



Outstanding QRT, Outreach, and Engagement Initiatives: Medium Sized Community

Lawrence County QRT

Program Timeline: Lawrence County QRT was launched in October 2017. The Lawrence County QRT operates under the authority of the Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office. Commander Marcum of the Lawrence County Drug and Major Crimes Task Force supervises the QRT, while Detective Layman from the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department manages daily operations and conducts field work.

Recently, the Lawrence County QRT has had several additions to different aspects of their team including:

- **Student Ambassador:** includes eleven schools, including two private schools. The team has featured speaker led by Ambassadors to encourage student-to-student discussions. Ambassadors are encouraged to participate in community activities, volunteer at their schools, and always strive to lead by example.
- **Lawrence County Court Systems:** Individual with a substance use disorder currently charged for a low-level offense and is a first-time and non-violent offender can agree to treatment. If completed, charges will be dismissed.

- **Lawrence County Human Trafficking Operation:** Involving Law Enforcement Officers from Lawrence, Scioto, and Pike counties. The team connects victims of humans trafficking with treatment.
- **Narcan in Schools:** The team has partnered with the Lawrence County Wellness Program Director and will provide Narcan training. The team has also supplied Narcan to all schools in the district. School Nurses are currently trained to administer Narcan, and they have established scheduling dates to train school staff.
- **Overcoming Stigma:** The team has spoken at Recovery Rallies in the Tri-State area, working to break any stigmas between law enforcement and treatment providers. They attended a rally in Mason County, West Virginia, and have scheduled a meeting with their Quick Response Team and Sheriff's Office. The team facilitates discussions with local law enforcement to become more involved and provide information such as overdose reports to the QRT and assist with locating individuals.