



Engaging Community Partners



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What we do

Queen's Park Detachment



- After 9/11, the Provincial Government decided to elevate security by hiring OPP Constables along OGPS Special Constables for the complexes that have the highest concentration of Ministries within one area.
- The Queen's Park Detachment is a unique Detachment because it is the only OPP Detachment that has a full compliment of Special Constables and Provincial Constables provide security to the Ontario Public Service.



OPP / RAAM Partnership

GTA RAAM Clinics

Rapid access addiction medicine (RAAM) clinics are drop-in clinics for people looking for help with their substance use. You don't need an appointment – just show up during clinic hours with your health card.

This pamphlet contains information about the RAAM clinics in the GTA.

www.metaphi.ca

**The law protects you
so you can protect each other.**

If you call 911 to report an overdose, the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act protects you from simple drug possession charges.

Canada.ca/Opioids
#StopOverdoses





Shift in Policing

News >

OPP undergoes 'massive' shift in approach to opioid crisis, every OD now probed

June 10, 2019

By The Canadian Press

Technology, real-time data collection and mandated investigation of all fatal and non-fatal overdose calls are some of the new tools Ontario's provincial police say they're using to deal with a growing opioid crisis.

"We're changing the way we do business, how we look at overdoses and how we investigate them," said Supt. Bryan McKillop, the head of the force's opioid working group. "This is a massive change for us."

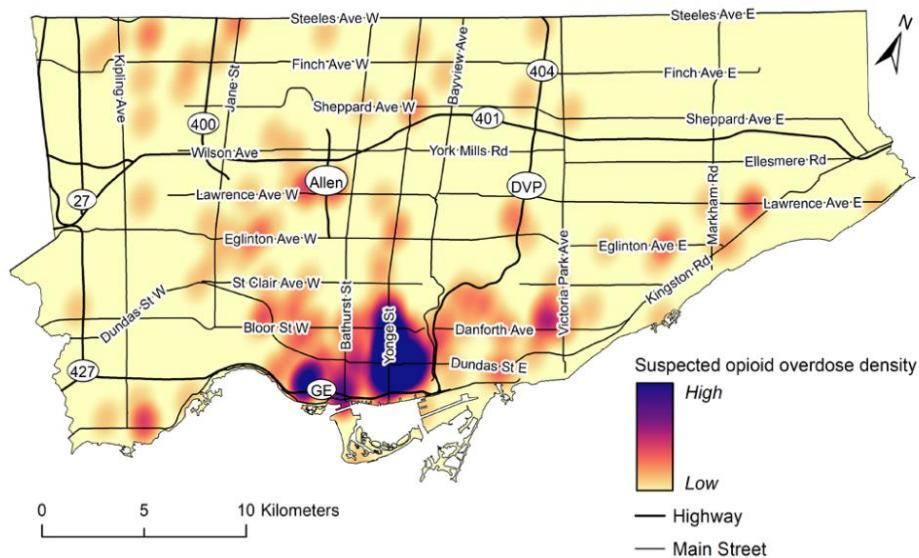


Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act

Recent Numbers in Toronto

Weekly number of suspected opioid overdose calls received by Toronto Paramedic Services, Toronto, June 3 to September 1, 2019

Week*	Non-Fatal	Fatal
Jun-03	110	3
Jun-10	97	1
Jun-17	83	1
Jun-24	64	2
Jul-01	77	2
Jul-08	48	3
Jul-15	48	4
Jul-22	55	0
Jul-29	79	2
Aug-05	35	2
Aug-12	56	4
Aug-19	48	1
Aug-26	80	2



Source: Toronto Paramedic Services, Electronic Patient Care Record, August 1 to 31, 2019.

Extracted September 4, 2019

“Since August 7, 2017, Toronto Paramedic Service attended 67 non-fatal and three fatal suspected opioid overdoses per week on average. Fatal cases include those where the patient died on scene and the coroner was notified.”



The Angel Program

- In 2015, the Gloucester Police Department implemented the Angel Program
- The program is set up in a way to allow individuals to ask police officers for help in getting into treatment. Treatment for these individuals is immediate
- The first year of the program 400 individuals were placed in treatment
- The success of the program is due to immediate access to appropriate treatment
- 150 other police agencies across the US have adopted the program
- The program is a success story, 95% of individuals receive treatment through program



Expanding the Partnership

- Officers would distribute doses of Naloxone to individuals who are at risk of an opioid overdose
- **Pre-charge diversion** (for adults) or “**alternative measures**” (for young persons) happens when the police agree not to charge a person with a criminal offence, normally where the person has been arrested for a minor offence – instead, the police will issue a warning or caution or refer the person to a rehabilitative program for help



Conclusion

“The VPD recognizes that our expertise lies in public safety and not in addictions treatment. However, we cannot arrest our way out of the opioid crisis. As first responders, we routinely come across individuals who require addiction care but have nowhere to turn. First responders are uniquely positioned to help refer individuals to treatment services...”