

Problems

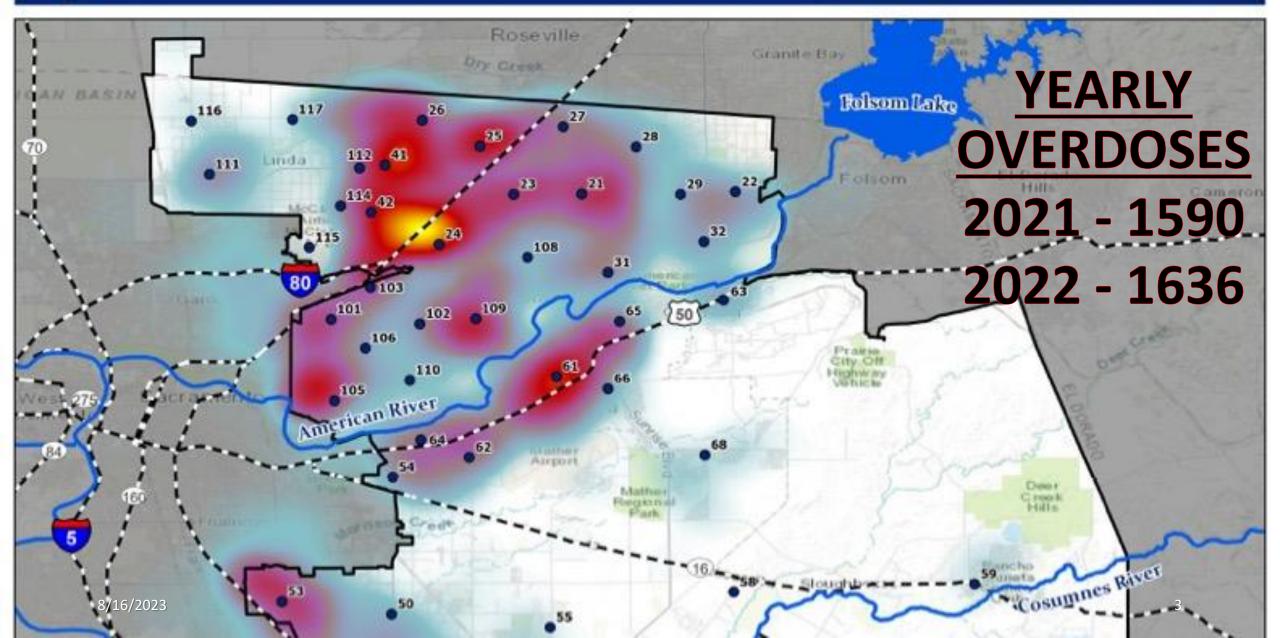
- Paramedics can only take patients to the Emergency Department
- Paramedics in Sacramento County cannot "dispense" medication including Narcan (changing soon)
- Paramedics have a specific limited scope
- Paramedics cannot diagnose
- Hospital wall times
- Difficulty in obtaining doctor appointments in a timely manner
- Difficulty with healthcare system navigation
- Increased call volume





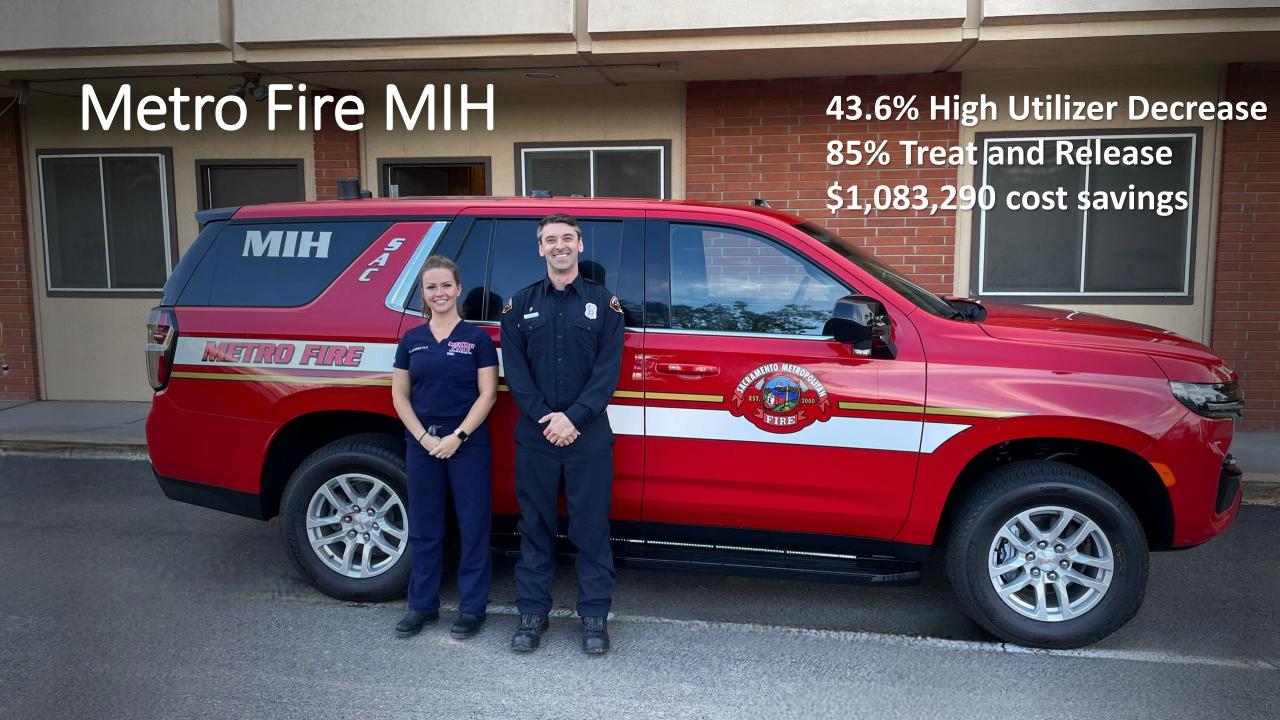


Metro Fire Overdose Responses in 2021-2022





Falling through the cracks



MIH and Substance abuse

- We are currently delivering Narcan and providing counseling to opiate overdose patients (6% mortality)
- Providing compassionate medical care and addressing the social determinates of health and the whole patient

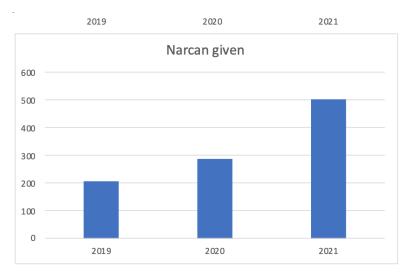




Only 1 in 5 people with opioid addiction get the medications to treat it, study finds

By Brian Mann

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