

WHY LOCAL SECURITY IS NATIONAL SECURITY

2023

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July 14, 2023—Our Heroes




FARGO POLICE
PRESERVED TO THE WEST
NORTH DAKOTA




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OFFICER JAKE WALLIN
END OF WATCH
07.14.2023



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CRITICALLY
INJURED



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OFFICER ZACH ROBINSON
OFFICER INVOLVED IN THE
SHOOTING OF THE SUSPECT

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Chronology-Mohamad Barakat

- 1986: Born in Syria
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- 2011: Dentist in Syria
 - 2012: Enters U.S. via Syrian passport, files asylum application and resides in Fargo
 - 2013-2018: Granted asylum and works as a dental assistant in MN
 - 2/2021: Unable to pass certification test to be a dentist, turns to over the road truck driving

Chronology-Mohamad Barakat

- 7/2021: FBI Guardian referral re: concerns re: firearms/ammunition & mental stability; possibly a future mass shooter and dislike of the LGBTQ community.
 - investigated and all legal, no actionable conduct, FBI concurs
- 12/2021: U.S. Naturalized Citizen
- 9/2022: Fire at his apartment in Fargo, leads to police contact re: firearms/ammunition, investigated and all legal; he moves out of apartment to another Fargo location
- 6/2023: Fired from trucking job after on-duty crash; ongoing mental health and relational issues
- 7/9-7/13/23: Computer searches re: unemployed, suicide, mass shootings, upcoming Fargo events


Chronology- Officer-Involved Critical Incident

- 7/14/23: Officer Jake Wallin starts his shift @ 6am w/Police Training Officer Zachary Robinson
- 2:42pm: Accident occurs at 9th Ave. S & 25th St. S
- 2:49pm: Police Training Officer Andrew Dotas & his trainee Officer Tyler Hawes arrive and request assistance, Jake & Zach respond
- 2:53pm-3:01pm: Barakat is driving around area, stopping intermittently and ultimately parks @ 825 25th St. S
 - This location is elevated from the street in which the officers and a civilian are investigating the accident
 - The second car involved with multiple occupants, unwittingly parks next to Barakat's vehicle
- 3:04pm: As Officer's Dotas, Hawes, and Wallin approach second vehicle, Barakat opens fire striking all three officers and then exits car shooting civilian
 - Officer Robinson engages from the roadway, approximately 70 feet away and ultimately stops the threat after a 2 minute gun battle.
 - Officer Wallin gets off one shot before being fatally struck.

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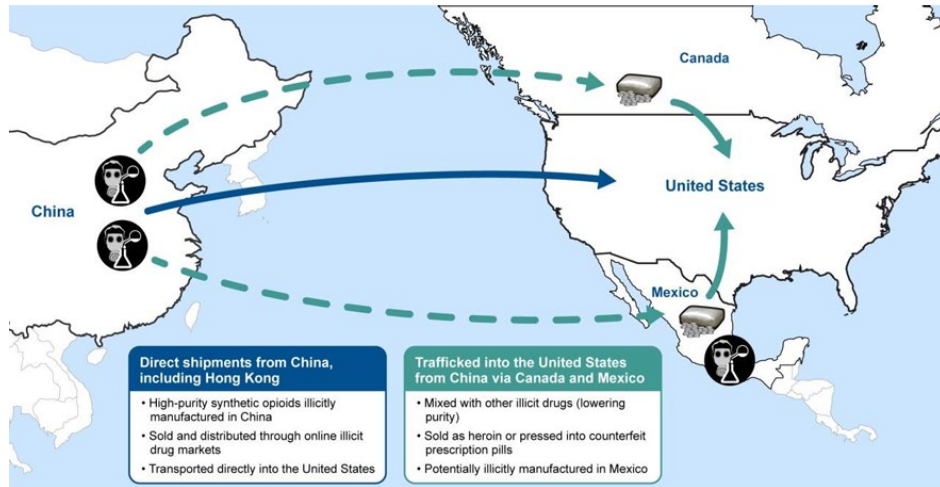
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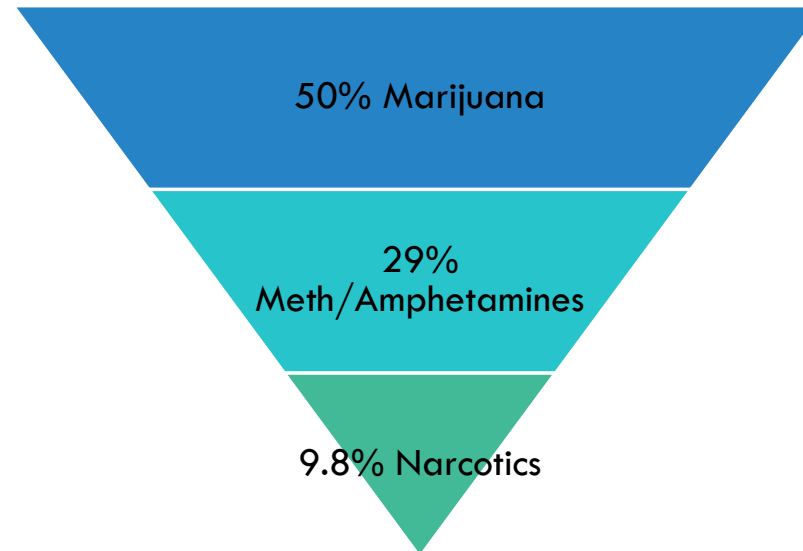
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Drug Threat in ND



