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Drug Enforcement Roundtable

Westminster, Friday, August 07, 2015 – Commissioner Stephen Wantz has announced the next steps in the aggressive initiative to attack the drug and heroin overdose problems in Carroll County. A Roundtable discussion is slated to be held on Wednesday, September 9, at Carroll County Public Library’s headquarters in New Windsor.

According to Wantz, “the goal of this roundtable discussion is to provide an interactive exchange of information and ideas between all agencies in Carroll who are working diligently, to approach this threat to the health, safety and security of our residents.”

The Commissioners voted in March to fund the Sheriff’s Department, under the leadership of Sheriff Jim DeWees, and State’s Attorney’s Office, led by Mr. Brian DeLeonardo, with \$400,000 in start-up costs for equipment, vehicles, uniforms and training. Another \$600,000 a year for the next 3 years for 8 positions, is earmarked to combat this epidemic which is devastating individuals and families in our communities.

“A cooperative approach between state and county law enforcement, and drug education and treatment agencies, will ensure the success of this effort”, remarked Commissioner Wantz. “My hope is that this summit will be the first step in establishing a clear and concise direction by all of our agencies, as we work together to combat this issue.”

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