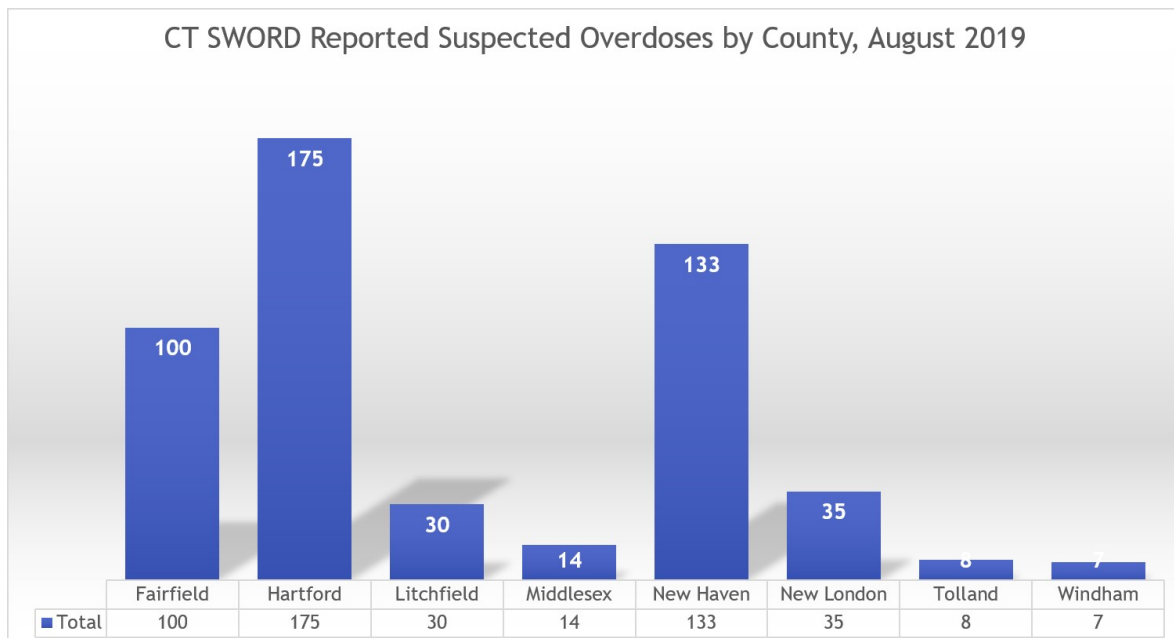


**KUDOS:** [REDACTED] and all who have called in SWORD cases to the CPCC. Keep up the great work!

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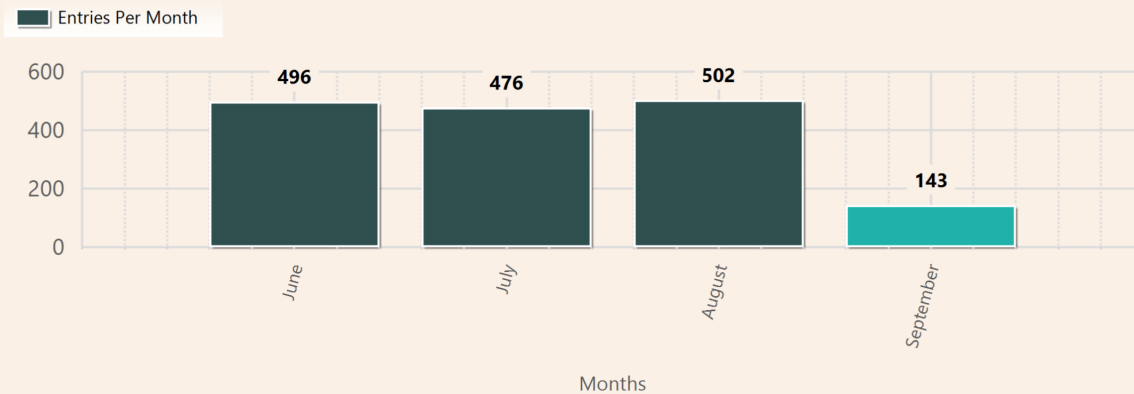
## SWORD Statewide Reporting August 2019

Results from the third full month of SWORD reporting are in! The Connecticut Poison Control Center received 502 calls in August, including 401 naloxone administrations and 37 fatalities. Gender breakdown was 334 male and 100 female suspected overdoses. The data is entered into Toxicall and ODMAP software, which will assist local public health departments, public safety, and community agencies in their efforts of harm reduction, and target their response.