2022 Cases by Drug Type



ND Drug Overdose Deaths	Year	Count
	2019	76
	2020	115
	2021	132*
	2022	132*
	2023	56*

*Preliminary Data

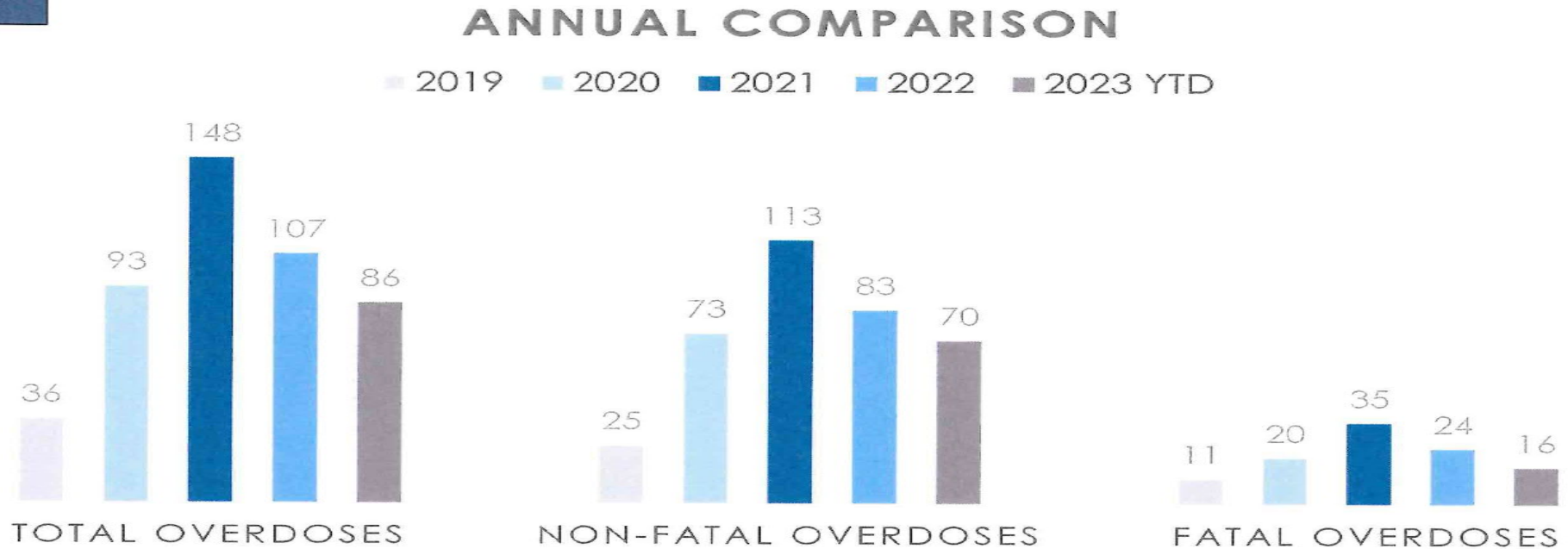
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2023 YTD OVERDOSES

