

CT EMS SWORD

Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive Newsletter

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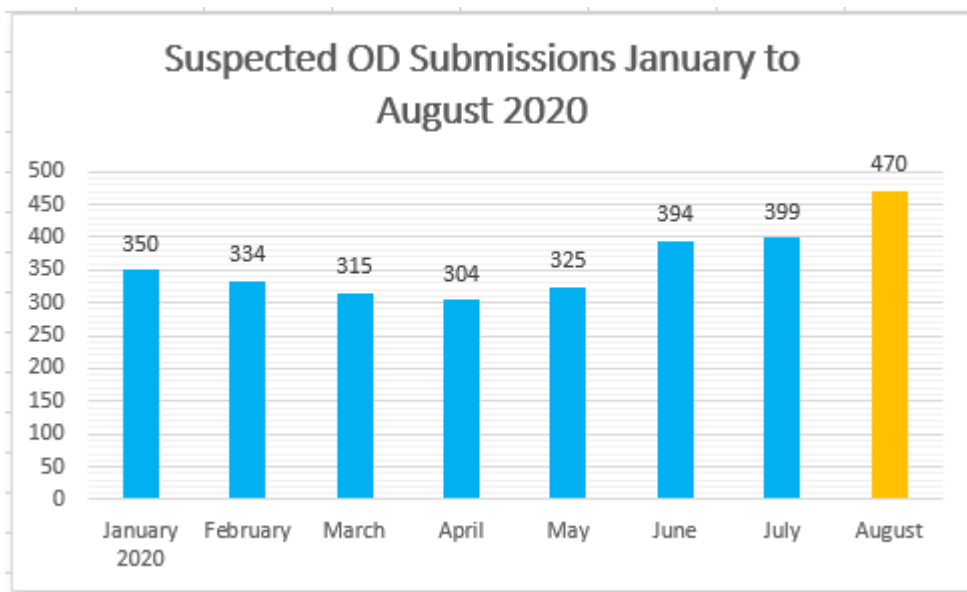
SWORD Statewide Reporting August 2020

In the month of August 2020, there were 470 calls in to the CT Poison Control Center (CPCC) for SWORD. Of these calls, 459 were non-fatal and 11 resulted in fatalities. There were 380 total naloxone administrations: 286 non-fatal multiple doses of naloxone administered, 89 non-fatal single dose naloxone, and 78 non-fatal with no naloxone administered. Six (6) non-fatal with “unknown” naloxone administered. Of the 11 fatalities, five (5) received multiple doses of naloxone and six (6) with no naloxone administered. The gender breakdown for the state is: Male (365); Female (101) and (4) unknown.

The 470 cases involved suspected overdoses from all of our counties: Fairfield (76), Hartford (174), Litchfield (28), Middlesex (21), New Haven (111), New London (32), Tolland (9), and Windham (19). The age breakdown of the patients is as follows: 0 to 24 years of age (33); 25 to 34 years of age (142); 35 to 44 years of age (110); 45 to 54 years of age (94); 55 to 64 years of age (65); 65 years of age and older (17); age unknown (9).

*Numbers subject to change

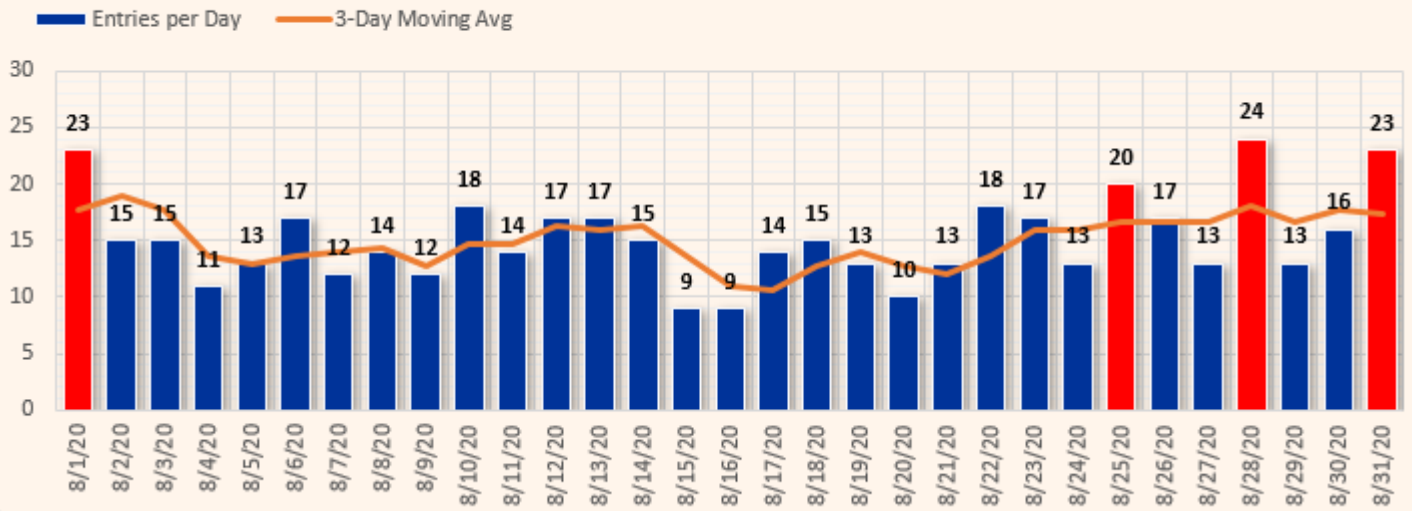
***TIP: Store the CPCC number in your cell for ease of use! 1-800-222-1222**