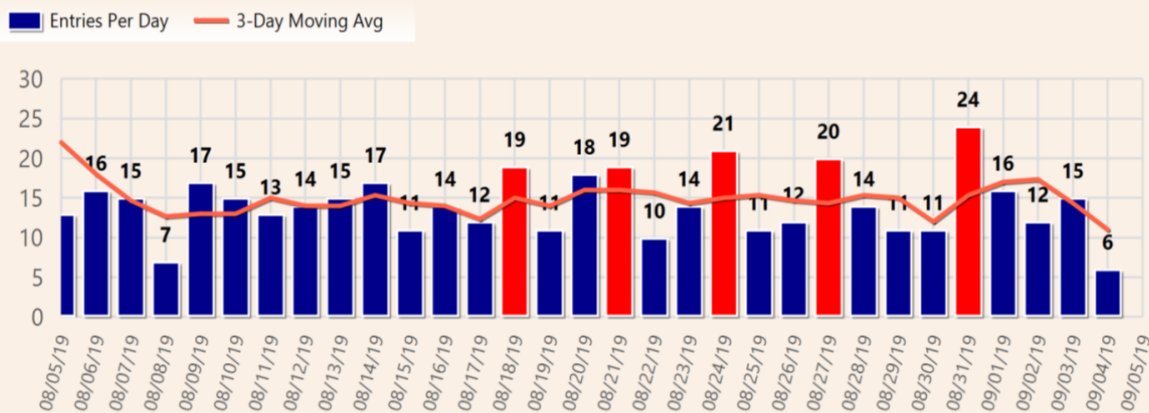
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## ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - In the Last Year



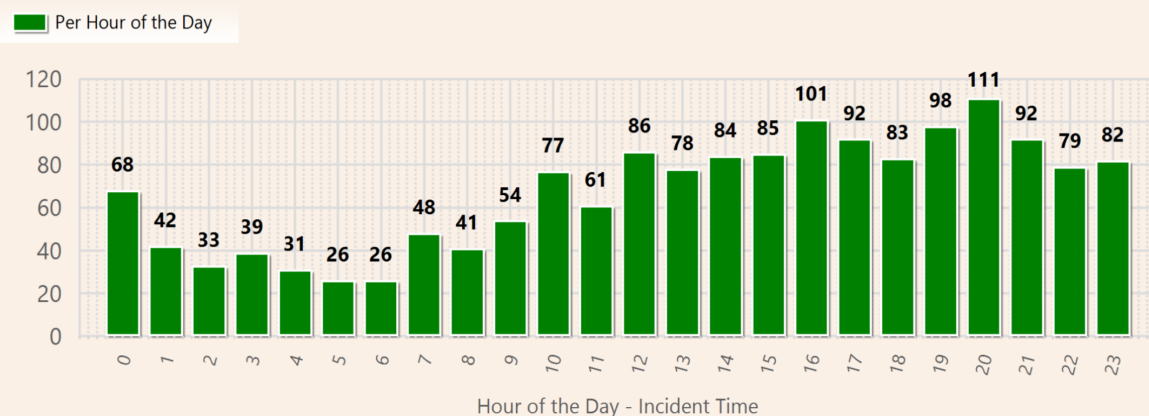
Cumulative Overdose Submissions through 9/5/2019 (September data in teal incomplete)

## ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - In the Last Month



August ODMAP Suspected OD Submissions by day, 8/5/19—9/5/19

## ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - All Data Submitted



Cumulative Overdoes Hour of Day

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## CT Medical Examiners Data

The latest data from the Connecticut Medical Examiner's Office (OCME) shows the annual overdose death toll in Connecticut is projected to increase in 2019 after a slight decline in 2018. The rise in deaths is attributed to the increasing prevalence of fentanyl, present in 78% of all CT opioid related deaths through the first six months of the year.

The Connecticut StateWide Opioid Reporting Directive (SWORD), which began statewide in June, is showing a record number of calls to the Connecticut Poison Control Center (CPCC) in August. This includes spikes in Hartford and New Haven counties.

EMS reporting is critical to our state's surveillance because it provides near "real-time" information. Automatic spike alerts are sent when reporting reaches certain thresholds in each county within any rolling 24 hour period. This enables local health and public safety, harm reduction, and recovery coaches to respond quickly to possible overdose clusters. The information reported is key to recognizing bad batches and drug trends.

Report all suspected opioid overdoses you respond to (as required by [CT Public Act No. 18-166, Section 5](#)) as soon as possible after the event. EMS is on the frontline of this epidemic and can provide rapid and valuable information to help save lives!



Pictured above are five of the "brands" photographed on EMS scenes in August 2019

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***Thank you for your participation!***