



# Troy Police Department



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### PRESS CONFERENCE

**Location:** Troy Police Department, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084

**Date / Time:** Tuesday, April 27th, at 12:00 noon

## Partnership Creates New Troy Initiative to Compassionately Combat the Opioid Epidemic

We are proud to announce a joint partnership between **Families Against Narcotics (FAN)** and the **Troy Police Department** with the creation of:

**FAN COMEBACK Quick Response Team** (<https://www.comebackqrt.com/>)

This new initiative is a compassionate way to assist individuals struggling with addiction as a result of either Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). The Quick Response Team (QRT) is a three-member unit consisting of a police officer, certified peer recovery coach, and certified family recovery coach. Within 72 hours of a non-fatal drug overdose, this team visits the home where a first responder previously assisted with the life-threatening event.

The team's objective is to make contact with the individual who overdosed, as well as their family. The team will offer compassionate support, information, and assistance in obtaining recovery services, in addition to connecting the individual and family with community resources.

This model has had significant success in other locations, like Huntington, West Virginia, where overdose ambulance runs were reduced by 40 percent in one year. Since its inception in February of 2020 as a pilot program with the Sterling Heights Police Department, FAN's COMEBACK QRT initiative has expanded quickly and now operates out of 15 law enforcement agencies across the state: these include the police departments in Sterling Heights, Allen Park, Berkley, Ferndale, Gaylord, Grayling, Madison Heights, Midland, Roseville, Saginaw, Taylor, Waterford, and now Troy; and the sheriff's offices in Crawford and Otsego counties. To date, the QRT program has made 820 home visits and offered resources and support to 497 families.

Compassion truly is greater than stigma.

"This program comes to our department at a perfect time," Troy Police Sergeant Jason Clark revealed.

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*Funding for the Quick Response Team was provided by Impact100 Oakland County.*



“Just this week, our midnight shift responded to an overdose and revived an unconscious patient using Narcan. This is the second overdose by this resident this year, and the second time first responders administered Narcan to save the same individual. This resident also served a jail sentence this year for previous crimes. Obviously, incarceration is not the answer and does not provide the necessary assistance to a person with substance use disorder. Narcan helps us save lives, but is not the long-term fix we need for individuals facing addiction. The COMEBACK program is a new tool we have to help people who overdose on drugs.”

Funding for the Troy QRT was provided by Impact100 Oakland County, an organization that brings women together to engage in impactful, large-scale giving to support nonprofits serving Oakland County. “In 2020, we selected Families Against Narcotics as one of our three 2020 grant recipients to help support the Quick Response Team,” explains Robyn Roberts, an Impact100 Oakland County board member and their Director of External Communications. “Our membership was drawn to the mission of FAN and the needs they were fulfilling in Oakland County with the QRT program. We are thrilled to be able to watch the program grow and expand its outreach based on the support of FAN and our grant.”

Please join us for this press conference at the Troy Police Department, located at 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. in Troy, to learn more about this new initiative.

### **About Families Against Narcotics**

Founded in 2007, Families Against Narcotics (FAN) is a nonprofit organization based in Macomb County, Michigan. They work to educate communities statewide about addiction, dispel the stigma associated with the disease, and compassionately support and assist those affected by it. FAN’s initiatives include Hope Not Handcuffs and the COMEBACK Quick Response Team post-overdose wellness check program. The organization has more than 20 chapters across the state of Michigan. Learn more at [familiesagainstnarcotics.org](https://familiesagainstnarcotics.org).

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