



HOW DO WE SOLVE THE DRUG PROBLEM?



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- Nationally?
 - Locally?
 - Pharmaceutical drugs?
 - Clandestine drugs?
 - All drugs everywhere?



What is a drug?



- A drug is defined as:
- A substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease.
- A substance (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body.

Classification of Drugs

- Depressants
- Stimulants
- Narcotics
- Hallucinogen





Examples



- Depressants - Nicotine, Alcohol, Valium, Klonopin
- Stimulants - Caffeine, Methamphetamine, Adderall
- Narcotics - Oxycodone, Morphine, Tylenol with Codeine, Opioids
- Hallucinogens - Some benzodiazepines, Psilocybin, L.S.D.

Types of Drugs

- Over the counter or non prescription
- Prescription
 - Controlled Substances
 - NYS Public Health Law 3306 Schedule I, II, III, IV, V

Controlled Substances

- **Schedule I** - L.S.D., Heroin, Methaqualone, Phencyclidine, Psilocybin, Tetrahydrocannabinol. Schedule I drugs have the greatest degree of physical and psychological dependency and are not used for any medicinal reasons. Illegal to prescribe.
- **Schedule II** - Medicinal drugs such as Codeine, Morphine, Fentanyl, Cocaine, Methadone, Amphetamines (Adderall, Ritalin), Anabolic Steroids. Schedule II drugs have the greatest degree of physical and psychological dependency of any prescription drugs.

Controlled Substances (continued)

- **Schedule III** - Ketamine (known as a date rape drug. Used to administer anesthesia), Suboxone (used to treat heroin addiction) Schedule III drugs have a lesser degree of physical and psychological dependency than Schedule II drugs.
- **Schedule IV** - Klonopin (Clonazepam), Alprazolam (Xanax), Diazepam (Valium) Schedule IV drugs have a lesser degree of physical and psychological dependency than schedule III drugs.
- **Schedule V** - Drugs with minimal amounts of opioids or other controlled substances in them. Schedule V drugs have the least degree of physical and psychological dependency of any prescription drugs.

How we made the problem worse

- People want to live a pain free life.
- Medical personnel try to ensure that people have the least amount of pain in their life.
- Medical personnel have minimal training in medical school relative to the addictive nature of the drugs they prescribe.
- We've become a pill popping society.
- People have become addicted to pain killers (OPIOIDS).
- Heroin addiction.



Heroin Addiction



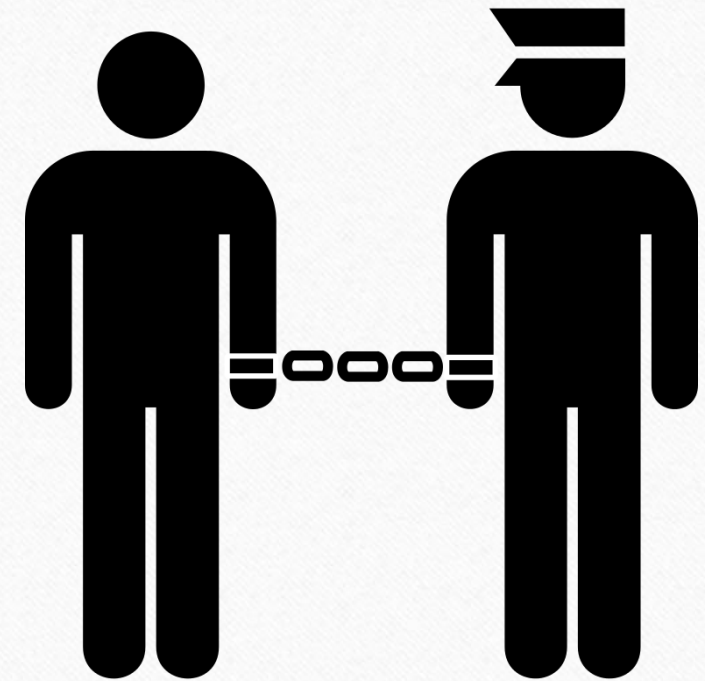
- Once a poor person's drug.
- Nobody cared about the indigent person on the street corner "shooting up" or overdosing and dying.
- Today the "rich suburbanite" has become addicted to heroin.

