**Local Response to Public Health Emergencies:**

**Focus on the Opioid Epidemic**

**Rising toll**

The number of overdose deaths in Kentucky rose to a record high in 2016, with the rising abuse of the powerful painkiller fentanyl a key factor.

**Drug overdose deaths by victim’s county of residence 2016**

- 1,071 (2012)
- 1,010 (2013)
- 1,088 (2014)
- 1,249 (2015)
- 1,404* (2016)

*2016 numbers not complete and likely to climb

**Accidental Opioid Overdose Deaths**

- **91 Americans** die every day due to an opioid overdose from prescription painkillers and heroin
- **400%** increase in the number of overdose deaths involving opioids since 1999
- Estimated peak death counts by type compared to current drug overdose (OD) death counts
  - Gun (1993): 40,000
  - HIV (1995): 48,000
  - Car crash (1972): 55,000
  - Drug OD (2016): 62,000
- **15,000** the estimated number of overdose deaths involving commonly prescribed opioids in 2015—nearly half the number of overdose deaths involving any opioid

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