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**Heroin is not just a  
Hollywood problem  
... It is right in our  
own backyard**



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# **A Proposed Investment for Combatting Heroin in Geauga County**

July 25, 2013

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

All Serious criminal incidents

↑ 19%

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Drug-Related Incidences**

**↑ 45%**

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Drug Paraphernalia**

**↑ 54%**

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Drug Possession**

**↑ 89%**

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Burglary**

**↑ 67%**

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Theft from Motor Vehicle**

**↑ 158%**

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Shoplifting**

**↑ 855%**

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# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Robbery**

**↑ 300%**

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

**Drug Overdose**

**↑ 200%**

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

# Surprising Geauga County Facts

In the last 3 years...

**FACT:**

Incidents involving dead body

↑ 67%

*Source: Law Incident Comparison report, Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

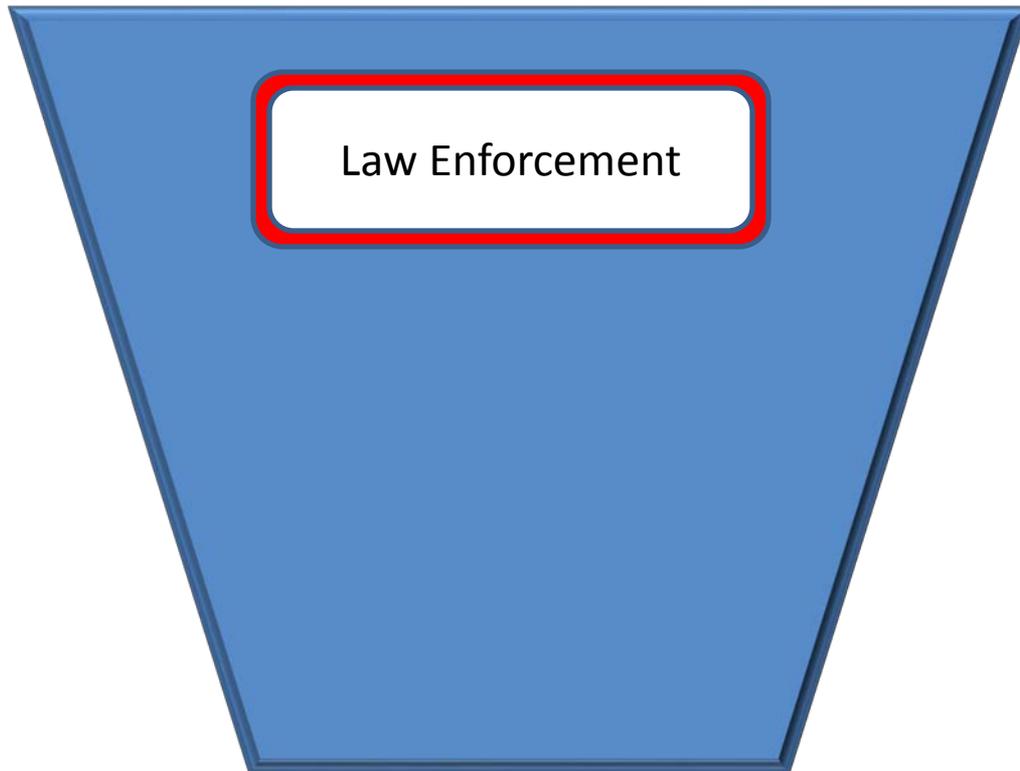
# **How Heroin Impacts Geauga County**



# GEAUGA COUNTY

Over the last few years, driven by the difficulties of the Great Recession, heroin has gotten a foothold in Geauga County

