

ANSWERING HEROIN'S GRIP ON OUR SOCIETY

Course Description: The increase of prescription drugs has led to the drastic proliferation of heroin abuse in our society. This course will develop an understanding of factors that influence the use and abuse of heroin and the impact on the community. Starting with the history of opium, participants will explore the evolution of opium and opiates that have led to the current crisis. At the program's conclusion, participants will be able to recognize the indicators of opium and opiate use and the consequences of addiction. Participants will learn the various forms of opiates and opium substances (to include Fentanyl), paraphernalia used to ingest these substances and the different methods to conceal these substances. The program will also explore actions participants can take to address the current heroin crisis at a community level.

Topics Include:

- History of Opiates
- Terminology
- Signs and Symptoms
- Methods of Use
- The Allure of Opiates
- Community Challenges
- Safe Handling
- Long Term Effects and Overdoses

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Northwest Florida State College
Public Safety Building #510
100 E. College Boulevard
Niceville, Florida 32578

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Instructor Duane Tompkins retired as a Lieutenant from the Enfield Connecticut Police Department, where he commanded the Detective Division. Mr. Tompkins law enforcement career began in 1987. He has held various assignments and positions during his career, including rank the rank of Lieutenant, Accreditation Manager, and Patrol Supervisor. He was selected by the Chief of Police and assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force for eighteen months. During that time he conducted various short and long term narcotics and trafficking related investigations, closure of clubs through nuisance abatement and was involved in the planning, briefing, and execution of numerous search warrants. Prior to his assignment with Statewide Narcotics, Mr. Tompkins was assigned as a Detective in the department's narcotic's investigation unit. Mr. Tompkins has also served as a Field Training Officer and Community Police Officer. Mr. Tompkins is also a former Vice President and currently serves as Secretary of the Connecticut Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Association. Mr. Tompkins has a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western New England College, has completed the Drug Enforcement Administration Narcotics Officer's Course, been a certified EMT for thirty-four years, a certified law enforcement trainer in various states, and a doctoral student.

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