



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0038

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 4, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Supporting Efforts to Curtail the Over Prescription of Opioids
and Opioid Usage

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution supporting the combined efforts of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Justice in reducing the number of opioid prescriptions and ensuring safe drug disposal.

Background

Over the past 10 years, the drug landscape in the United States has shifted, with the tripartite opioid threat (controlled prescription drugs, fentanyl and heroin) having risen to epidemic levels, impacting the community at the local level. Opioids are a class of drugs that includes prescription pain relievers – common types include oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine as well as illicit narcotics such as heroin. Tolerance, addiction and dependence develop with frequent use, whether for pain or recreational usage, requiring increasing doses and leading to withdrawal syndrome upon discontinuation. Accidental overdose or concurrent use with other drugs commonly results in death from respiratory depression.

Interstate sharing of prescription data through Prescription Drugs Monitoring Programs has been proven effective in helping reduce availability, abuse, and diversion of illicitly obtained prescription drugs, and supports the reporting and utilization of controlled prescription drug data by the medical treatment and law enforcement communities. Florida voluntarily shares its database information with 37 states since the inception of the program in 2011.

Through the support of the collaborative efforts to curtail the over prescription of opioids and opioid usage, the City is reinforcing its commitment to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.

This time is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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