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This is an important stat to keep track of and I would like to continue to provide the numbers to our legislators, Mayor's Office, and City Council. I have noticed a lot more overdose calls in the daily report I receive and just listening to the radio in my office. I have a feeling we are going to crush any records this year at the pace we are on. It is great motivation to keep "decriminalization" out of the mouth of any decision makers.



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2022 ODs:

- All Year: 70, BPD only. 140, County-wide.
- 1/1/22-2/5/22: 3, BPD only. 9, County-wide.

2023 ODs:

- 1/1/23-2/5/23: 44, BPD only. 63, County-wide.

*This is "OD" coded incidents only, it does not include calls which may have been entered as suicide attempts, welfare checks, calls which Fire/EMS handled without referring to Law, and/or calls which were coded as DOAs.

Good luck tomorrow! I have so much respect for your straight-forward, informed, practical approach to policing and leadership. We're lucky to have you at the head of our agency and representing our community's best interest with our legislators.

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Alysn,

Is there a quick/easy way to find out how many overdose calls for service we entered for 2022 and how many Year to date. That might be impactful when I speak to law makers about the drug legislation tomorrow. If its quick and easy please send my way but if I will take a lot of time/analysis don't worry about it. Just a thought from my hotel room.....



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