



Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC) Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023

Members/Guests Present: Ben Briley (volunteer coordinator), Nathan Wray (prevention coordinator), Ashley Freeberg (prevention coordinator), Sarah Harrison (executive director), Laura Buckingham, Clint McKissack (speaker), McKayla Gallaher, Missy Wallace, Michelle Massey, Grady Massey, Laura Conner, Sandy Leavell, Matilyn Lands, Jessica Woodell, Daniella Stewart, Det. Keith Kile, Jennifer Knisley, Gary Bickford, Ofc. Marty Stanley, Kris Brinkmeier (FB Live), Florence Pinyon (FB Live), Pamela Lay (FB Live), Leonora Spangler (FB Live), Leigh-Ann Branham (FB Live)

Our monthly coalition was a hybrid meeting held in person at the RCADC office at 151 E Race St, Kingston, Tennessee and via Zoom.

Ben Briley began the meeting with opening remarks and introduced the speaker, Trooper Clint McKissack with Tennessee Highway Patrol, accompanied by Trooper Chris Hutchins. The presentation explained the role of Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) and included the following information on how law enforcement personnel observe and handle dangerous substances, with an emphasis on fentanyl.

- Discussed the 'Drug Matrix', a chart of all known scheduled substances and its variants. A DRE must memorize everything in the matrix.
- Showed a video from San Diego County Sheriff's Department reenacting a real scenario of a deputy exposed to fentanyl in the field and the department's swift response to save this deputy's life.
- Explained the '313 Initiative', an operation by the THP to track narcotics coming to Tennessee through a pipeline from the Detroit area.
- Showed a training video with fentanyl information and examples of fentanyl handling by LEOs. The video also included scientists giving further detail on fentanyl distribution.
- Anything confirmed or suspected of containing fentanyl must be triple bagged upon confiscation.
- He stated that 2mg of fentanyl, equal to two grains of salt, is enough for to be fatal, according to data presented to TBI by the DEA.
- From December 2022 to present, THP has confiscated 49 lbs of methamphetamine, 25 lbs of fentanyl/heroin, 2 lbs of cocaine and around 400,000 prescription opioids.
- Trooper McKissack illustrated the process of applying and removing plastic gloves; handling and distributing evidence bags; and the precautions now taken during a traffic stop where narcotics are present.

There will be no Coalition meeting in June due to mandatory Drug Endangered Children training for staff. The July meeting is cancelled due to the 4th of July holiday. The next meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, August 2nd at the coalition office.