

# Attorney General Bill Schuette Presents: Overdose Death Investigation and Prosecution Training

The Michigan Department of Attorney General announces a new course that can help in the effort to fight the current heroin and fentanyl plague and save lives. This one-day course is entitled "Drug Overdose Death Investigation and Prosecution" and examines the myriad issues that surround the investigation and prosecution of death cases resulting from overdoses of heroin and fentanyl. The course is intended for both law enforcement officers and prosecutors.

The number of deaths resulting from overdoses of heroin and fentanyl has surged in recent years reaching epidemic proportions. More and more counterfeit drugs are being sold that are, in reality, a lethal dose of fentanyl. The distribution of these drugs and the resulting overdoses are tantamount to murder. This training explores the manner in which criminal prosecution of these deaths as homicides might be used to address illegal drug distribution, punish wrongdoing, and ultimately save lives.

The course will cover basic drug overdose death investigation techniques, discuss legal requirements and issues involved in drug overdose death investigations, address drug safety awareness particular to heroin and fentanyl, and highlight proper evidence handling and protocols. Topics to be covered include:

- Changing the mindset from accident to homicide
- Responding to and investigating drug overdose deaths
- What to look for in the way of evidence
- Documenting the death scene
- Electronic evidence: cell phones, social media and more
- Witness and suspect interview techniques
- Search and seizure issues
- Legal theory and case development
- Intelligence gathering and sharing
- Officer safety when dealing with drugs like fentanyl
- Case analysis

This training is being provided at no cost through arrangements with the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI)

DATE: August 15, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Williams Building Auditorium, 525 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI, 48913

To register complete the attached form and email it to Val Schmidt, Training Coordinator at [schmidtv@michigan.gov](mailto:schmidtv@michigan.gov).



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