

Minutes from the PEA Meeting on 04/04/2018

On Wednesday 04/04/2018 at 3:30 pm, the Chapter 8 members of PEA held a meeting at the Leon County Sheriff's Office. We had a speaker Detective Michael Crego from the Leon County Sheriff's Narcotics Division. The talk was about the Handling of Narcotics, the following points were some of the information we received.

Paraphernalia is often a larger hazard than the drug itself

Use Universal Precautions always

Home cooked Meth is becoming rare (but is still seen occasionally)

Butane Hash Oil is referred to as wax, bitter or shatter commonly used in E-cigarettes

Synthetic Drugs- largest difficulty is identifying the substance

Spice- is now called on the street (Togee)

Fentanyl and Carfentanil- Originally used as pain medication for cancer but now is taken by opioid addicts.

Carfentanil is sold as heroin

LSD- still sees, but seems as though there is a resurgence of use

Prescription Pills- Carry little risk of exposure

Opioid prescription pills are sometimes counterfeited using Fentanyl and Carfentanil

Spoke about risks associated by exposure- Absorption is the biggest risk, and Universal Precautions is always imperative for everyone's welfare and safety

Spoke about the Drug Narcan which can bring someone from the brink of death back with an injection (like the EpiPen), stated every law enforcement officer in the area should have access to the drug. One officer stated he witnessed the use of the injection and the recovery for the patient was amazing. Locally our LCEMS and FHP carry the drug. Suggested that our members should let our leaders know how important Narcan is to the officers dealing with drug overdoses.

Steve our president came up to ask if there were any questions, and stated that another meeting would be held before the conference in late August. Our chapter will need to elect another Vice President before the end of the year, please consider occupying this seat. The meeting was then adjourned.