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## Boone Police issues PSA after responding to four overdose calls Saturday

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BOONE — The Boone Police Department has issued a public service announcement after officers responded to four overdose calls on Saturday, July 1.

“These were very serious cases and we came very close to losing a young man. We suspect fentanyl may be involved,” the department stated. “If you have never had to tell parents that their child is gone, consider yourself lucky. Unfortunately, we have lost count on how many times we have had to give parents and family members the worst news of their life, and we hope not to have to do it again today.

The department stated officers spend a lot of time and effort to arrest and disrupt drug traffickers and have a good deal of success intercepting shipments before it arrives in Boone, but cannot get it all.

“While I don’t condone the use of illegal substances, we care about everyone in our community, including those who struggle with addiction,” Boone Police Chief Andy Le Beau said. “Our goal is to save lives by encouraging users to get help and to bring drug dealers to justice.”

BPD is working with Homestead Recovery – located at 482 State Farm Road – to get information about how and where people can get help.

They do have Narcan and test strips available in the purple mailbox outside of Homestead Recovery that is available right now. Boone Police stated that people should not rely on Narcan, though.

“Four people have gotten it wrong today and almost died,” the department stated. “If anyone has bought drugs or thinking about it – please don’t. Narcan doesn’t always work.”

BPD is investigating these cases. Community members who know of any information that could assist the department can contact Detective Jake Harkey at (828) 264-3761 (option #2) or [jake.harkey@townofboone.net](mailto:jake.harkey@townofboone.net).

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