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From : Lebanon City Mayor Sherry Capello and James Donmoyer,
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Co-Chairs of the Lebanon County-City Joint Heroin Task Force, known as
Stronger Together
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Subject: Increase in Overdose Deaths from Drugs Mixed with Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever up to 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin. Historically fentanyl has been found in heroin and most users at risk of accidental overdose were heroin users. However recently, cases of fentanyl-related harm, overdose, and death have been linked to fentanyl mixed with other drugs such as synthetic marijuana, other opioids, cocaine, and methamphetamine as a combination product- with or without the user's knowledge- to increase its euphoric effects.

Over the last couple months, the Lebanon County-City Joint Heroin Task Force, known as *Stronger Together* has noticed an increase in overdose deaths from drugs that are mixed with fentanyl. We strongly encourage parents, caregivers, teachers, local law enforcement and mentors to firmly and passionately educate those addicted to drugs and others about the dangers of drug abuse, and the increased danger of fentanyl mixed with other drugs. Please visit our web page for information on available resources for users, their family members and friends at <http://strongertogetherlebco.com>.

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