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OPERATION STREET SMART RETURNS TO AREA OCTOBER 15

The Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board and the Lake County Opiate Task Force are bringing *Operation Street Smart* back to the area on Thursday, October 15.

Operation Street Smart is an award winning initiative of the Franklin County Ohio Sheriff's Department. Experienced undercover narcotics detectives conduct the presentation, which includes actual samples of both "trend" and "traditional" street drugs and drug paraphernalia. Attendees will learn more about effects of drug abuse/addiction, about drug related street slang, and about ways abusers and addicts access their drugs and camouflage their behaviors.

The program takes place at the Eastlake Radisson on Rt. 91 at Rt. 2. Registration is at noon and the presentation runs from 12:30 – 4:30. **There is no charge to attend but seating is limited and pre-registration is required.** Registration can be accomplished via a phone call to the ADAMHS office at 440-350-2384 or an email to ktuttle@lakeadamhs.org.

Kim Fraser, Executive Director of the ADAMHS Board and Opiate Task Force member, says the program is a must-see for parents, educators, clergy, coaches – anyone who works with and cares about youth. "We're bringing this back by popular demand," she notes. "Previous years' presentations have gotten rave reviews from everyone who saw them."

The ADAMHS Board is responsible for planning, monitoring, funding and evaluating Lake County's network of mental health and addiction recovery services. The Opiate Task Force is an ADAMHS-led collaboration of community partners united in their commitment to reduce the tragic consequences that stem from the misuse of opiates in Lake County.

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