

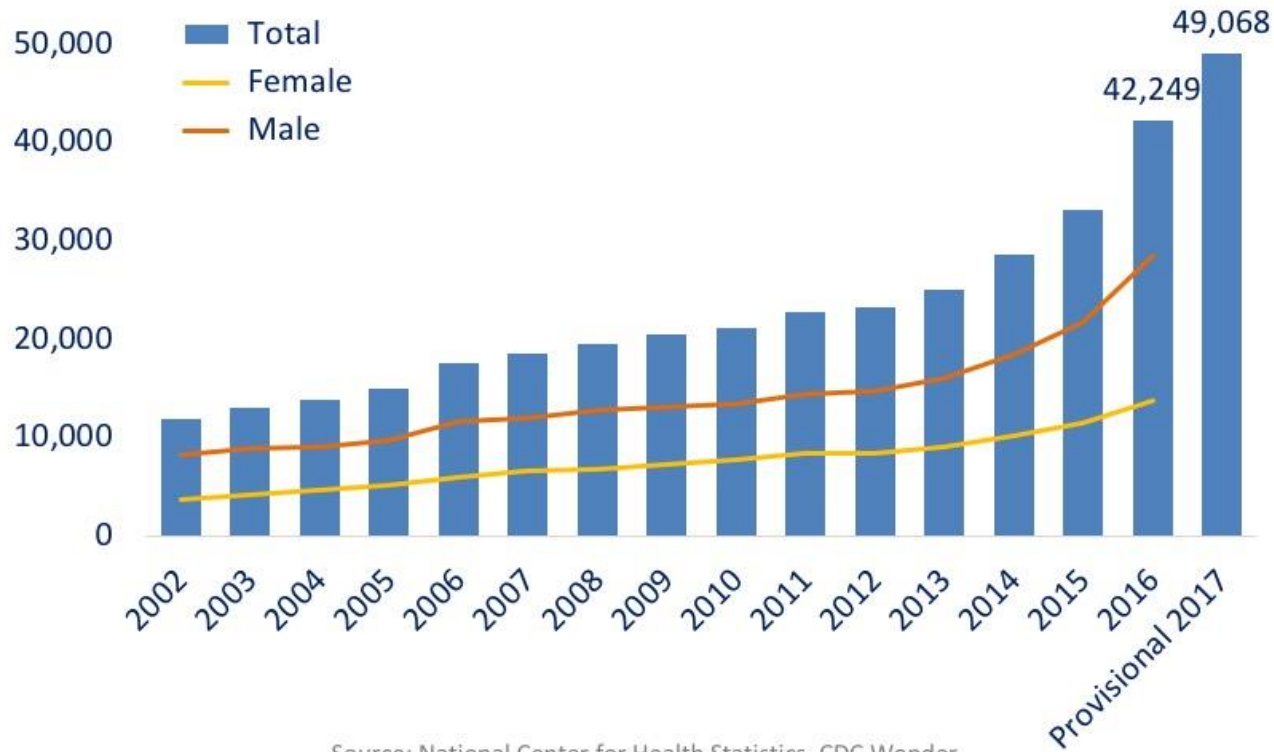
DRUG OVERDOSE CALLS AND INVESTIGATIONS

CONSIDERATIONS AND RESPONSE



National Overdose Deaths

Number of Deaths Involving Opioids



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder

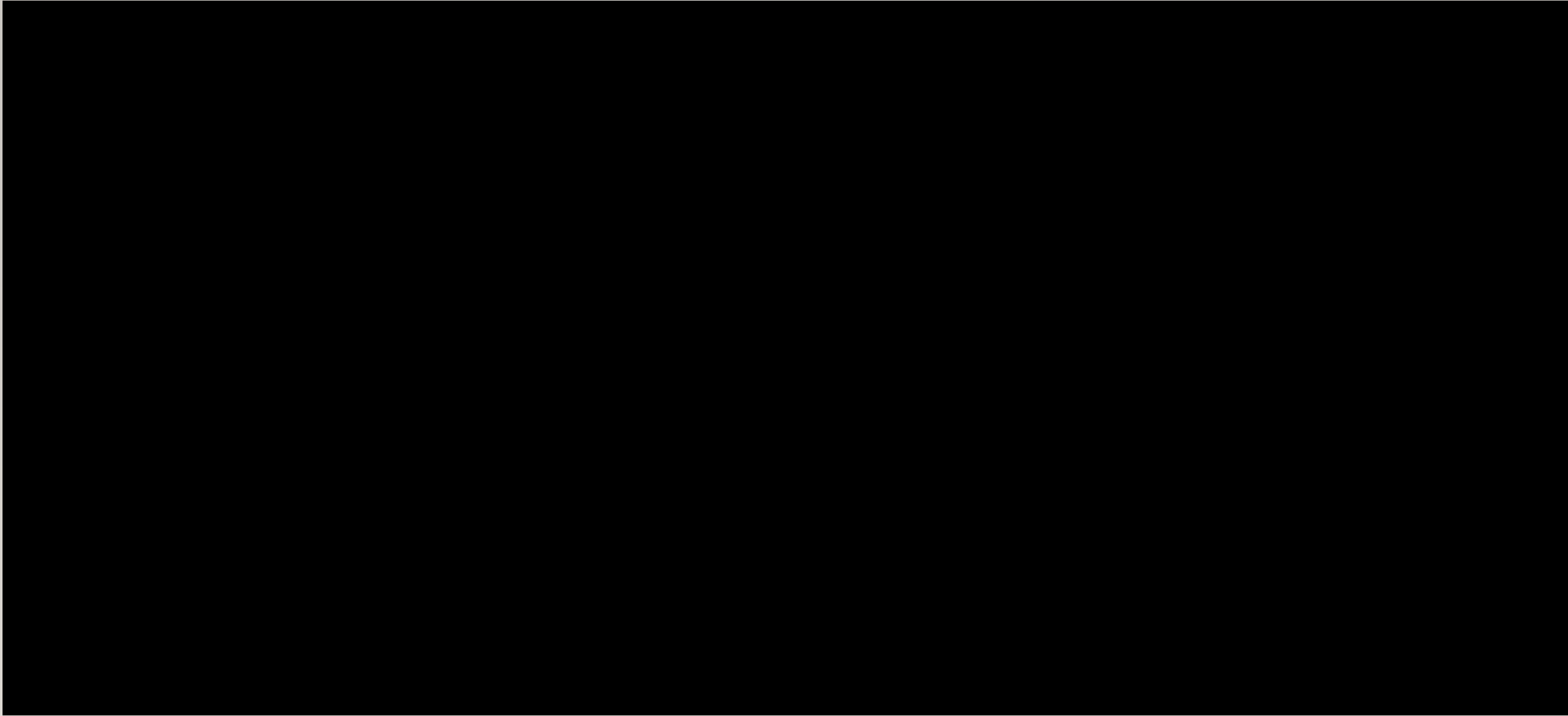
