

# PROACTIVE PROGRAMS TO KEEP OUR KIDS DRUG FREE



## Harford County Sheriff's Office Director of Community and Legislative Affairs

- Director of Legislative and Community Affairs for the Harford County Sheriff's Office since 2014
- Prior to serving with HCSO, he spent 11 years with Anne Arundel County Government. Serving 4 years with the County Council and 7 as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Chief of Staff to the County Executive.
- He is a veteran of the United States Air Force serving as a member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Security Police Unit Bolling AFB



Erik Robey

## Harford County Sheriff's Office Community Police Unit

SGT Sanchez is a 17-year veteran of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

He began his career in Patrol and worked in the Warrant/Fugitive Unit and as a Supervisor in School Police (SRO).

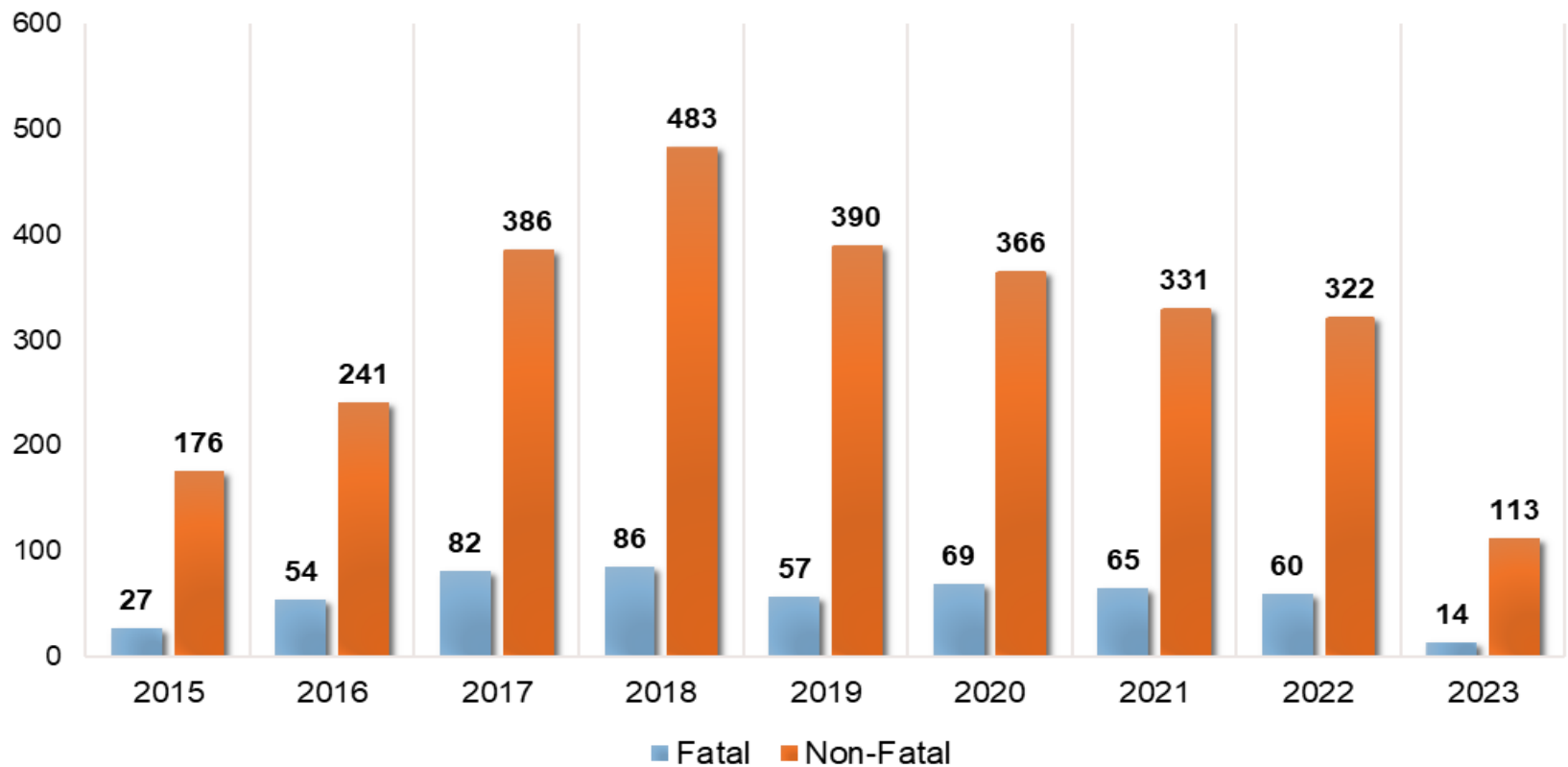
SGT Sanchez took over the Community Police Unit in 2022 and oversees the operations for Pledge, CORE and HOPE house programs