Results of Heroin Addiction

- People are overdosing and dying.
- Medical personnel now receiving much more training regarding the dependency and addiction of various drugs.
- Introduction of NARCAN or Naloxone. Starting to be prescribed.
- Heroin is now being laced with Fentanyl which is 50 to 100 times stronger than heroin.
- Fentanyl exposure.
- Public outcry.
- Formations of more task forces to deal with dependency.

AND

- INCREASE OF CRIME
 - White collar crime
 - Violent crime



Strategies to reduce the drug problem in our Country

- Prevention through
 - Education
- Treatment
 - Voluntary
 - Non voluntary - Mental Health Law
- Enforcement



Strategies to reduce the
drug problem in the

Village of Brockport

Village Considerations



Village Considerations

Produce a viable and comprehensive plan for the Village to include:

- A moratorium on additional rental properties.

Increase Tax Revenue by:

- Develop the State Street and Fair Street Properties.
- Develop Clinton Street.

Implement a “Broken Windows” approach to Code Enforcement & Policing in the Village

- Originally implemented in NYC in the 1990’s
- Philosophy: If little violations are addressed, larger violations are prevented or reduced.
- This philosophy works, but not without a collaborative and aggressive approach by all municipal departments.

Petition SUNY Brockport

- To expel anyone **ARRESTED** for sale of drugs or possession with intent to sell drugs

And....

- Anyone who subsequently pleads guilty to the violation charged or any reduction thereof.



Local Judges



- Encourage our local Judges to consider imposing the highest of fines for offenses related to **“Quality of Life Violations.”**
- **ALL** quality of life issues need to be addressed.
- **Current** fines may be too lenient.

Court Watch Dog Committee

- Create a small group to attend Village Court and record the penalties imposed for violations of law, specifically those related to quality of life issues.

Continuity of the Village Board

- 22 different people have sat on the Village Board over the past 15 years.
- This leads to a lack of continuity and future planning.

Hire a Village Manager

- The Village of Brockport is the largest village in Monroe County.
- When compared to other villages the size of Brockport, Brockport is the only village without a Village Manager.
- A Village Manager would establish continuity and ensure that various programs are implemented.

Implement a Points & Penalty System

- Absolutely the **BEST** single approach to holding **EVERYONE** accountable for their property!
- Find out where it's been implemented and model a policy for the Village.
- Don't take **NO** for an answer!

What can YOU do to help I.D. Drug Houses?



Look for the following:

- Large volume of traffic (cars or foot) staying short periods of time.
- Observe “Hand to Hand” exchanges.
- Windows blocked out.



Look for the following:

- Snow on the roof of a 3rd floor attic constantly melting.
- Black lights emanating from a basement or other window of a home.
- Small baggies or syringes found in a yard.

What can YOU do to help the Police?



The public can help by:

- Record dates and times of vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
- Record descriptions of cars and/or license plates.
- Description of suspects.
- Call “911” and ask for an officer to respond to your home, or come to the police department and speak with an officer, or ask to meet a police officer in a public location not to draw attention to your home.
- Call a tip line?



Police Department Considerations

Once a drug house or dealer has been identified implement one of the following investigative method's:

Mobile Surveillance

- Need to purchase undercover/non-descript cars.
- Is in this year's police budget.
- Drawback: time consuming and creates overtime.

Stationary Surveillance

- Time consuming.
- Creates overtime.



Other Investigative Methods:

- Covert Cameras
- Grand Jury Investigations
- Informants
- Eavesdropping Warrants

Other Investigative Methods

- Controlled undercover buys:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Those working with law enforcement officers.
- Examine phone records via “Dial Number Recorders”
- “Knock and Talk”

One Solution:

- Establish a Tactical Response Team that will:
 - Respond to major incidents
 - Become more proficient in the writing and execution of Search Warrants.

Questions:

- WITH SOLUTIONS
- Remember, if you are not part of the solution then you are a part of the problem.