This graph shows the total suspected overdoses called into CPCC by month since January 2020

Thank you to all EMS providers who have called in SWORD cases to the CPCC.
Keep up the great work!

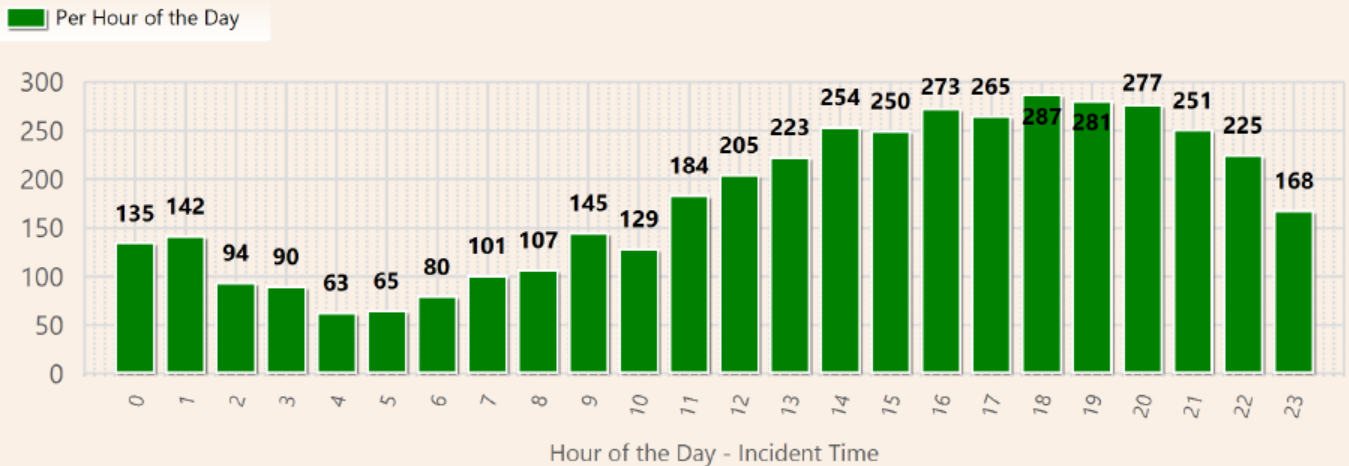
ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions- In the Last Month



August, 2020 ODMAP Suspected OD Submissions by day.

This graph shows total suspected overdoses called in each day during the time period. The red line running horizontally shows a 3-day moving average of call-ins.

ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - All Data Submitted



Cumulative (June—August, 2020) Overdoses by the Hour of the Day

This graph shows the hour of the day suspected overdose incidents have occurred statewide since the SWORD program began on June 1, 2019.

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

The First Annual SWORD Report is Here!

[The first Annual SWORD Report is now available!](#) We encourage you to read the 36-page report, which is a valuable cache of data that will help public health and safety experts better monitor and respond to the ever changing opioid overdose epidemic.

Among the report's highlights:

- 4,505 suspected overdoses including 337 fatal overdoses were reported by EMS to the SWORD program between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020.
- When the drug of exposure was known, 87% of overdoses were due to heroin or fentanyl versus 11% for prescription opioid and 2% for methadone or suboxone.
- 131 "spike alerts" were generated.
- 109 Connecticut public health and safety agencies are registered to access the data.

Thank you for all your hard work and timely reporting. EMS is proving that its contributions to the fight against the opioid epidemic extend far beyond treatment and transport.

Keep up the great work!



The following are some of the bag stamps encountered in August: Hook Me Up, Howl, Dream, Cobra, New World, Fireball, Ultimate High Level, Strong, Mechanic, House Wins, Lose Yourself, Polo, Pink Woman, Diesel, and Los Angeles Lakers. This information is shared with public health and safety officials and harm reduction groups, enabling them to better target resources. If present, and safe to do so, responders are urged to take a photo of the identified heroin bag at the scene and email to poisoncontrol@uchc.edu with the CPCC case number given when the reported overdose is called in.

*** A glassine heroine bag, "Fireball", is pictured at left**

Do you need help accessing ODMAP Level 1 (Spike Alert Level) or Level 2 (Map Level)?

[Click here to contact the ODMAP Helpdesk](#), or call (301) 489-1744



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Thank you for your participation!

