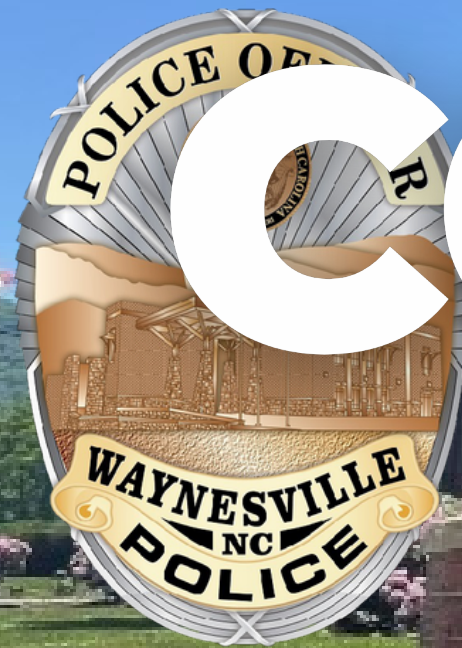


**WAYNESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

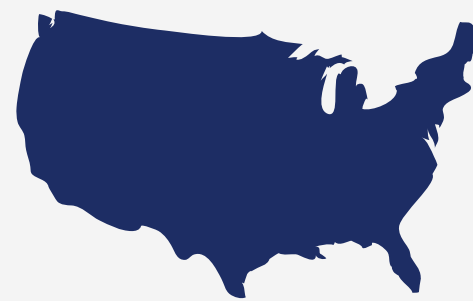


**COMMUNITY MEETING**

**June 2nd, 2022**

# OVERDOSE

## Fentanyl / Opioid Crisis



34	2018	Non-Fatal OD Cases WPD
18	2019	
17	2020	
30	2021	
12	2022	

Leading cause of death for 18-45 year olds

**NINE** a day

93,331 in year 2020

WPD: 2021 Fatal = **7**

**NINE** Deployments by WPD in 2021



3,118



Haywood EMS '21  
**134** Overdoses  
**126** Deployments

2015-2019 Highest Rate of Death per 100,000

The rate of unintentional overdose deaths among residents of Haywood County in 2020 was 24.1 (Rate per 100,000 residents. Number of deaths 15)



FEBRUARY 2021

"Deceptive marketing practices that created and fueled the opioid epidemic"

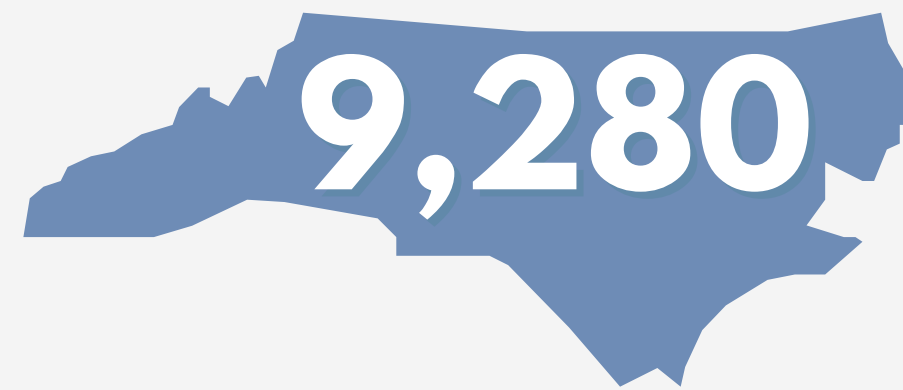
POST-OVERDOSE RESPONSE

**\$573** Million Multi-State Settlement

Outreach  
Information  
Investigation

# HOMELESS

Sheltered & Unsheltered...