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal
January	1	0	1	1	11	3	4	0	9	5
February	1	1	3	2	11	1	9	0	7	3
March	1	2	3	0	14	4	9	3	8	0
April	2	0	5	1	7	4	6	2	9	0
May	3	1	6	6	12	6	2	2	7	2
June	5	1	4	1	10	2	8	1	16	1
July	3	1	14	0	8	1	6	1	8	1
August	2	0	8	1	7	2	10	6	6	4
September	2	0	6	2	5	1	13	2		
October	0	2	3	2	8	1	3	2		
November	1	1	6	0	12	4	6	4		
December	4	2	14	5	8	6	7	1		
Total	25	11	73	21	113	35	83	24	70	16

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Figure 1



Overdoses rose drastically in 2020 and 2021, likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Total overdoses increased 161% from 2019 to 2020; and continued to increase another 57% from 2020 to 2021 (Figure 1). While 2021 shows the highest number of fatal overdoses, the overall percentage of fatal overdoses is continuing to trend downward, likely due to the availability and frequency of Narcan administration (Figure 2).

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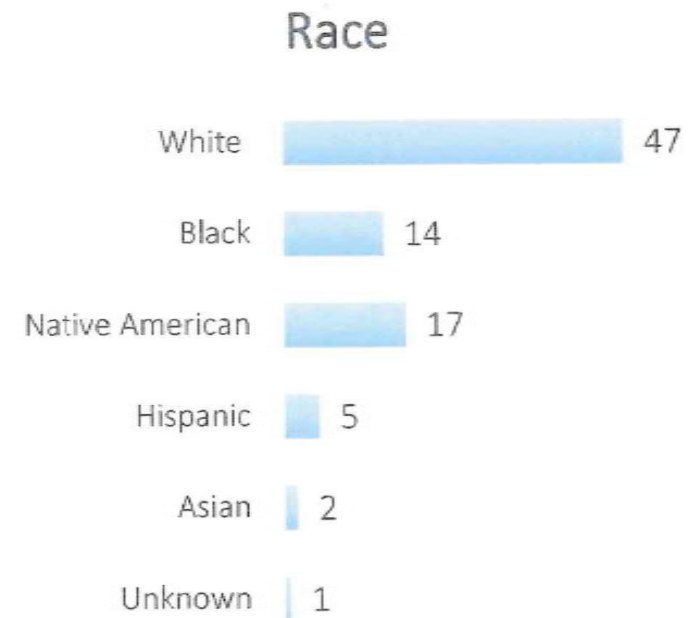
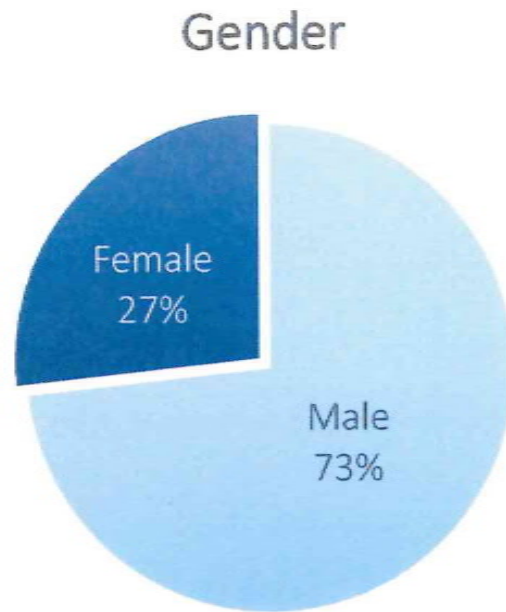
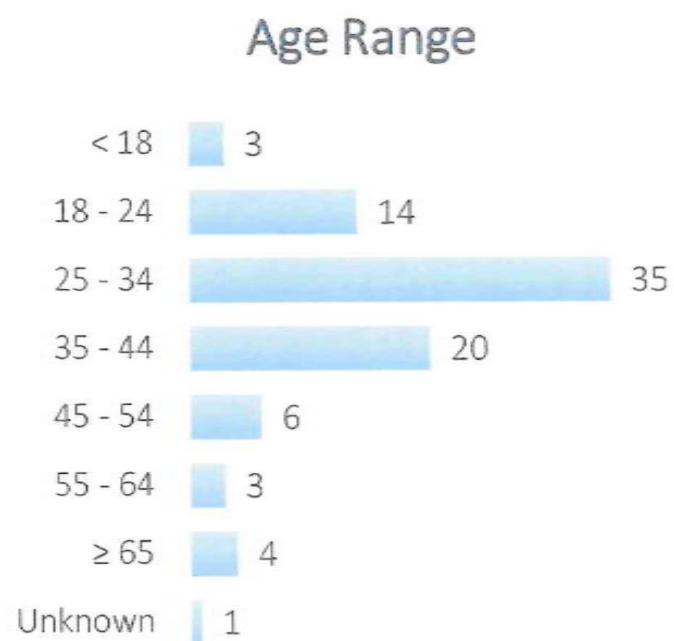
Average Age	Gender		Race		Narcan Uses	
34	Male:	63	White (Non-Hispanic):	47	Successful:	66
	Female:	23	Native American:	17	Unsuccessful:	6
			Black:	14	Fargo PD Uses:	22
			White (Hispanic):	5		
			Asian:	2		
			Unknown:	1		