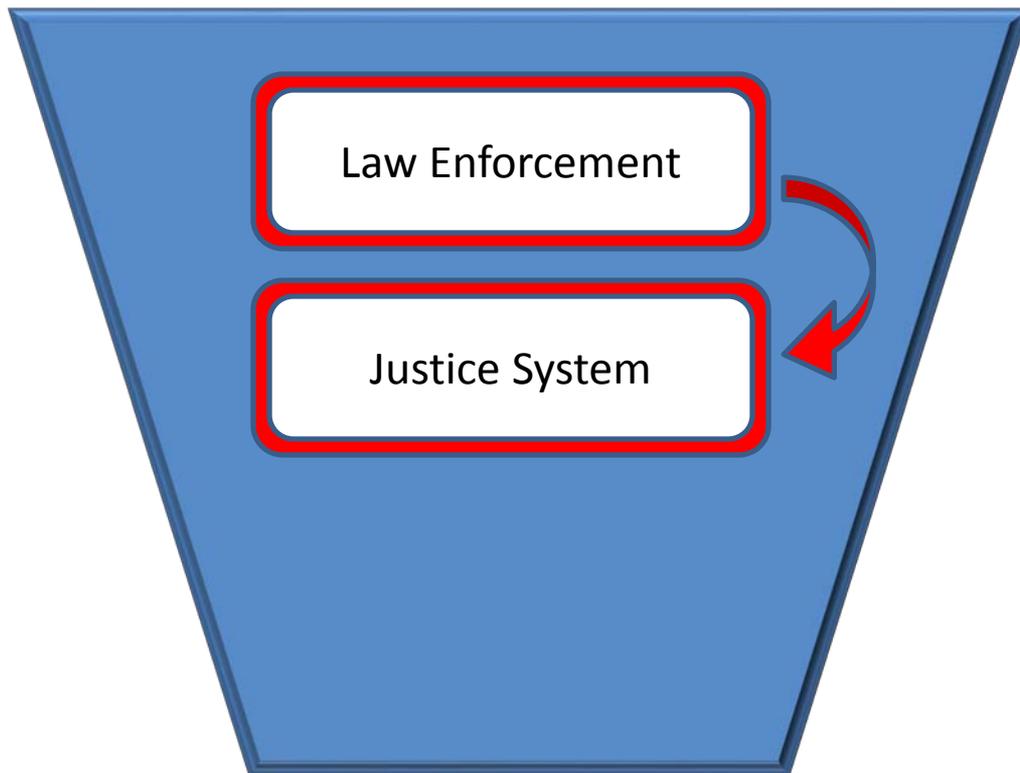
The 45% growth in drug-related incidence shows just how fast the problem is growing



Law Enforcement

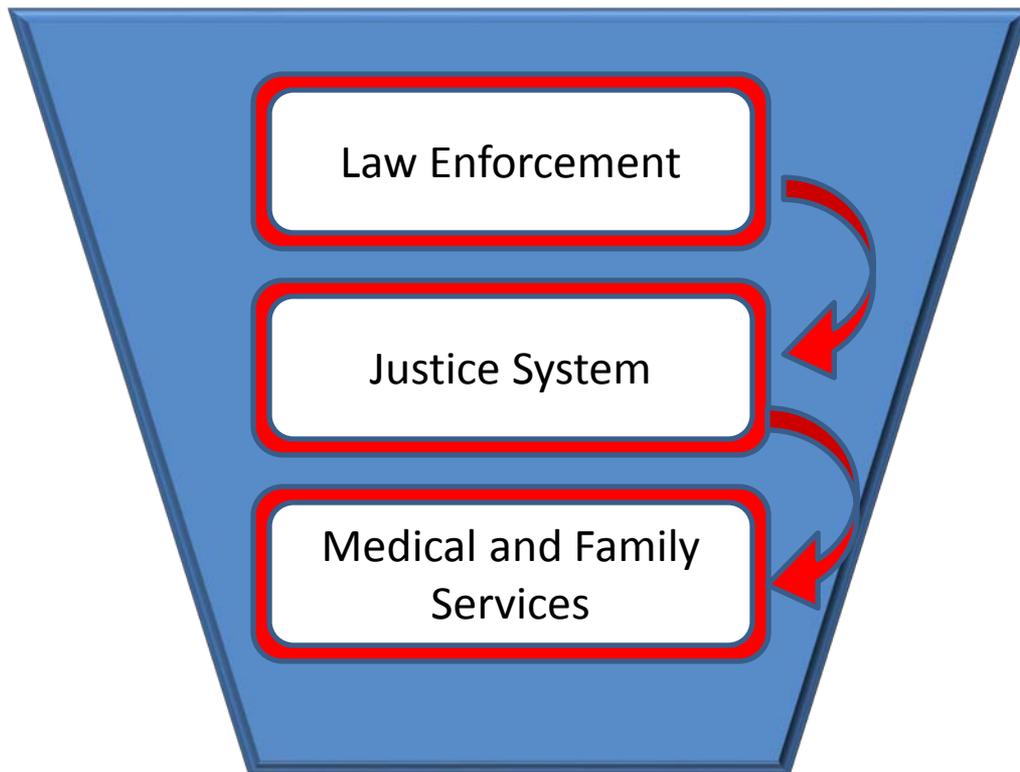
The first line of defense when drug activities began to surge were the county's Law Enforcement agencies

