



Fentanyl State of Emergency 2024

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Executive summary

This report shares data and activities directed by Unified Command for the Incident Management Team (IMT). The information in this report comes from a joint effort among the City, State and County. Please note that not all requested data is included yet, but we expect to add it as soon as it becomes available.

Objectives

- Leverage the city, state and county’s resources to improve livability in Portland’s city center.
- Enhance coordination and accessibility of housing, treatment, and recovery services in Portland.
- Combine health, law enforcement, and other data into a countywide dashboard for better response and monitoring.
- Identify housing, health and law enforcement gaps and obstacles, then make specific policy recommendations to leaders and lawmakers for better coordination.
- Develop a transition plan to expand and improve response efforts, with focus on both short-term and long-term needs.

Situation overview

	January	February	March	Total Deaths
Overdose Deaths Related to Fentanyl (Multnomah County)	38	21	9	68

	January	February	March
Fentanyl related incidents	165	166	109
Medical discipline incidents	11,276	8,989	5,880
Fentanyl incidents as % of total medical discipline incidents	1.5%	1.8%	1.8%

{This information is only available county-wide}

*Medical discipline incidents = non-police, medical responses



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Key activities/highlights this week

This includes work happening at Unified Command's direction and actions taken by partner agencies participating in the emergency declarations.

- Law enforcement, first responders and outreach workers continued to disrupt drug dealing, offer outreach to people using fentanyl in public, and respond to emerging issues in the operational area.
- Daily "Rapid Needs Assessment" coordination calls continued.
 - Outcomes of this meeting so far include increased access to naloxone, housing, treatment, transportation and recovery services, increased communication and coordination on trash and graffiti cleanup, site cleaning and restoration.
 - These calls have been effective in coordinating services, data collection and sharing key operational information focusing on "hotspot" areas in the downtown area (approximately SW 10th and 11th between Jefferson and Yamhill, NW 3rd and 4th between Couch and Everett).
 - There are currently 80+ designated invitees from organizations representing the city, state, and county, including law enforcement, health and medical services, outreach and shelter services, substance use treatment, and livability. New members continue to be added.
- Unified Command hosted an in-person meeting to discuss strategies for continuing the coordination calls beyond the 90-day emergency and to network.
- The Joint Office of Homeless Services briefed Unified Command on a shelter availability tracker project with 2-1-1. It is expected to be ready by June 2024.
- Oregon Health & Sciences University briefed Unified Command on a hospital bed tracking project and how it could be expanded to track withdrawal management and substance use disorder residential treatment beds.
- Observed law enforcement and peer services coordination meeting hosted by Health Justice Recovery Alliance out of the Behavioral Health Resource Center.
 - This partnership enables law enforcement or outreach workers to call a hotline at the Behavioral Health Resource Center. A peer services team is dispatched to engage with the client, identify what their needs are, and coordinate referrals to appropriate services.
- Operations is drafting a proposal for a long-term coordination body ("task force") to strategically plan and coordinate efforts to implement the rapid needs assessment task force project in multiple neighborhoods across the county.
- A team of policy experts is compiling a list of legislative and policy solutions for existing gaps and barriers.



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Reportable preliminary data since emergency declaration (1/30/2024)

The Data team is working on gathering specific information for future reports, but not all of it is available yet due to legal and technical barriers. **It might take 7 to 14 days before all the statistics are available.** **These numbers are preliminary and will become more accurate over time.** Acronyms and abbreviations are defined in the appendix.

Reporting Group and Respective Metrics	Cumulative Amount	Effective Date / Comment	Weekly Amount	Collection Period
Law Enforcement				
Average # of officers active in area per day	3 bike 4 cruisers	3/20/2024 (PPB)		
Total number of arrests for distribution of controlled substance	33	3/27/2024 (PPB & MCSO)	0	3/21-27/2024 (PPB, MCSO)
Total grams narcotics seized	38.0 gm	3/20/2024 (PPB/MCSO)	7.5	3/21-27/2024 (PPB, MCSO)
Total grams fentanyl seized	263.5 gm	3/27/2024 (PPB/MCSO)	7.5	3/21-27/2024 (PPB, MCSO)
Total # M110 citations	257	3/27/2024 (PPB)	75	3/21-27/2024 (PPB)
Total # of substance use treatment referrals	30	3/27/2024 (PPB/PP&R)	13	3/21-27/2024 (PPB)
Total # of naloxone doses distributed	1,312	3/27/2024 (PP&R - PF&R)	0/188	3/21-27/2024 (PP&R/PF&R)



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Health & Medical				
Number of buprenorphine induction	16	3/27/2024 (Treatment Orgs. PSR)	1	3/21-27/2024 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)
Number of Overdose Reversals	136	3/20/2024 (PSR & PF&R)	24	3/21-27/2024 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)
Number of naloxone doses distributed	2,991	3/20/2024 (MC Harm Reduction)	46	3/21-27/2024 (SSCC, CCC)
Number of Aftercare Engagements	254	3/27/2024 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)	130	3/21-27/2024 (CHAT, PSR & PF&R)
Outreach & Shelter Referral				
Number of Referrals to Treatment Programs	31	3/27/2024 (Treatment Orgs.)	14	3/21-27/2024 (SSCC)
Number of Referrals to Shelter	92	3/27/2024 (PP&R, SSCC, PF&R)	62	3/21-27/2024 (PP&R, SSCC, PF&R)
Number of Referrals to Housing Programs	37	2/22/2024 (JOHS)	2	3/21-27/2024 (SSCC)
Number of Outreach Activities	387	3/27/2024 (BHRC, CHAT PF&R, CCC, SSCC)	279	3/21-27/2024 (CHAT PF&R PSR, CCC, SSCC)
Substance Use Treatment				
Number of Teams doing Outreach	1	2/27/2024 (MC Harm Reduction)	5	3/21-27/2024 (MHAAO)
Livability				
Number of Lights installed and locations	5.5	3/27/2024 (PF&R - CoP, PEMO)	1.5 large park parcels	3/21-27/2024 (PEMO)



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Staffing

As of March 19, there were at least 44 staff and experts assigned to the incident, including city, county, and state personnel. Additionally, there have been hundreds of staff, from first responders to administrative personnel, working prior to and throughout this incident.

