

OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

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CONNECTICUT'S GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Refresher Video for Law Enforcement

To Connecticut Public Health Partners:

This memo is to inform you of a significant collaborative effort between the Connecticut Overdose Response Strategy team and the Connecticut Chief State's Attorney's Office. Recognizing the vital role of law enforcement in responding to overdose incidents, together we developed comprehensive educational materials to reinforce understanding and effective implementation of Connecticut's Good Samaritan law.

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhance public health and safety, we identified a need for a thorough refresher on the Good Samaritan law among Connecticut's law enforcement community. The law is crucial in encouraging individuals to seek medical assistance during an overdose emergency without fear of arrest. This initiative culminated in the creation of two key resources:

- **Roll Call Refresher Video:** A detailed video presentation designed to provide law enforcement officers with a clear and concise overview of the law, its intent and practical applications in emergency situations.
- **One-Page Infographic:** An accompanying infographic, summarizing the key points of the law in a visually engaging and accessible format.

In December 2023, these resources were disseminated to all Chiefs of Police across Connecticut through the CT Police Chief Association. This distribution ensures that the materials are integrated into routine line-ups and briefings. Please understand that these materials are law enforcement specific and cannot be shared publicly.

The primary goal of these materials is to ensure that all members of Connecticut's law enforcement community are well-informed about the Good Samaritan law. By improving awareness and understanding, we aim to foster an environment where life-saving measures are prioritized in overdose incidents, aligning with our broader public health objectives. We are committed to working together to save lives and improve community health outcomes.

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