The rapid growth and serious nature of drug-related crimes begins to strain Law Enforcement's resources

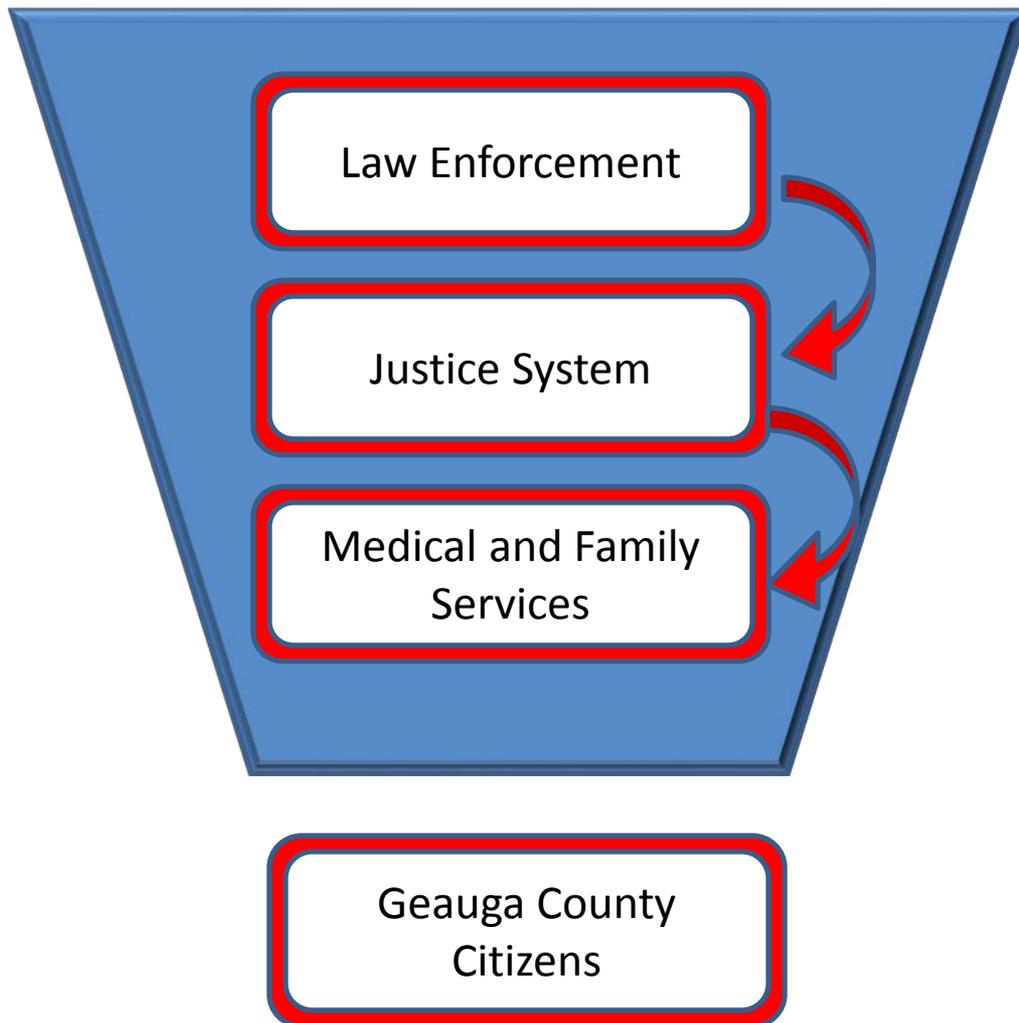


Eventually the overload from Law Enforcement begins to spill over into the Justice System

The persistent growth begins to strain the justice system's resources, with overloaded dockets and thin prosecutor resources



Again, the strain spills over, this time into Medical and Family Services, who struggle to provide rehabilitation treatment and family services to the families ravaged by addiction



At the bottom of the pile, the good citizens of Geauga County are the ones who suffer.

- Property crimes surging
- Violent crimes surging
- Geauga County is losing its identity as a wholesome, family-oriented community

# The Solution Must Involve a Cross-Functional Plan

## 1. Education & Awareness

- **Adult Awareness**
  - *Engage the media*
  - *Design/distribute flyers*
  - *Website*
  - *Program of speakers*
- **Childhood Education**
  - *What is the effectiveness of D.A.R.E?*
  - *Expand to earlier, later grades*
  - *Is there a more effective program?*
- **Schools**
  - *Need to play a MAJOR role*
  - *MUST be held accountable*
  - *MUST report the problems/crimes*
  - *Need series of meetings with PTAs*
  - *Establish forums with 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders at each school*

# The Solution Must Involve a Cross-Functional Plan

## 1. Education & Awareness

## 2. Enforcement

- **Geauga County Solution**
  - *Must focus on OUR unique needs*
  - *Not get lost in regional shuffle*
- **Integration with schools**
  - *K-9 programs inside schools*
