

Save Lives Together Awards Ceremony @ Forum about Fentanyl 4/12/25 Beaufort, NC

When: Saturday, April 12, 2:00-4:00 pm
Where: Beaufort Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Carteret County
Why: Recognize #1 NC team who successfully pursues justice for fentanyl victim families
Who: Awards ceremony honoring Sheriff Buck, DA Thomas, ADA Spence, LA Gillikin. Recognition of fentanyl victim families. Open to the Public. Guest speaker Brooke Barnhill, Manager, Carteret County DHHS Post Overdose Response Team will conduct naloxone training and resources.

CONTACTS

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2. Local Co-Host: Shannon Adams, brother of Ryan Adams, Forever 41. 252-241-6229, shannonadams68@gmail.com.

PURPOSE

1. Dedication and expertise are needed to remove fentanyl traffickers from the community. The honorees will describe what makes them the best in NC
2. Learn how to save a life: naloxone training and distribution of FREE naloxone
3. Public safety education and prevention materials provided
4. Spark safety conversations about the dangers of illicit fentanyl, particularly counterfeit pressed pills (Adderall, Xanax, Percocet, Oxycontin), and access to life-saving naloxone in schools and the community
5. Connect NC Fentanyl Victim Families to one another for support and advocacy.

FACTS

- 18,959 NC residents killed by fentanyl in 10 years, 2013-2023 (NC OCME December 2024)
- 7 out of 10 'street' pressed copy-cat pills contain lethal fentanyl additives (DEA 2023)

COUNTY	DA	SHERIFF	FENTANYL FATALITIES	DBD ARRESTS	POPULATION	LINKS
Carteret	Thomas	Buck	168	29	70,000	Carteret County link www.fentvic.org
Craven	Thomas	Hughes	349	2	103,000	Craven County link www.fentvic.org
Jones	Lee	Wineman	20	0	10,000	Jones County link www.fentvic.org
Onslow	Lee	Thomas	334	8	195,000	Onslow County link www.fentvic.org
Pamlico	Thomas	Davis	53	6	14,000	Pamlico County link www.fentvic.org
TOTALS			924	45	392,000	

Fentanyl fatality data source: NC State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics Death Certificate Data

Links to NC fentanyl fatality data. Go to www.fentvic.org website, select **RESOURCES** tab, select **NC COUNTY REPORTS**, select **COUNTY NAME** you are interested in.

ABOUT: fentvic.org is a charitable nonprofit located in Wake County NC. Fentvic.org is a nonpartisan action-oriented statewide grassroots nonprofit that promotes Public Safety, Education, Justice, Advocacy, and Support of NC fentanyl victim families in all 100 NC Counties. This is the 28th public safety & education event hosted by fentvic.org in North Carolina.

RULES: Non-partisan public event. Treat victim families with dignity and respect. Avoid trigger word 'overdose.' Prohibited: political statements/ranting, banners, helium balloons, firearms, alcohol