

# Delaware Rapid Substance Testing Initiative



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### Introduction

#### Overdose Response Strategy (ORS)

The mission of the ORS is to help communities reduce fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses by connecting public health and public safety agencies, sharing information and supporting evidence-based interventions.

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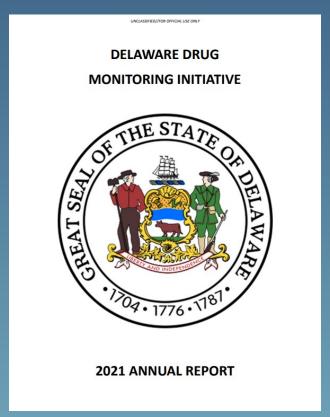
ORS is an unprecedented and unique collaboration between public health and public safety, created to help local communities reduce drug overdoses and save lives by sharing timely data, pertinent intelligence and innovative strategies.

### Federal Acknowledgement

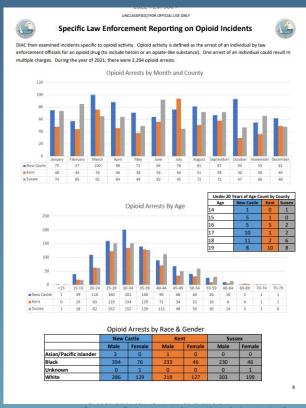
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### **Delaware Drug Monitoring Initiative**

- Formed in 2016
- Quarterly reports
- Annual reports
- Special bulletins
- Increased awareness
- Increased communication



Source: Delaware Information & Analysis Center



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### Delaware Drug Monitoring Initiative Current Partners

- Department of Health and Social Services
  - Division of Public Health, Office of EMS
  - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
  - Bureau of Communicable Disease
- Department of Safety and Homeland Security
  - Division of Forensic Science
  - Delaware State Police, Delaware Information and Analysis Center

### **Hazmat Response Scenario**

- DMI Discussion
  - Illicit drug packaging operation in a motel room
    - Four obviously dead individuals
    - Pile of powder on the table

