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A Dose of Reality About Opioids

The Orange County Sheriff's Department presented "A Dose of Reality About Opioids" Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at Los Alamitos High School, the first of four to be held in the month of October. The next meeting will be held during the next three weeks of October.

- Thursday, October 6, 2016 – San Juan Capistrano
- Thursday, October 13, 2016 – Fullerton
- Wednesday, October 26, 2016 – Lake Forest

The OCSD used their [award-winning](#) presentation, 3Gs: Guide, Guard, and Govern, to inform parents and teens of the latest school campus trends on opioids. Experts from the Sheriff's Drug Use is Life Abuse Department, Superior Court, NCADD-OC, PRYDE, CSP and the Orange County Department of Education, collaborated for the information meeting.

The goal of the presentation is to ensure that parents and their children are informed about the growing opioid problem in the United States. Orange County has one of the [highest rates](#) of prescription drug use and deaths in California, with one person dying every other day from an accidental overdose. There were [400 fatal drug overdoses](#) last year, which is almost 63% more than 2005 with 246 deaths. According to the [OC Health Care Agency](#), a majority of these overdoses involve opioid pain medications.

Statistics show that there is a growing drug problem in the Orange County. Opioids are more prominent in Orange County's most affluent communities. However, when prescription opioids become too expensive and difficult to obtain, users often move on to heroin.

With such dangerous drugs on the streets, it is crucial that parents and teens stay informed. Education is an important role in the prevention of drug use among teenagers. In order to register, visit the [3Gs event site](#) and secure your spot. Together we can keep our community safe from drug abuse.