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WORKSHOP ON OPIATE ABUSE SLATED FOR AREA'S FIRST RESPONDERS

Painesville, OH – Lake County's law enforcement officers, EMTs, firefighters, and other first responders are invited to a free workshop on opiate abuse and addiction on Tuesday, May 17. The workshop, offered by the Lake County Opiate Task Force, is slated for 8:30-10:30 a.m. at TriPoint Medical Center in Concord Township.

Painesville Police Chief Troy Hager serves on the Opiate Task Force's Public Education Committee, which is coordinating the workshop. "Frankly, the opiate problem across Ohio has become increasingly alarming, and we're taking it very seriously here in Lake County," he said. "As first responders we find ourselves dealing with the aftermath of opiate abuse and addiction all too often. It's vital that more of us in this field understand the nature of this issue, and become better armed with the tools and resources we need to respond safely and effectively."

Hager says the workshop – which has been endorsed by the Lake County Police Chiefs Association – is open to law enforcement officers, EMTs, firefighters, police and fire chiefs, police and fire chaplains, court bailiffs, probation officers, and hospital security officers. The workshop will be facilitated by Dr. Ted Parran, an expert, author, and sought-after speaker on substance abuse, addiction and treatment.

Registration for the free workshop is on a first-come-first-served basis, and seating for the event is limited. Two Continuing Education Hours are available for EMTs who attend. Information and a registration form can be viewed and downloaded at www.LakeOpiateTaskForce.org.

Registration is also available by calling the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board office at 440-350-2384.

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