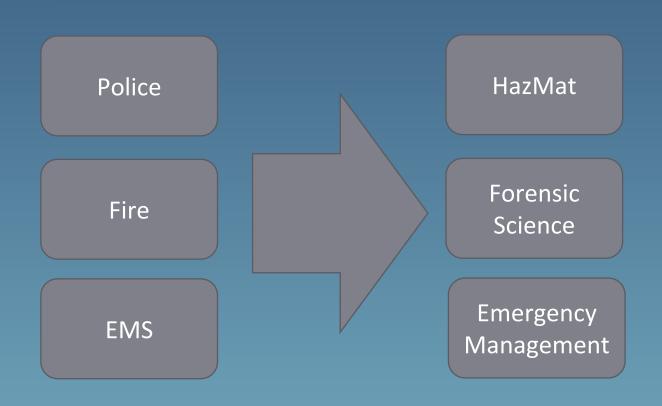
### Response Efforts: First Response

Police

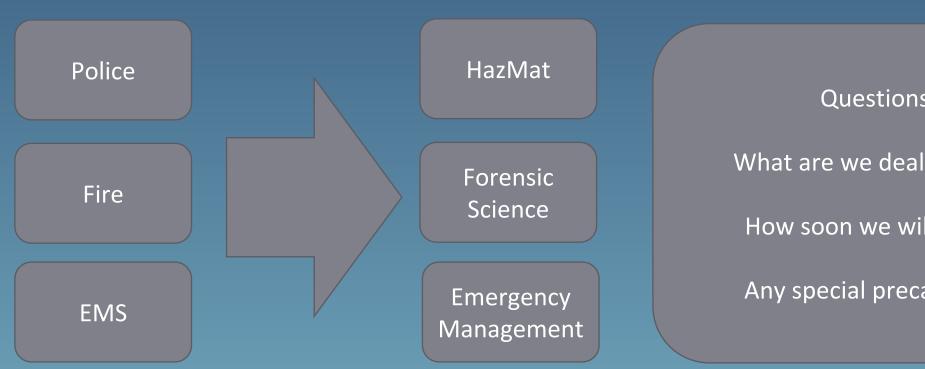
Fire

EMS

## Response Efforts: Engaging Additional Partners



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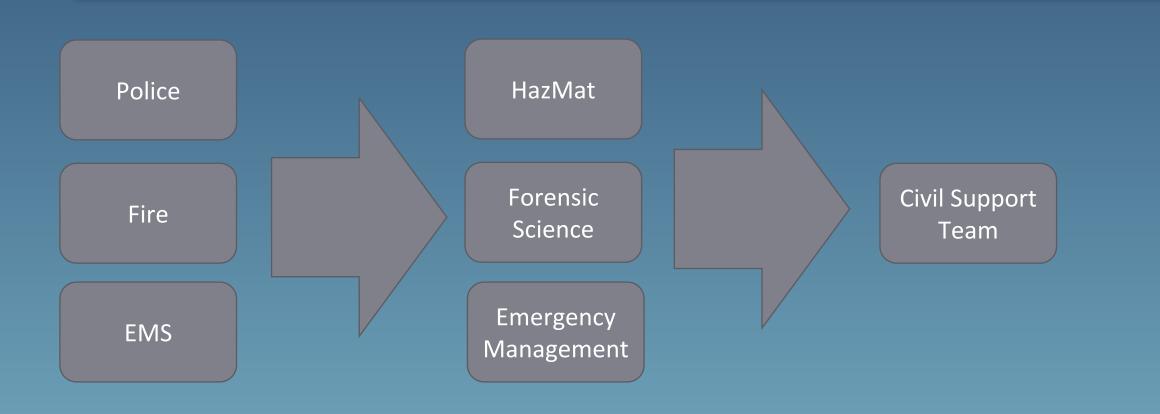
Questions:

What are we dealing with?

How soon we will know?

Any special precautions?

## Response Efforts: Deviating from the Norm



### **Engaging Additional Partners**



### Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Civil Support Team (CST)

#### **Highlights**

- Identify CBRN agents and substances, assess current and projected consequences, advise on response measures and assist with requests for additional support
- · Operations mandated in statute
- Members receive more than 650 hours of HAZMAT and high-tech training from agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Energy, the Department of Justice, and the Environmental Protection Agency
- Today, 57 WMD-CSTs are located in each state, U.S. territory and Washington, D.C.; with two each in California, Florida, and New York
- · On standby 24/7/365 days



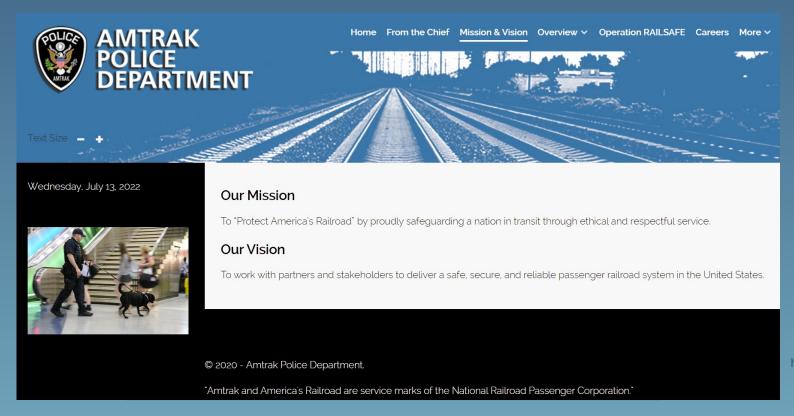
A broad range of capabilities at a moment's notice

Mission: To support civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear high-yield Explosives (CBR-NE) incident site by identifying CBRNE agents/substances, assessing current or projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for additional follow-on state and federal military forces. Units can

#### SOURCE

https://www.nationalguard.mil/Portals/ 31/Resources/Fact%20Sheets/Weapon2 0of%20Mass%20Destruction%20Civil%2 0Support%20Team%20Fact%20Sheet%2 0(Dec.%202017).pdf

### **Engaging Additional Partners**



https://police.amtrak.com/index.php/mi

### **Engaging Additional Partners**

### DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY GENERAL KATHY JENNINGS



https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/criminal/

- Last critical partner added
- Field test model
- Retain chain of custody

### **Questions?**

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