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PRESS RELEASE (2 pages): Vance & Adjacent Counties Fentvic Meetup #7 on 11/5/23

FENTANYL VICTIMS' FAMILIES ORGANIZE TO FIGHT ILLICIT FENTANYL IN NC!

Fentvic Meetup #7 for Vance & Adjacent Counties NC (open to the public)

Sunday, November 5, from 2-4PM Pentecostal Holiness Church, 621 US-158 Bypass, Henderson NC 27536

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WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO COVER or ATTEND?

- 1. Help save lives by educating the public about the dangers of fentanyl
- 2. Educate law enforcement and district attorneys about fentanyl victim families
- 3. Meet families devastated by fentanyl
- 4. Hear and share fentanyl victim families' stories then make their communities safer!

STATISTICS (sources & data can be found on page 2, or go to fentvic.org website under Resources Tab, NC County Fentanyl Reports and NC OCME reports)

- 80 fentanyl fatalities in last 9 years in Vance County (NC DPH Injury & Violence Prevention Branch, Epidemiology Unit)
- = 80 Vance County families permanently damaged by fentanyl
- 16,002 NC residents killed by fentanyl 2013-July 2023 (NC OCME)
- 8 more NC residents die each day from undisclosed deadly illicit fentanyl additives
- Fentanyl is #1 killer of NC and US residents ages 14-35 (CDC 2022)

FENTANYL DEATHS IN VANCE AND ADJACENT COUNTIES (sources & data can be found on page 2, or go to fentvic.org website click Resources Tab, scroll down to NC County Fentanyl Reports and NC OCME reports)

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FENTANYL DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE!

- Victims do not know fake pills contain deadly fentanyl additives!
- Fentanyl kills babies, toddlers, middle and high schoolers, college students and young adults
- Fentanyl is #1 killer of NC and US residents ages 14-35 (source: CDC 2022)

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For journalists and the public: Below are links to NC County Fentanyl Fatality Reports & Sources which were referenced in the <u>Press Release for the Fentvic Meetup #7 Vance and Adjacent Counties</u>.

Each link has a table with graph on 9 years of ALL NC County medication/drug fatalities and along with fentanyl fatality data. These reports for all 100 NC Counties can be found and downloaded from website <u>fentvic.org</u>.

The data sources are included on each report. Fentvic.org generates these reports from quarterly data updates provided to Fentanyl Victims Network of North Carolina by North Carolina Division of Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Informatics Unit.

Franklin County

https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Franklin County.pdf

Granville County

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Person County

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Vance County

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Warren County

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