



Robbinsville Township Police Department
General Order

Title:
COMMUNITY ADDICTION RECOVERY EFFORT
C.A.R.E.

Issuing Authority:

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Christopher A. Nitti, Chief of Police

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this general order is to establish a policy for the Community Addiction Recovery Effort (C.A.R.E.) program. C.A.R.E shall be employed by this authority to coordinate an action plan to aid anyone seeking assistance or treatment including those arrested in the Township struggling with opiate and/or opioid addiction by providing resources and access to treatment at the time of the arrest.

II. Policy

It is the policy of this law enforcement agency that anyone seeking assistance or treatment including all arrestees in the Township struggling with opiate and/or

opioid addiction be offered access to drug counseling with the intent they are provided intervention and a plan for treatment prior to their release from police custody.

III. General

- A. When a subject is arrested for the possession of an opioid / opiate and there are no current detainers in their name, an officer shall offer a trained drug addiction counselor / recovery coach. The primary objective is to provide an independent outreach and intervention for the arrestee to offer treatment for their addiction. Out of township detainers shall be handled prior to any C.A.R.E notifications. Under no circumstances shall an officer disregard pending detainer.
- B. When an arrestee indicates that they would like to speak to a drug counselor / recovery coach, the arresting officer and/or delegated officer shall contact a trained drug addiction counselor via Recovery Advocates of America. Upon the arrival of the drug addiction counselor, the counselor should be provided a safe and private setting to go over the process of getting help, including but not limited to detoxification (detox), rehabilitation, and the guidance to sustain sobriety.
- C. When any person walks in to the lobby or otherwise contacts or asks any member of this police department for assistance with treatment for opioid addiction that employee shall contact a trained drug addiction counselor via Recovery Advocates of America. Upon the arrival of the drug addiction counselor, the counselor should be provided a safe and private setting to go over the process of getting help, including but not limited to detoxification (detox), rehabilitation, and the guidance to sustain sobriety.
- D. In the event that a drug addiction counselor could not be reached through the contact numbers provided from the CAD, contact the County C.A.R.E coordinator / liaison to arrange alternate counselors. Sergeant Scott Kivet has been assigned as the County C.A.R.E coordinator / liaison. If all options to contact drug addiction counselors have been exhausted, provide the County C.A.R.E. coordinator/ liaison with arrestee's face sheet and assure that there is a valid contact number for the arrestee. The County C.A.R.E. coordinator / liaison will arrange communication between the drug addiction counselor and the arrestee, so an appointment could be made for an intervention at the earliest convenience.
- E. Under no circumstance shall an officer coerce or make promises to an arrestee regarding the dismissal or down grade/ plea agreement of a criminal charge with the intent to try to force them to receive an intervention. The C.A.R.E. program's intent is to format a time sensitive counseling, in addition for this agency to aid with accommodating the recovery process. The police department would then have a direct line of communications with the court

administrator(s) to assure future court dates don't reasonably impinge on the treatment process.

- F. All C.A.R.E requests shall be documented in the CAD, similar to the way we document the Domestic Violence Response Team.

i.e. - 1420 hours: Recovery Advocates detailed.

or

1420 hours: Defendant refused C.A.R.E program

- G. C.A.R.E. drug addiction counselors / Recovery Advocates of America responder list.

- The procedure to detail the next "On Call" recovery coach is by contacting Mercer County Central at 609-799-0110. Inform the dispatcher of the police agency and request the next "On Call" Recovery Coach.

IV. Transition to Court

- A. It is the County C.A.R.E. coordinator/liaison's responsibility to be a direct liaison between drug addiction counselor, the court system, and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. The C.A.R.E. coordinator/ liaison shall make sure there is accountability and forward all correspondence to the Court Administrator and/or his or her delegated court officer.
- B. It is the C.A.R.E coordinator's responsibility to assure that correspondence between the rehabilitation & treatment facilities are on official letterhead and are routinely updated with dates of admission and release.

V. County Directive 19-10

- A. County Directive 19-10: This General Order is in compliance with the directive from the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office - "Operation Helping Hand Targeted Enforcement / CARE"
- B. County Directive 19-10: It is the CARE coordinator's responsibility to maintain statistics regarding the police contact with the counselor and subsequent acceptance or rejection of assistance. Statistics shall be forwarded to First Assistant Prosecutor Stephanie Katz monthly.