  - *Police recruit/cadet in schools*
- **Resources**
  - *Dedicated narcotics detectives*
  - *Surveillance equipment*

# The Solution Must Involve a Cross-Functional Plan

1. Education & Awareness

2. Enforcement

3. Rehabilitation

- **FLIP Program**
- **Outpatient Rehab**
- **IOP**
- **Drug Treatment programs in County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center**

# Funding Considerations

*Aside from considering a general budget earmark, other sources should be considered when looking for funding for this much-needed investment*

## Revenues Generated by Safety Center

*Prisoner Housing Revenue from Other Agencies*

Year	Revenue (\$)
2006	497,889
2007	2,012,871
2008	1,577,234
2009	569,709
2010	14,856
2011	121,199
2012	1,299,873
2013 YTD	486,665
<b>Since 2006</b>	<b>6,580,296</b>

## New Housing Starts

*Pickup in new homes shows expanding tax base to support expenditure*

Year	Housing Starts
2007	223
2008	125
2009	61
2010	82
2011	120
2012	133
2013 EST	153

## Growing Sales Tax

*A resurgence in revenues from Sales Taxes can provide confidence in the County's financial ability to make this critical investment; Sales Tax receipts up 4% year-to-date – **on-track to be up \$468k for the all 2013***

# Funding Considerations

## **Re-Think the Accelerated Pay Down of Debt**

- *When the Safety Center and Radio Tower were originally planned, there was an expectation for a longer payment period*
- *The recent plan to accelerate the pay down of debt squanders cash while saving minimal interest*
- *Alternative uses for this cash, as in the plan outlined, would be a much better use of the County's resources*

