



JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADDICTION SERVICES AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Overdose Activity in St. Lawrence County – WARNING!

St. Lawrence County, NY has experienced 8 known overdoses from drug use within the last 24 hours. One of these overdoses was fatal. The drugs involved were cocaine laced with fentanyl, marijuana laced with fentanyl, and unknown. Multiple (3-5) doses of narcain were used on several individuals. There is the possibility of more unconfirmed at this time.

Individuals using drugs, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin, must understand that **NO DRUG IS SAFE and ANY DRUG COULD CONTAIN LETHAL AMOUNTS OF FENTANYL AND XYLAZINE.**

It is important to remember that giving Narcan is critical when someone has overdosed. Fentanyl and Xylazine are often mixed with other drugs and **multiple doses** of Narcan may be necessary. Everyone is urged to get trained to use Narcan. Narcan is a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Narcan is available for free.

If you are in need of Narcan or Fentanyl test strips, please contact St. Lawrence County Addiction Services for a free Narcan kit and brief training at (315) 386-2189 or email narcan@stlawco.gov. Narcan can begin to reverse an opioid overdose until EMS arrives. St. Lawrence County encourages people who use drugs to take preventative measures, such as having naloxone on hand, testing any drug for Fentanyl before using, not using alone, and calling 911 if they suspect an overdose. If narcan is admitted outside of a medical setting, it is strongly recommended that the individual seek immediate medical attention for their safety.

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, St. Lawrence County Public Health, St. Lawrence County Addiction Services, St. Lawrence County Emergency Services, and Partners for Substance Use Prevention reminds people of the resources available to assist those who have substance use disorders with treatment and recovery:

- **St. Lawrence County Addiction Services:** (315) 386-2189
- **The Valley Recovery Center:** (315) 541-3057
- **St. Lawrence Health:** (315) 261-5395
- **Claxton Hepburn Medical Center:** (315) 713-5169
- **Citizen Advocates:** (315) 713-9090



- **Community Health Center of the North Country Road to Recovery Program:** (315) 535-1325
- **Reachout of St. Lawrence County, Inc.:** (315) 265-2422
- **NYS HOPEline:** 1-877-846-7369 or text 467369
- **Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 1-800-273-8255

For additional resources, please visit:

<https://slcpartners4prevention.com/resource-guide/>.

The public is also reminded of **New York State's 911 Good Samaritan Law** which allows people to call 911 without fear of arrest if they are having a drug or alcohol overdose that requires emergency medical care or if they witness someone overdosing.

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