Drugs Contributing to Deaths in 2023 (Suspected or Confirmed)					
Heroin:	0	Fentanyl / M30 Fentanyl Pill:	11	Methamphetamine:	1
Toxicology Pending:	4	THC:	1	Loperamide (synthetic opioid/anti-diarrheal)	1

**Decedents with multiple drugs reported are counted in each category*

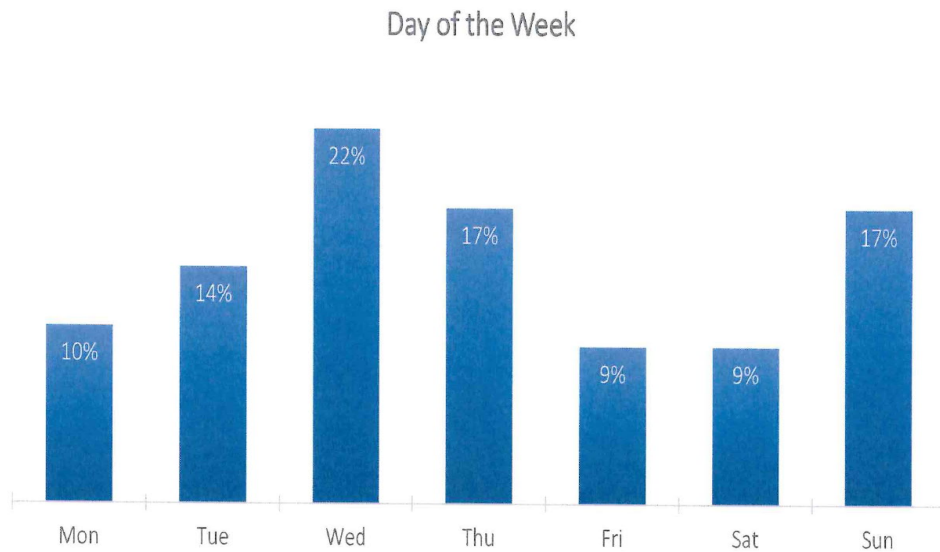
**Values may change as toxicology reports become available*

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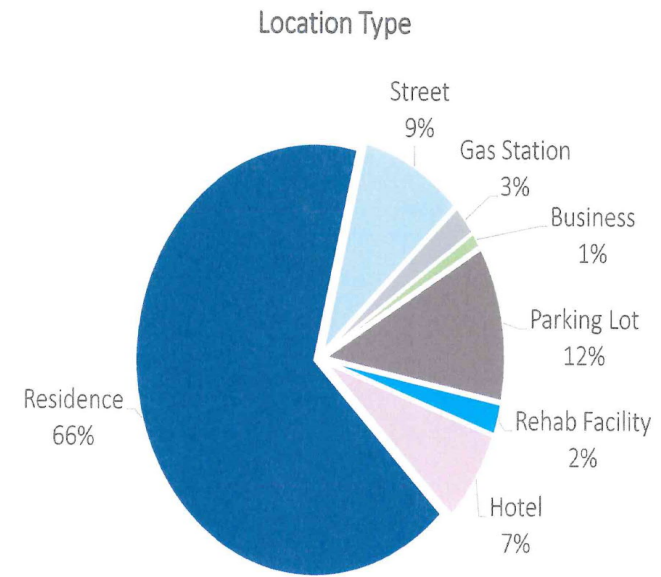