OPIATES

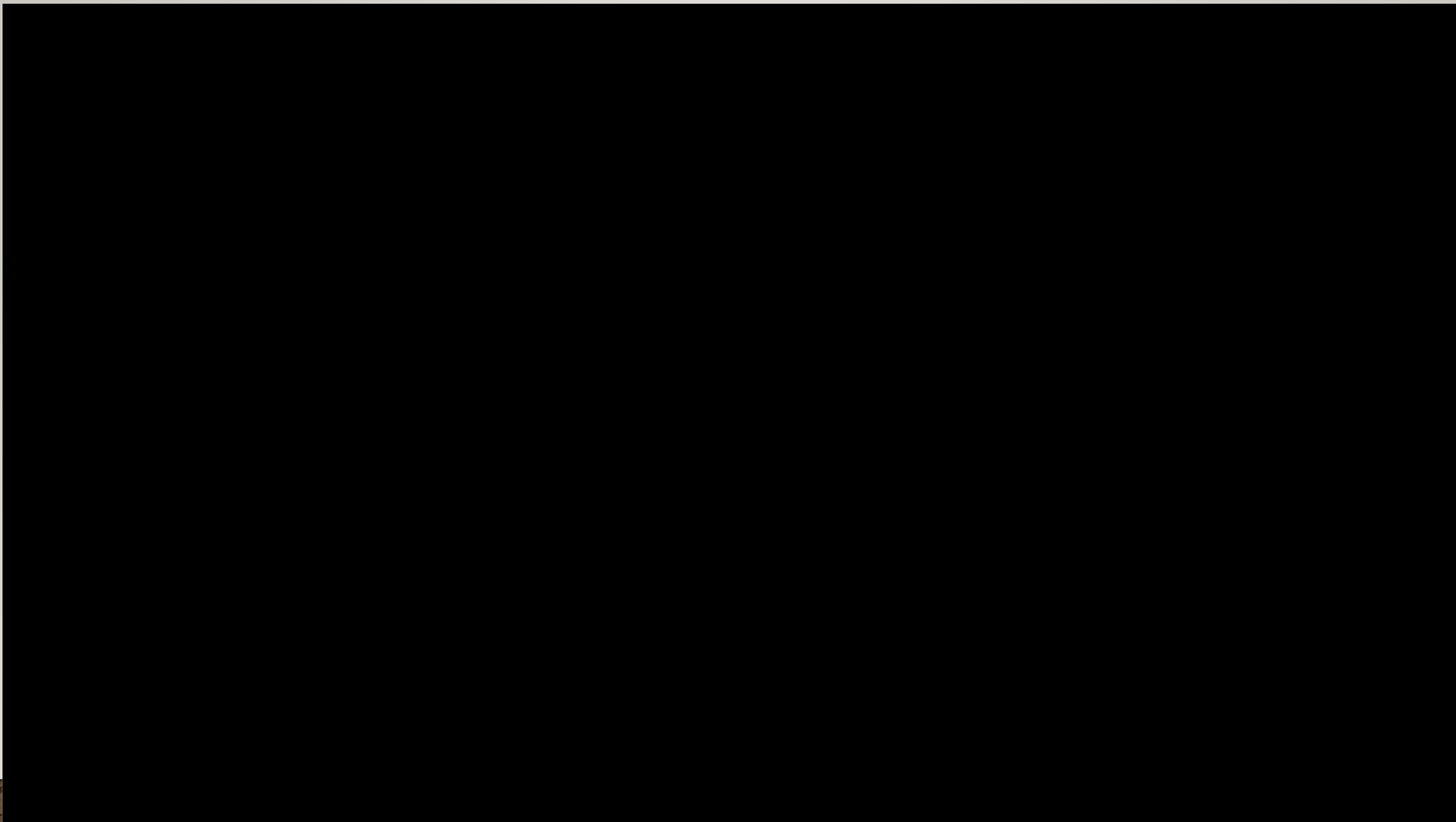
- #1 Producer- Afghanistan, #2 SE Asia, #3 Mexico, #4 Colombia
- 2002-2018, OD Deaths have quadrupled
- Heroin is 2-3 stronger than Morphine
- 1/10 of gram= 100mg>> Typical daily user dosage
- “Brick”= 50 bags (look for in text messages)
- “Packs/Bundles”= 10 bags (looks for in text messages)
- Opium seeds by themselves, not illegal. Opium poppy tea> Cold Water Extraction= Lab (11350HS) * Can Overdose, look for yellowish liquid in Gatorade or water bottle