SGT Joseph  
Sanchez

# Heroin in Harford

## Overdose Totals from 2015 to 2023 YTD



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## H.O.P.E. for Harford

- Started in April, 2015
- Bi-Monthly Meetings
- Membership Includes:
  - Law Enforcement
  - Corrections
  - Office of Drug Control Policy
  - Health Dept.
  - Public Schools
  - Health Care
  - Faith Based Community
  - Concerned Citizens
  - Recovering Addicts
  - Families who have lost loved ones



# Heroin in Harford



Phantom Drug Check Points



Heroin Awareness Signs giving a weekly updated total of lives lost to substance Abuse



Opening a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Unit at the Detention Center

**READY FOR HELP??**

Call us if you need:

- Recovery resources
- Access to recovery services
- Information about addiction
- Family education/support
- Someone to talk to

Don't wait until it's too late to ask for help...There may not be a next time



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Harford County  
Health Department

Help cards for all Deputies to hand out when on the scene of an overdose



# Proactive approach to reduce overdoses and overdose deaths

▣ HOPE

▣ PLEDGE

▣ CORE



## ***PLEDGE PROGRAM***

***PLEDGING TO LIVE A DRUG FREE LIFE - STARTS WITH OUR YOUTH!***



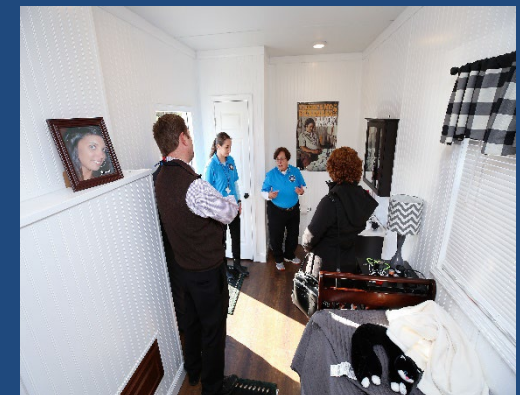
# HOPE House

- 140 events and about 4,023 tours  
(since July 2018 start)
- Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc.  
(CPAA) Volunteers (Nearly 2,250 hours)



The HOPE house is designed as a mock teenager's bedroom, there are more than 50 areas in the display where drugs are hidden.

The HCSO Community Police Unit and members of our CPAA Staff the exhibit





# HOPE House

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# Pledge Program

- HCSO Community Police Unit, in partnership with the Office of Drug Control Policy began the program in Spring of 2019
  - 11 programs, over 300 elementary School students completed and received their PLEDGE certificate
  - Drug Refusal skills, how to deal with peer pressure, why drugs and alcohol are very dangerous to young minds