Incident Management Team Staffing	State	County	City	Other**	Total
Unified Command	2	3	2	0	7
Liaison Officer	1	3	2	1	7
Equity Officer	0	1	1	0	2
Legal Officer	1	1	1	0	3
AAR Report Leader	1	0	0	0	1
Public Information	1	1	1	0	3
Planning Section	8	5	2	4	19
Operations Section	2	7	0	1	10
Finance Section	1	1	1	0	3
Logistic Section	1	2	0	0	3
Total	18	24	10	6	56

**Funded by State



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Who is involved

- State of Oregon
 - [Oregon Department of Human Services](#)
 - [Oregon Health Authority](#)
- Multnomah County
 - [Local Public Safety Coordinating Council](#)
 - [Joint Office of Homeless Services](#)
 - [Chair's Office](#)
 - [Department of Community Justice](#)
 - [Department of County Human Services](#)
 - [District Attorney's Office](#)
 - [Emergency Management](#)
 - [Government Relations](#)
 - [Health Department](#)
 - [Office of Communications](#)
 - [Sheriff's Office](#)
- City of Portland
 - [Bureau of Emergency Management](#)
 - [Community Safety Division](#)
 - [Fire & Rescue](#)
 - [Mayor's Office](#)
 - [Portland Police Bureau](#)
 - [Public Environment Management Office](#)

Appendix: acronyms

- **BHRC:** Behavioral Health Resource Center
- **CCC:** Central City Concern
- **CHAT:** Community Health Assess & Treat
- **CoP:** City of Portland
- **JOHS:** Joint Office of Homeless Services
- **MC:** Multnomah County
- **MCSO:** Multnomah County Sheriff
- **MHAAO:** Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon
- **PEMO:** Public Environment Management Office
- **PF&R:** Portland Fire and Rescue
- **PPB:** Portland Police Bureau
- **PP&R:** Portland Parks & Recreation
- **PSR:** Portland Street Response



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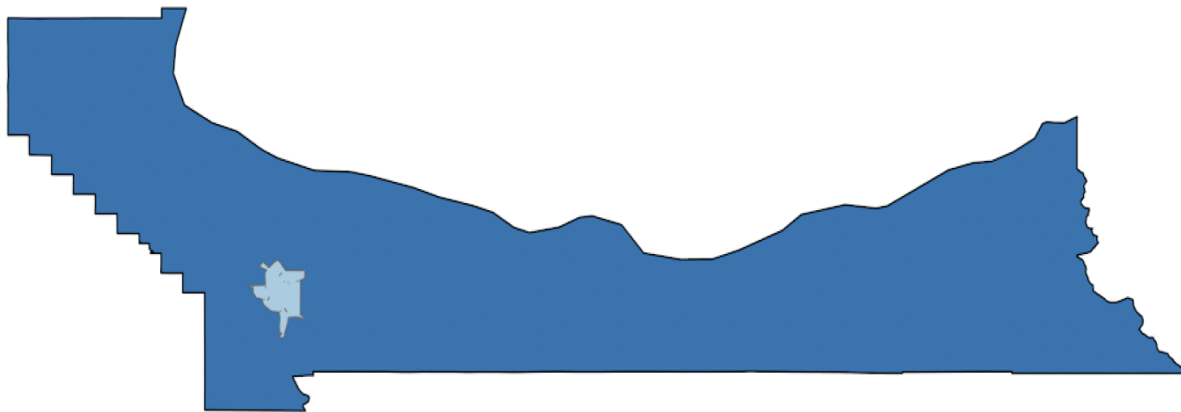
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- **SSCC:** Street Services Coordination Center

Appendix: Situation Overview Maps

The following map shows the number of confirmed /or suspected deaths within and outside of the 90-day fentanyl emergency response operational area according to Medical Examiner data (January 1, 2024-February 25, 2024; n=59 deaths). Data are preliminary and will change as investigations are finalized. Although there were a total of 68 suspected or confirmed fentanyl overdose deaths to date in 2024 in Multnomah County, complete address information is not yet available for all decedents. Because the number of fentanyl-specific deaths is small for this time period, it is not possible to show fentanyl-specific deaths in smaller geographic regions within the operational area at this time.

Count of Suspected or Confirmed Fentanyl-Specific Overdose Deaths within and outside of the 90-day Fentanyl Emergency Response Operational Area, January 1, 2024-March 19, 2024



Mortality Count
16
43



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Situation Overview Maps Continued:

The following map shows fentanyl-specific overdose fatalities by voting district in Multnomah County (January 1, 2024-March 19, 2024, n=62). Data are preliminary and will change as investigations are finalized. Although there were a total of 68 suspected or confirmed fentanyl overdose deaths to date in 2024 in Multnomah County, complete address information is not yet available for all decedents.

Count of Suspected or Confirmed Fentanyl Overdose Deaths by Voting District, Multnomah County, January 1, 2024-March 19, 2024

