

ODMAP Spotlight Series:

Washington County
Sheriff's Office
Washington County, NY



Keep your community aware and prepared

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is located in upstate New York, about 60 miles north of Albany, sharing borders with the State of Vermont and the east side of Lake George. The county is mainly rural, with law enforcement duties shared among the Sheriff's Office, four village police agencies, and the New York State Police.

In 2014, a local committee consisting of law enforcement and community partners was formed to combat the notable increase in local drug trafficking, arrests, and substance use. Since this time, the Washington County Sheriff's Office has continued to advance their efforts by implementing new strategies, partnerships, and programs to aid in combatting the local drug epidemic.



In 2022, the Washington County Sheriff's Office became a New York State Opioid Prevention Program site, increasing the community outreach initiatives by providing education and harm reduction strategies, including the distribution of naloxone training/kits to civilians, inmates upon release, businesses, and organizations within the county. This program includes training their agency members to deliver on-scene civilian training providing a "Leave Behind Kit" to family members at the scene of overdose. Additional public trainings are offered in partnership with Fire/EMS agencies, non-profit organizations, and schools throughout the county. By utilizing overdose data, they will target rural communities within the county that may benefit based on their location and/or any recent overdose related incidents.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office continues to collaborate with their law enforcement and community partners in addition to government agencies, such as public health and County officials as they work to collect data, increase public awareness, and coordinate their local response efforts.

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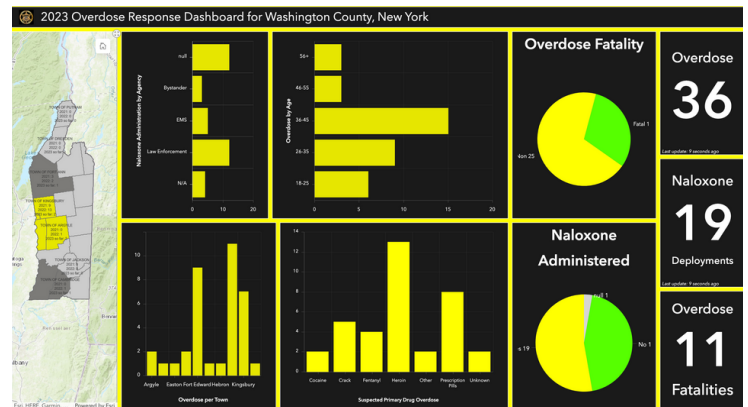
INTEGRATION

As part of their increased efforts, the Washington County Sheriff's Office implemented the use of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) within their agency to assist in tracking overdoses throughout the region. ODMAP has assisted them in reviewing local trends and increasing their data sharing with other law enforcement agencies. The Washington County Sheriff's Office was designated as the point of contact (POC) for Village Police Agencies within the county, which has streamlined efforts and increased the accuracy of tracking and reporting.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office utilizes this data to assist in identifying a sudden spike in overdose related incidents, which has supported efforts to notify their partnering agencies and issue community-based alerts. Additionally, their agency continues to use this data to review long term trends within their rural communities and their adjacent counties.

In 2021, the Washington County Sheriff's Office developed a local overdose dashboard accessible to the public including reported overdoses by law enforcement and the Coroner's office.

This initiative has led to an increased awareness stimulating effective communication and response practices.



Visit the Washington County Dashboard here



ODMAP Spike Alert Explainer Video

Visit <http://www.odmap.org/> to learn more about ODMAP or please email odmap@wb.hidta.org. For more information about Washington County Sheriff's Office and their ODMAP initiative, visit the Washington County Sheriff's Office website.

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