



In Arizona, the numbers are startling. Over the past three months, 2,749 possible opioid overdoses were reported. That's about 41 people overdosing EVERY SINGLE DAY over the last 90 days. During that same time period, 211 babies were born in our hospitals suffering from the pains of opioid withdrawal. Anyway you look at it, our state is in the middle of a public health crisis. Governor Doug Ducey declared a state of emergency in June. While the state agencies put their plans in place, we must also put a plan in place to help reduce those misusing and becoming addicted to opioids.

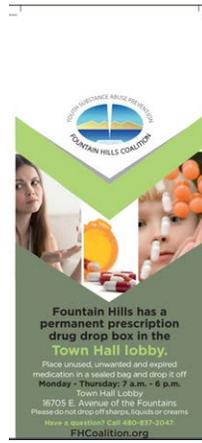
This month, you may receive on your door, a flyer from the Coalition about this crisis. We ask that you please keep the door hanger in your home to remind you to properly dispose of any unused, unwanted or expired prescription opioid pain relievers. Over half of the overdoses in the last 90 days had more than one prescription opioid in their system. (i.e. oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, tramadol).

There are two options that you can take advantage of in Fountain Hills. The first option is to place your prescription medications in a sealed bag and drop them in the permanent prescription drug drop box at Town Hall Monday through Thursday from 7am to 6pm. The second option is to bring your medications to the prescription Take Back event on Saturday, October 28th from 10am to 2pm in the lobby of Town Hall.

In addition to proper disposal, we can all do our part to help prevent more lives lost to this epidemic by properly storing opioid medications in our homes and out of reach of children, teens and young adults.

And finally, talking with our children about safe medicine use is extremely important. For information that is age appropriate, read the Parent Talk Kit, available at no cost from the Coalition. There are examples of conversations to get you started.

The door hanger below will be delivered to your neighborhood soon.
Please post it in your home as a reminder to store and
dispose of prescription medications properly.



McDowell Mountain and FH Middle School Celebrate RED RIBBON Day



On October 3rd, the third grade class will learn ways to Bee safe when the Coalition talks to them about how special they are and ways to be strong and develop healthy habits. Parents are welcomed to attend.

On October 5th, students in 4th through 8th grades will spend the morning learning about the health risks and dangers of substance abuse through fun, interactive games.

CONGRATULATIONS! to our latest Safe Homes Network Winners!

Congratulations to Kelly Itano, Assistant Coach of the Falcon varsity volleyball team who took home \$100 at the last volleyball match against Yuma. FHHS sophomore student and football team member, Mohammed Momoh, was the lucky winner of our \$500 drawing on September 8th. Mohammed proudly shows off his prize alongside Coach Henslin.



Our next Safe Homes Network \$500 drawing will take place during the next home football game on October 6th where everyone in attendance receives a free ticket to the drawing. Safe Homes Network members receive two tickets to the drawing. Be sure to look for us and let us know you are a Safe Homes Network member. And be sure to tell your friends about taking the pledge to help keep their children safe and healthy and to double their chances of winning!

THANK YOU! SPOTLIGHT



Thank you Ryan Winslet, editor at The Fountain Hills Times, for capturing and reporting the news story on the opioid emergency in Arizona in the September 6th edition of the Times. [CLICK HERE to view page one](#) [CLICK HERE to view page two](#)