



## NEWS RELEASE

# Mayor Schedules Workshop on Opioid Epidemic

**FREDERICK, MD – Aug. 2, 2018:** On Aug. 15, Mayor Michael O'Connor has scheduled experts to speak at the Board of Aldermen workshop about the current situation and strategies to address the epidemic of addiction, overdoses and deaths associated with opioids.

In June, the City and Frederick County government joined many other state and municipal jurisdictions in filing lawsuits against drug manufacturers and distributors for their role in the opioid crisis nationwide. The City of Frederick wants to be part of the solution in halting the illegal distribution of drugs and help residents achieve recovery from the opioid epidemic.

“We are committed to taking action to address the addiction crisis,” said O'Connor. “We need to be creative and comprehensive to make a real difference. Every one of us knows someone affected by, or lost to, the opioid addiction epidemic.”

This year there have been more than 150 opioid-related overdoses handled by law enforcement agencies in Frederick County as of May 31, including 25 fatal overdoses.

Representatives from the Frederick Community Action Agency, and Frederick Police Department will be among the speakers Aug. 15 who are on the front lines of the struggle to save lives from opioid addiction.

The workshop will start 3 p.m. in the City Hall boardroom. Special accommodations may be made with 48 hours' notice to Mayor's Office Manager Pam Stocksdale, [pstocksdale@cityoffrederick.com](mailto:pstocksdale@cityoffrederick.com); 301-600-1184.

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