



Join Us - NCITE SDSU Webinar Series: Current Fentanyl Trends and our Southern Border Region

Building Capacity at Minority-Serving Institutions

This project is focused on educating the future national security workforce through San Diego State University's Graduate Program in Homeland Security. It will create clear transitions to DHS through course content, coursework, and workshops. This year, the project will specifically focus on the Fentanyl and synthetic drug epidemic, with coursework examining how the problem intersects with terrorism and targeted violence.

Who Should Attend?

Academia, public health, public safety professionals desiring current educational information on Fentanyl trends and upstream, midstream, and downstream prevention efforts.

**No Cost*

Time: May 9, 2024 08:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)



“Over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like Fentanyl.”



“Fentanyl is now the leading cause of deaths for San Diegans”

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Unintentional Fentanyl-Caused Deaths, 2017 - 2021



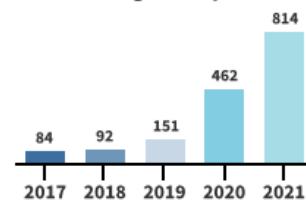
**9 out of 10 (93%)
opioid-related
deaths were due to
fentanyl**



869% increase

in unintentional fentanyl-caused deaths between 2017 (84 deaths) to 2021 (814 deaths)

Number of Unintentional Fentanyl Caused Deaths in San Diego County 2017-2021





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Presenters and Topics:

- Bernardino "Bernie" Soto, Deputy Chief Patrol Agent (A), San Diego Sector, Director Over Operations Against Fentanyl and Synthetic Drugs, Customs and Border Protection, Region IX, "San Diego Border Security: Counterterrorism, Targeted Violence Prevention, and Fentanyl Smuggling."
- Roneet Lev, M.D., Emergency and Addiction Medicine Specialist, San Diego Scripps Mercy Hospital, first Chief Medical Officer for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), "Downstream and Upstream Fentanyl Interventions."
- Edward Byrne, Resident Agent in Charge, DHS-Homeland Security Investigations, DEA Task Force Team 10 (Overdose Response Team), "Midstream Intervention - City of San Diego Fentanyl Investigations."
- Matthew Hall, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS-Homeland Security Investigations, Fentanyl Abatement Suppression Team (FAST), "Midstream Intervention - San Diego County Fentanyl Investigations."
- Adam Gordon, Assistant United States Attorney, San Diego United States Attorney's Office, Opioid Coordinator and FAST Prosecutor, "Midstream Intervention - San Diego Fentanyl Prosecutions."
- Rocky Herron, DEA Special Agent (Retired), San Diego County Office of Education, Alcohol & Other Drug Ambassador, "Downstream Intervention - San Diego County Office of Education Choose Your Future Student Assemblies."
- Jeffery Osborne, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, San Diego State University, School of Public Affairs; SDSU Imperial Valley, Division of Professional Studies; Graduate Program in Homeland Security, "Teaching the Next Generation: Educational Opportunities & Research-Practice Partnerships."

Moderators and Hosts:

Nate Hicks, M.S., Lecturer, SDSU Graduate Program in Homeland Security.

Co-Principal Investigators:

Eric Frost, Ph.D. (Emeritus); Lance Larson, Ph.D.; Robert Harkins, M.S.

**THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024
8 A.M. - 2 P.M. PST
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