

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

Presents:

Overdose Death Investigation and Prosecution Training



Attorney General Derek Schmidt announces a one-time training course to help Kansas law enforcement agencies working to save lives by fighting heroin and fentanyl. This one-day course is titled "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 designed for law enforcement officers and may qualify for continuing education credit at the discretion of the officer's agency head or the agency head's designee, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5607a(b). Prosecutors also are welcome to attend, but CLE credit is not available.

The number of deaths resulting from overdoses of heroin and fentanyl has surged in recent years. More counterfeit drugs are being sold that are, in reality, a lethal dose of fentanyl. This training explores one 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 by Attorney General Schmidt's office in cooperation with the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI), the training and research arm of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG).

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LOCATION: KBI Forensic Science Center Auditorium, Topeka

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

To register or for more information, visit www.ag.ks.gov/overdose-training.



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