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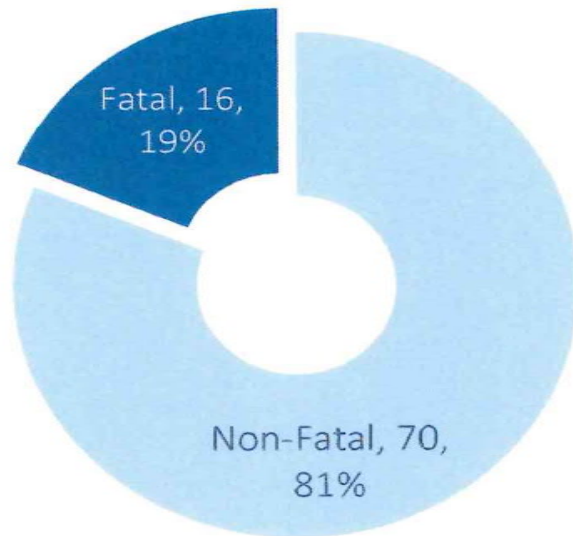
LOCATION TYPE



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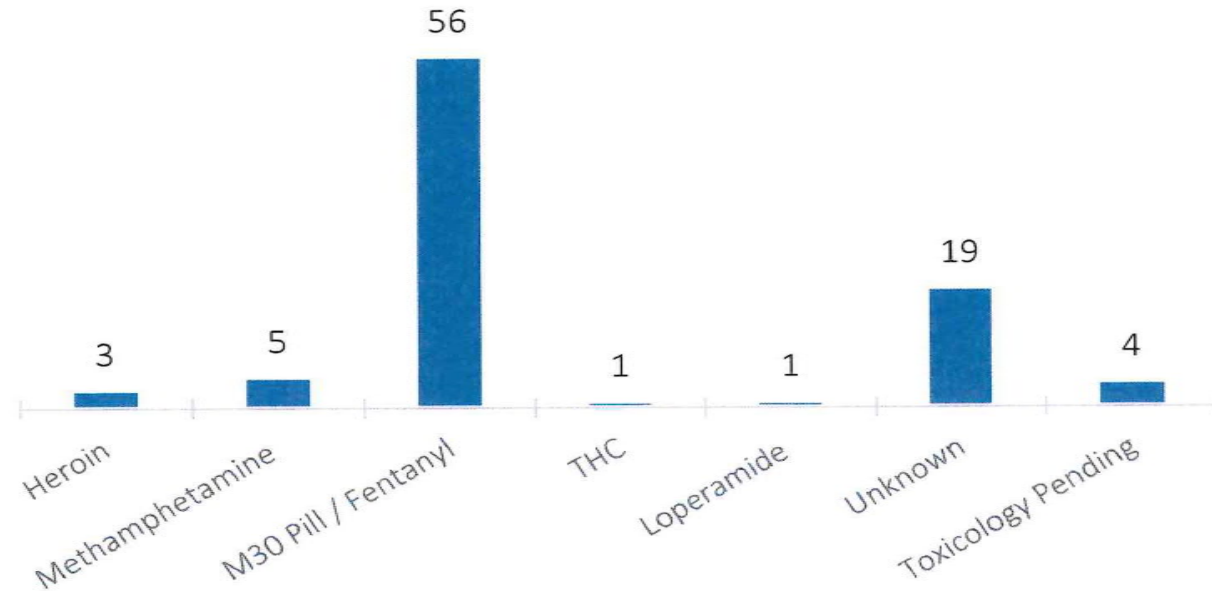
Non-Fatal vs Fatal