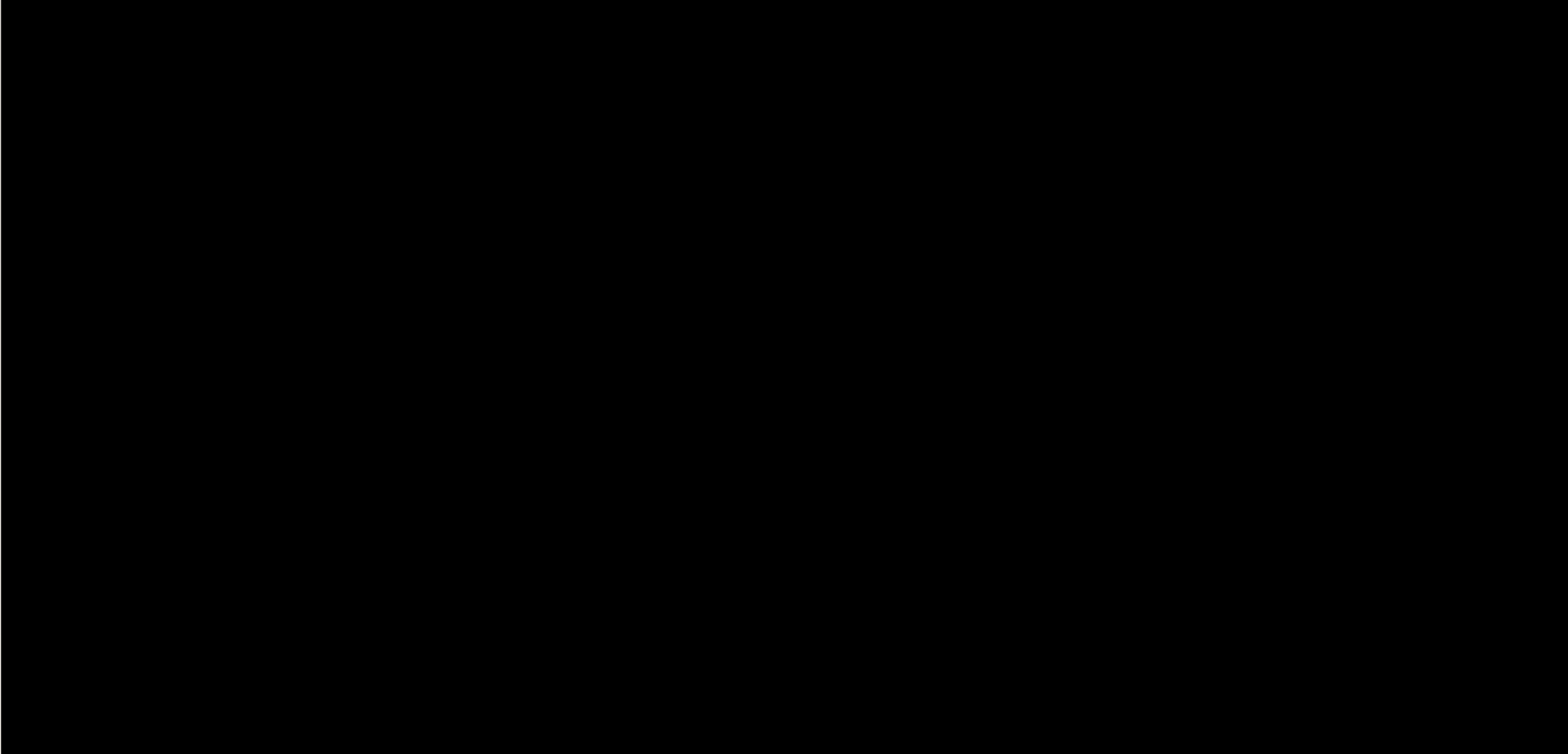
TRENDS AND GRADES

- “China White,” “Mexican Brown” *The quality of the cook, chemicals, textures looks like all kinds. “Colombian” found in wax paper with a logo stamp (powder form).
- Balloons>> Biohazard (Removed and re-inserted from mouth and digestive tract, passed along)
- Tar Heroin+ empty pill container+ pennies or dimes, shake until it becomes powder
- Heroin combo with pills>>Benzodiazepine “Benzos” (Xanax or alprazolam, Valium or diazepam, Ativan or lorazepam)
- *Look for Jesus Malverde statues, paintings, pendants, pictures, shrines (Narco Saint worshipped by street level to cartels)









FENTANYL

- Medical application (trans-dermal patch, lolly-pop, lingual under the tongue)
- DEALER DRIVEN added to every street drug and marijuana to create addiction
- Very potent (Sufentanil 30mcg = 1000x more potent than heroin)
- Users build up tolerance, can overwhelm a first responder (particulate matter)

THINK SAFETY- HAVE
YOUR PPE GEAR READY,
(STANDARD N95 MASK
IS FINE, NITRIL GLOVES,
EYE PROTECTION IF
POSSIBLE)



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APPROACH WITH
CAUTION

*92% HEP C+

*72% HIV+

INTRAVENOUS,
SUBCUTANEOUS,
INTRAMUSCULAR

MAKE YOURSELF SAFE-
GLOVE UP AND PUT
ON YOUR MASK,
NALOXONE (NARCAN)
SHOULD BE AVAILABLE



SIGNS OF OPIATE OVERDOSE

- Loss of Consciousness
- Look for the “Foam Cone” (foaming at the mouth and nostrils)
- Where normal respirations are 12-15 breaths per minute, Opiate OD subjects have less than 12 respirations per minute
- Rescue breathing + Narcan application
- Be aware of range for projectile vomit

Signs of an Opioid Overdose



Blue lips or nails



Dizziness and confusion



Can't be woken up



Choking, gurgling or
snoring sounds



Slow, weak
or no breathing



Drowsiness or
difficulty staying awake

OVERDOSE SCENES

- Look for diabetic syringes (usually closest to the body) *absence of needle may be indicative of a tampered scene/ clean up.
- Look for the cooker (bottle cap) and cotton balls, heat source added if heroin won't break down
- Pipes or glass tubing (bent at the edge) sign of "hot railing"
- Look for the Kits (box, spoons, syringes, vials, cotton, rubber band) absence of a kit possibly indicative of scene contamination
- Take photos
- Good interviews from those at the scene and those close to decedent might have information about user and dealer
- Collect phones left behind, especially believed to belong to the decedent
- Have WC Notify Investigations Sgt./ Advise SIU (email or phone call)
- Consider Hazmat clean up response if needed



ANY QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?

