

News Release

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Subject: Rash of Overdoses

On June 22, 2017, the Mansfield Police had received reports of 11 overdoses throughout the City of Mansfield. The majority of which are believed to be opioid related and they were treated by Mansfield Fire and transported to Ohio Health Hospital for further treatment.

Mansfield Police and METRICH are investigating the source of the overdoses and are encouraging the community to also report any possible source of the opioids.

METRICH Sergeant Steve Blust stated the METRICH Enforcement Unit will continue to target those individuals that sell drugs, especially fentanyl, and any drugs containing U47700 in Richland County. The METRICH Enforcement Unit encourages citizens to continue to be proactive by reporting suspected drug activity. Citizens can call the METRICH Crime Tip Hotline at 419-52-CRIME (419-522-7463) or the Task Force line at 419-755-9728.

METRICH is a ten county decentralized task force in North Central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens we serve by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts. The success of METRICH is a tribute to the cooperation and support within the Law Enforcement Community in the METRICH region and to those citizens who have chosen to improve the quality of life in their communities by assisting METRICH in reporting suspicious activity and valuable information.

**Citizens may report suspicious activity to the crime hot lines at:
419-522-7463 and www.METRICH.com**