Drugs Contributing to All Overdoses

*Subjects with multiple drugs reported are counted in each category

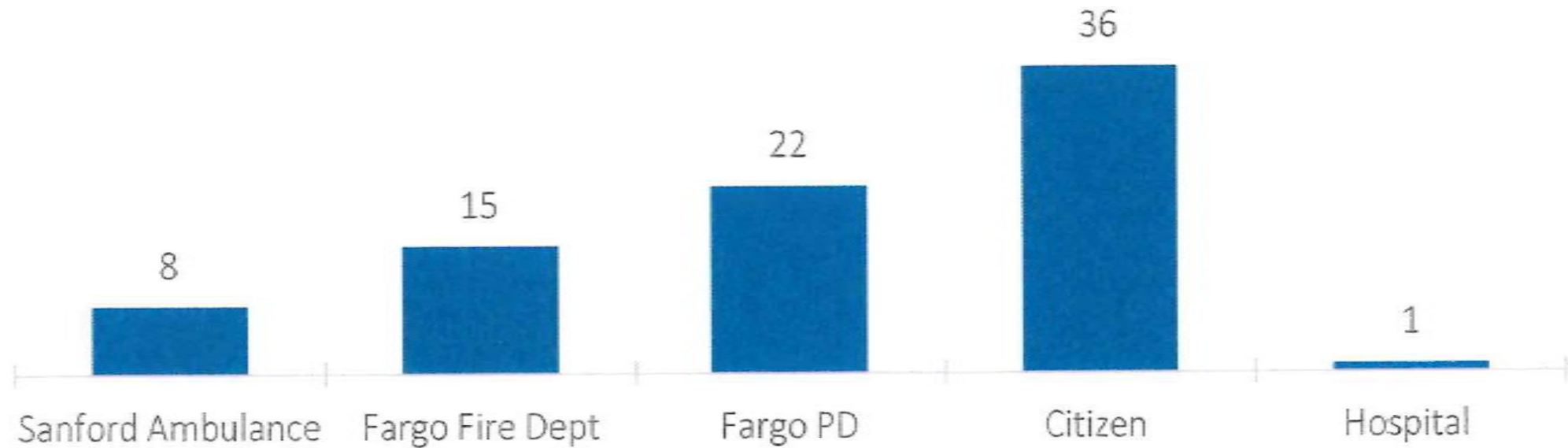
*Unknown = Victim would not disclose



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Narcan Administration

*Subjects receiving Narcan from multiple entities are counted in each category

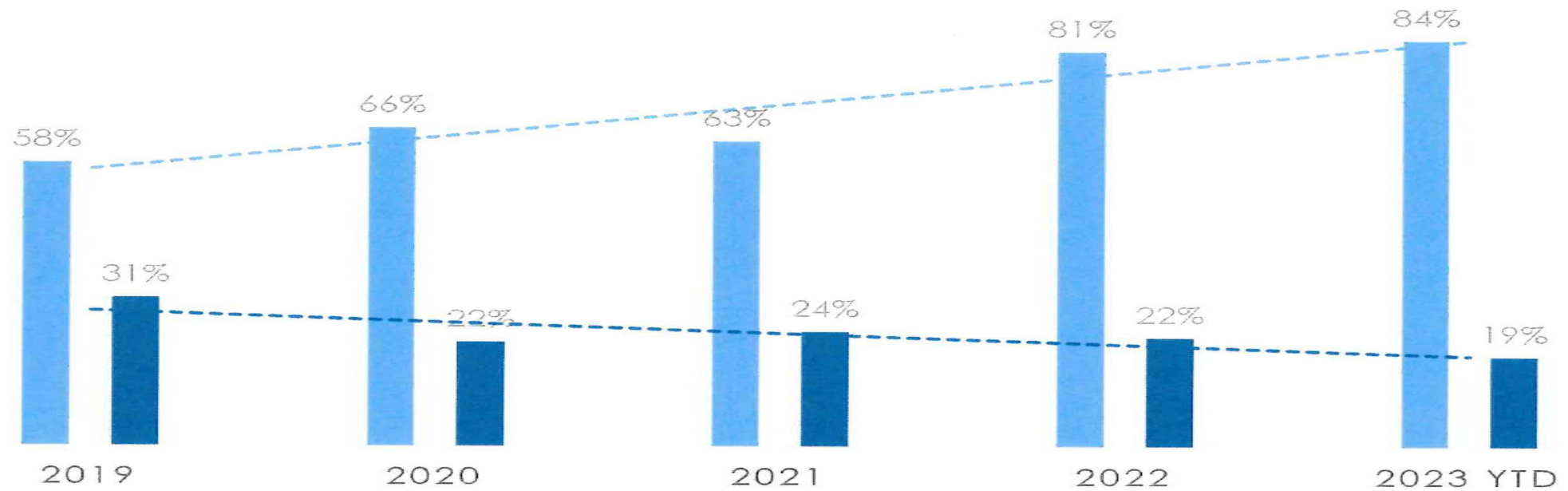


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PERCENTAGE OF NARCAN USE AND DEATHS

■ % of Narcan Use ■ % of Deaths



Available State Resources

(Don't Forget About Your Local Resources)

- Site Assistance Visits
- Special Event Threat Assessments
- Unclassified Intelligence Products
- Foreign Travel Briefings
- 24/7 Watch Center & Online Threat Monitoring
 - Developing a real time common operating picture platform
- State Homeland Security Grant, Non-profit Security Grant, State & Local Cybersecurity Grant