## THE PLEDGE

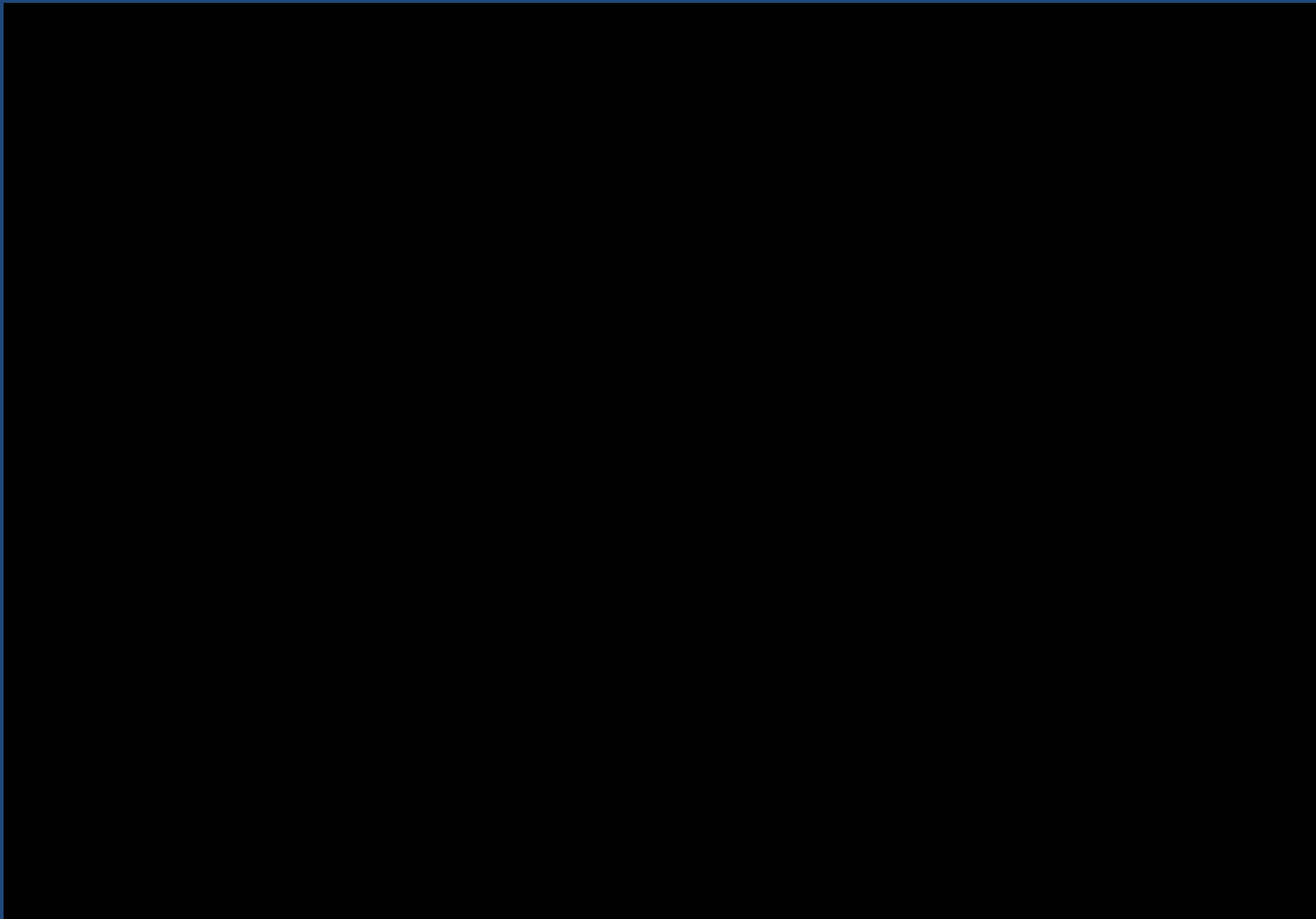
*I pledge to live a drug free life,  
help my friends and family  
to be drug free,  
set a good example,  
respect my mind and body  
and show my friends that a  
drug free life is a better life.*



# CORE Program



- Unveiled August of 2022
  - 19 events, over 700 teenagers used the technology
- Partnership between Aberdeen Providing Ground Federal Credit Union (APGFCU), Harford County Sheriff's Office and Harford County Sheriff's Foundation.
  - \$120,000 donated by APGFCU to the Foundation
  - \$50,000 in asset forfeiture funds
- Interactive learning exhibiting featuring touchscreen video technology. Students see alternate endings and positive outcomes were different choices are made to demonstrate options.







*Harford County Sheriffs Office, Office of Drug Control Policy and Health Department leaders have done a marvelous job of publicizing the extent of the heroin epidemic locally, so much so that we would say Harford was far ahead of the pack in acknowledging the problem and establishing a comprehensive plan of attack.*

*The Baltimore Sun Aegis - March 8, 2017*