## **Future Funding Consideration**

- *Consideration should be given to a Public Safety Levy with an emphasis on narcotics control, similar to Lake County's Narcotics Agency Levy*
- *Private Leasing of County Lands: There is an opportunity to lease hunting rights to private citizens on County-owned property; those properties could include Water Resource property, Cope House property, County Home property, properties on Merritt Drive, Russell Park, newly acquired Route 44 35-acre property (conservative estimate would bring in \$100k annually)*
- *Liquidate County-owned properties*

# The Plan: Phase 1

## Law Enforcement with Accountability

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1. 3 additional detectives hired into Sheriff's Office, focused on narcotics	\$ 250,000
2. Surveillance equipment	\$ 50,000
3. Geauga County Drug Task Force <i>Integration of Sherriff's Department and Police Chiefs Limited to Geauga County only</i>	

***Police Chiefs supportive, willing to commit time and personnel***

Burton	Chardon	Russell
Bainbridge	South Russell	Chesterland
Middlefield		

***Guiding Principle: These expenditures do not simply get added and forgotten  
There must be a regular review of the effectiveness of the investment***

# The Plan: Phase 2

## Additional \$300k for Other County Services

### Description

### Budget

*For use in the following categories:*

\$ 300,000

- *Municipal Court*
- *Common Pleas Court*
- *Juvenile & Probate Court*
- *Prosecutor's Office*
- *Jobs & Family Services*

*A committee will be established to collectively determine the best use of the funds*

***Guiding Principle:*** *These expenditures do not simply get added and forgotten  
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# The Plan: Phase 3

## Standing Committed to Oversee Success

### Membership

Judge Forrest Burt

Judge David L. Fuhry

Judge Tim Grendell

Judge Terri L. Stupica

Prosecutor James Flaiz

Sheriff. Dan McClelland

Gina Schultz, Geauga Job & Family Services

Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri

### Responsibilities

1. *Regular review of programs effectiveness*
2. *Propose new initiatives as needed*
3. *Annual recommendation to Commissioners for how to spend the Combating Heroin in Geauga County earmark*

# The Plan: Phase 4

## Geauga County Library to Educate Public

### Description

1. Geauga County Library to create and distribute informational materials on the dangers of drugs
  - a) For children
  - b) For adults/parents
2. Geauga County Library to organizing program of speakers at branch locations, focused on building awareness of the dangers of drugs
3. Geauga County Bar Foundation has dedicated funds available to support criminal justice awareness programs
4. Private citizens and businesses have committed time and resources to help publicize the critical message about crime in Geauga County and help improve safety

### Budget

Funded by Library budget

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Dedicated funds

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**GEAUGA COUNTY'S**  
**Most Wanted**

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Please do not attempt to arrest, detain or stop subjects. If you know these suspects or know where they currently are, please call or have them contact the Geauga County Sheriff's Office at 440-279-2009 or email [gcsowarranttips@co.geauga.oh.us](mailto:gcsowarranttips@co.geauga.oh.us)

 Coughenour, Christopher J. Burglary & Theft	 Grady, Jesse C. Domestic Violence	 Graino, Danielle L. Domestic Violence	 Bridenstien, James R. Illegal Assembly & Poss Chemical & Mena Drugs
 Clark, Justin Edward Assault, Possession of Cocaine & Resisting Arrest	 Hida, Amos L. Domestic Violence	 If you don't want to see yourself here, turn yourself in and address your problems with dignity.	 Krosinsky, Steven E. Disorderly Conduct
 Harrington, Patrick Drug Paraphernalia	 Brd, Gregory M. Fail to Pay Child Support	 Yonce, John R. Unlawful Restraint	 Thompson, Cory S. Fail to Pay Child Support
 Churchill, Christopher J. Burglary & Theft	 Hython, Michael S. Non Support	 Ikant, Undy F. Fail to Pay Child Support	 Modic, Raymond A. Fail to Pay Child Support
 Eden, John K II Criminal Damaging & Endangering	 Dokes, Willie Edward III Drug Possession	 Donaldson, David L. Drug Paraphernalia & DUS	 Shackelford Jr., Dana G. Fail to Pay Child Support

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Make a  
Difference**