

## Narcotics / Vice Unit



**In 2019** the Haverford Township Police Departments Narcotics/Vice Unit continued its successful mission of combating drug use and sales within Haverford Township and throughout Delaware County. The unit consists of one (1) Detective. The Chief of Police has charged the unit with the duty of investigating and enforcement of narcotics and drug violations as well as helping to deal with quality of life issues throughout the township. The members of the unit are also assigned to Delaware County's Drug Task Force.

The Narcotics/Vice Detective conducted numerous investigations into drug based crimes which resulted in nine (9) felony arrests, twenty-one (21) misdemeanor arrests, fourteen (14) arrests on warrant for a total of forty-four (44) drug/narcotic related arrests for the year 2019. Because of these arrests, the unit seized two (2) vehicles, one (1) firearms and \$185.00 United States currency.

The Narcotics/Vice Detective also conducted; nine (9) search warrants, three (3) searches upon consent and assisted in twenty-one (21) investigations with other police/ federal agencies. The Department forwarded the money and vehicles to the Delaware County District Attorney's Office for forfeiture proceedings. The above arrests were for the following violations: 10 - for marijuana, 2 - for cocaine, 2 - for heroin, 6 - for prescription pills, 1 - for methamphetamine.



## Drug Trends

Marijuana, cocaine and heroin will continue to be the drugs that are prevalent and available in Haverford Township and Delaware County due to the close proximity of Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey. Prescription drug abuse continues to be a problem in our area and has reached epidemic status nationwide. Heroin use will continue to increase as high availability and low prices encourage an increasing group of prescription opioid abusers to transition to heroin.

The increase of Heroin/fentanyl use has become an epidemic that has required the police department to administer NARCAN as part of their response to medical emergencies involving drug related overdoses. During 2019 HTPD administered thirty-one (31) doses to twenty-four (24) persons. There were twenty-one (21) successful applications of NARCAN and only three (3) deaths.

Haverford Police began carrying NARCAN in all police cars starting in 2014, since that time we have administered one hundred and eighty-eight (188) doses, to one hundred sixteen (116) persons, resulting in ninety-six (96) successful applications. There were twenty (20) overdoses resulting in death during this five-year period.