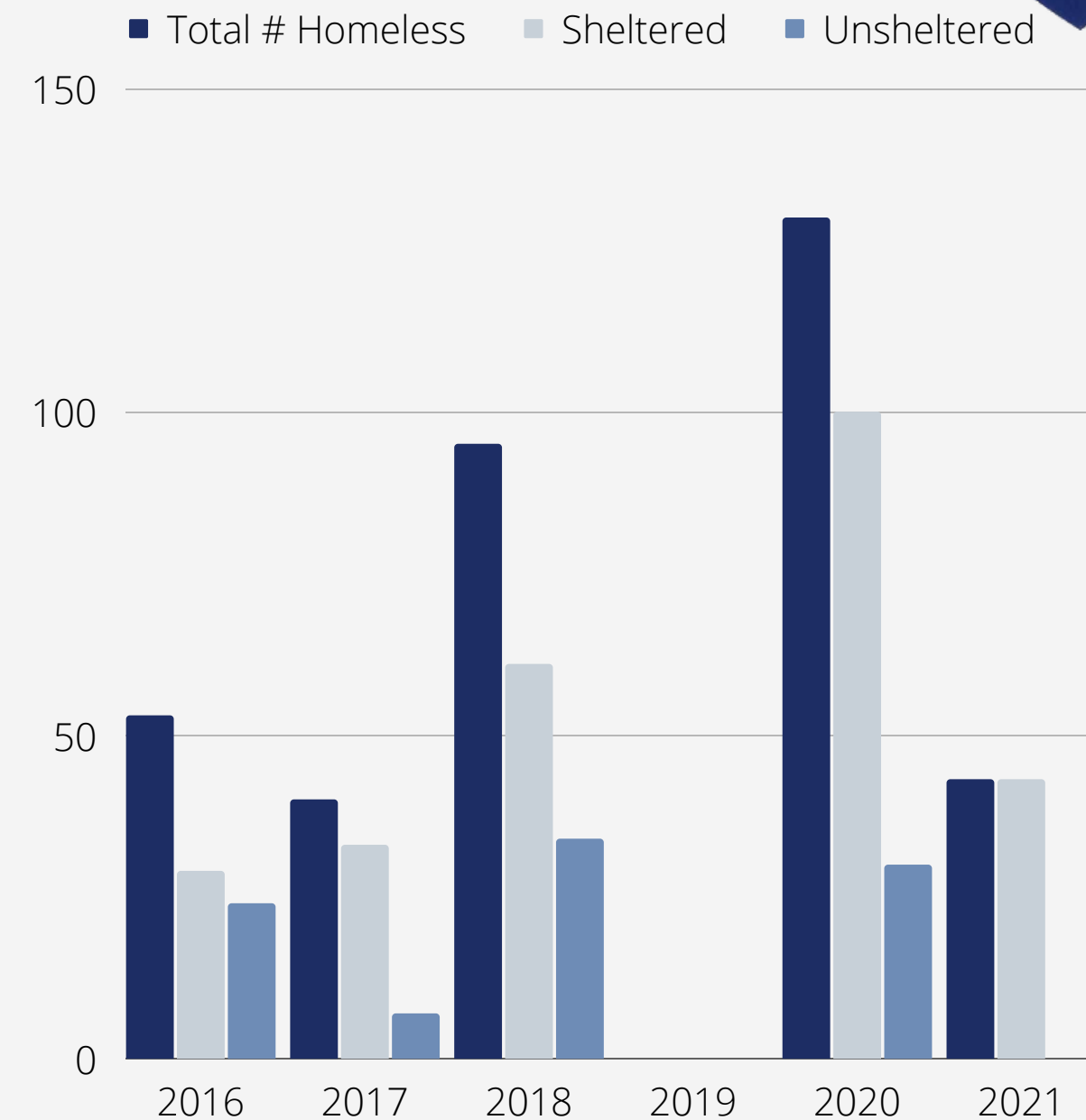


Homelessness has decreased by 24% since 2010  
nccch.org



## Point in Time Count - Haywood County - 2016-2021

	TOTAL	🏠	🏠 <del>X</del>
2016	53	29	24
2017	40	33	7
2018	95	61	34
2019	53	53	*
2020	130	100	30
2021	43	43	*



# HOMELESS

Sheltered & Unsheltered...



## What is Chronic Homelessness?

Chronic homelessness is used to describe people who have experienced homelessness for at least a year — or repeatedly — while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical disability.

**"addiction and lack of support system."**

Heroin Addict & Homeless Survivor.



- There were **110,528** homeless individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness. That is **27 percent** of the total population of homeless individuals.
- **66 percent** of chronically homeless individuals were living on the street, in a car, park, or other location not meant for human habitation.
- Since 2007, the number of individuals with patterns of chronic homelessness has declined 8 percent. However, **between 2019 and 2020 this number increased by 15 percent.**

