

## **Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program**

Johnson County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Department of Justice through its **Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program- (COAP)**. The purpose of this partnership and program is to support local government in the development, implementation, and expansion of comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs of abuse.

While the opioid epidemic has dominated headlines, communities throughout the nation have been impacted by diverse drug use patterns including stimulants and other illicit substances. Our nation's substance abuse problem is a public health emergency that threatens the wellbeing of individuals who abuse drugs and impacts the safety of communities like ours. It is impacting first responders, the criminal justice system, child welfare and foster care, and behavioral health systems. Responding to this health emergency is one of the Department of Justice's and the Johnson County Sheriff's top priorities.

The cornerstone of this initiative is its emphasis on partnership and collaboration across the public safety sectors. Effective community responses leverage the combined expertise and rely upon unified and coordinated strategies of both the Public Safety Sector and the community.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office will have one Opioid Investigator along with a Secretary and one Peer Recovery Support Specialist that is working diligently with other agencies and the community to combat Opioid use/abuse in our community.

Through the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program, the investigator and Peer Specialist will be hosting Narcan training for the community and first Responders. They will also provide information about the resources we have in the community, education, support, treatment and recovery.