

Opioid Crisis—Staying Compliant with DEA Regulations

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) there are 174 drug overdose deaths per day in the US and 66% of those deaths are pharmaceutical opioids or heroin related. This presentation was developed to address the growing problem of the opioid crisis and the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances throughout the United States. In addition to pharmacy robberies and thefts, pharmaceutical controlled substances are often diverted by way of doctor shoppers, or illegitimate prescriptions from rogue practitioners. The objectives of this presentation is to educate pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy loss prevention personnel on ways to address and respond to the current opioid crisis and potential diversion activity.



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David M. Hargroder began his career with the DEA in 1998. He was hired as a Diversion Investigator (DI) in New Orleans, Louisiana. He served as a DI in the Jackson MS DO from December 1998 through March 2002. In December 2002, Mr. Hargroder was selected for the Regional DI position in La Paz, Bolivia. After completion of language training, Mr. Hargroder was transferred to the La Paz Country Office in 2003. Mr. Hargroder was responsible for coordinating all Southern Cone DEA offices located throughout the South America Region to provide support regarding the diversion of chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

In December 2005 Mr. Hargroder was selected for promotion to Staff Coordinator (SC) in the Office of Diversion Control Chemical and Synthetic Drug Section (ODS) transferring to DEA Headquarters, Washington D.C. In addition, Mr. Hargroder was later transferred to the Office of Diversion Control Pharmaceutical Section (ODP). At various times Mr. Hargroder was designated as the Section Chief running daily ODP operations.

In January 2013, Mr. Hargroder was selected as the Group Supervisor (GS) for the Savannah Resident Office. Mr. Hargroder transferred to Savannah in March 2013. He currently assignment is Diversion Program Manager (DPM) being responsible for Diversion Program in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. DPM Hargroder supervises seven GS's who are responsible for the supervision of more than 70 Dis, Intelligence Analysts, Registration Program Specialists, clerical and support staff.

Mr. Hargroder is retired law enforcement Officer within the state of Louisiana with 18 years of expertise in the field of Narcotics Investigations. In addition DPM Hargroder was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration New Orleans Field Division (NOFD) Task Force in 1984 thru 1998 as a Task Force Officer and Group Supervisor later being hired as a Diversion Investigator.