**UNSHELTERED**



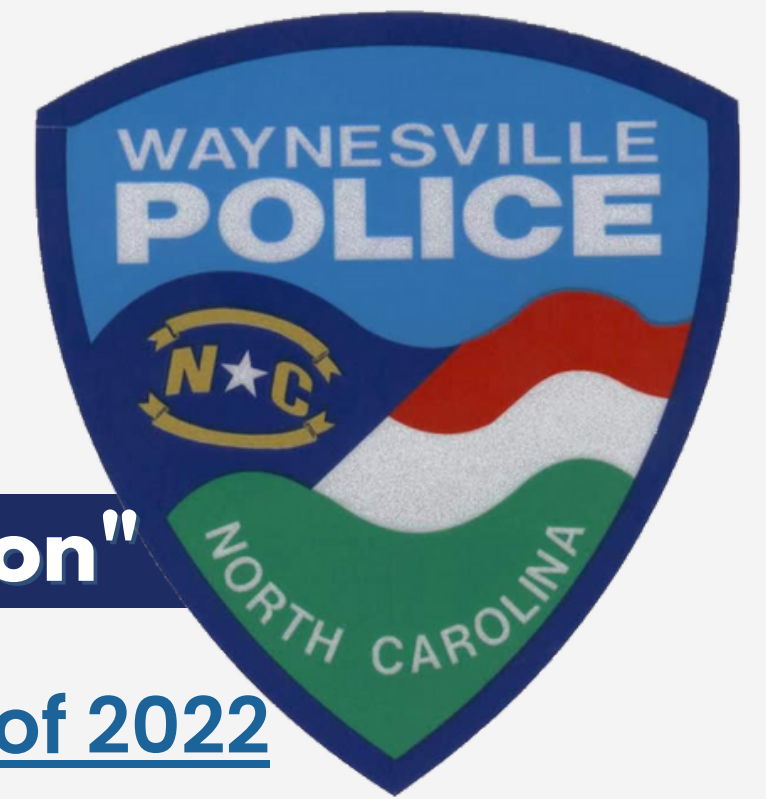
**Addiction  
&  
Disaffiliation**

...end an official connection.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



# HOMELESS



## Police Encounters...

"Service Resistant Population"

### October of 2020

47 People =  
73 Encounters  
22 - Felons  
12 - Probation  
2 - Sex Offenders

**28** had pending charges

### November of 2020

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### March of 2022

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8 - Felons  
19=Sub. Abuse

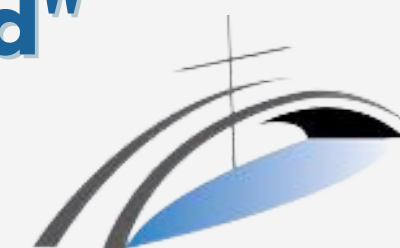
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## Encampments:

**Active & Abandoned**



"Sheltered vs. Unsheltered"



**Haywood**  
Pathways Center

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Sheltered & Unsheltered...

## Police Encounters...

### Areas being addressed:

Behind Walmart

Fisher Field and adjoining property

Bridges

Creek banks along the Richland

### Subjects frequently being dealt with:

John Kirk (Currently Incarcerated)

Travis Paul

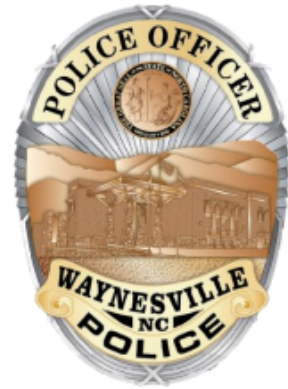
Paul Fooks

Michael Mascarenas (Currently Incarcerated)

Kelly Coe

**"Service Resistant Population"**



WAYNESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT						
Field Contact						
	NAME:		DOB:	POB:		
	ADDRESS:			PHONE:		
	SEX:	RACE:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	HAIR:	EYES:
	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS:					
	DATE OF CONTACT:	TIME OF CONTACT:	LOCATION OF CONTACT:			
	STATED REASON FOR BEING IN THE AREA:			CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING CONTACT:		
OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT:						
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:						
CONTACTING OFFICER:						

**As of today...**



JOHN KIRK

**27-52 MONTHS**



MICHAEL MASCARENAS

**8-16 MONTHS**



# Five Pillars

to addressing & holding up potential solutions for addressing this issue...

## 1. Revitalize the Mental Health System in N.C.

\*This is a complex issue that I do not claim to be an expert in. That said, the mental health crisis is fueling this issue. This could be done with redirecting Opioid Settlement money to address this need.

## 2. Accountability based Drug & Rehab Programs/Court

\*This is currently in the works with a Treatment Court starting in Haywood County this Fall.

## 3. Treatment First over Housing First - "Abstinence-Contingent Housing"

\* There is credible research that has found ways to use housing to reduce addiction with accountability.

\*Harvard Study (2005 - 2019) - 73 chronically unsheltered individuals / 45% Death Rate / Trimorbidity 86%  
At ≥10 year 12%

## 4. By name database to track/document/and help address the needs of those who are homeless.

\*A by name list approach has worked in other cities and helped drastically decrease those suffering from homelessness.

## 5. Incarceration!

We must embrace the idea that Jail is not killing people, addiction is. Jail, whether that be pretrial or post-trial may save someone's life. It is not uncommon for people to ask us to put them in jail because they know, that in there they are safe from themselves. That's their words, not mine.