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Police and community partners offer opioid drug information session

The Orangeville Police Service has partnered with concerned citizens and various community partners to offer education to the public regarding the growing concerns of opioid drugs in the area.

The opioid crisis in Ontario is a growing and evolving problem and communities like Orangeville are not immune to the problem. More than 400 Ontarians died from an opioid overdose in just the first six months of 2016. In Orangeville and area there have also been a handful of deaths associated to opioid drugs over the past year.

One such death, last September, was the catalyst for the need of education in the community about the perils of opioid drug use. A 22-year-old young man died as a result of an accidental overdose. The young man's mother, Brigitte Krause and good friend Ellie Ball, reached out to the Orangeville Police Service in March to seek support in educating the Orangeville community in the area of opioid drug awareness. Over the past several weeks, the Orangeville Police Service has been working with the Dufferin Parent Support Network to assemble an educational presentation.

The result of the collaboration will be a series of information sessions for students at Orangeville District Secondary School on Tuesday June 6 and students at Westside Secondary School will attend the same presentations on June 7. The presentations will include speakers from the Orangeville Police Service, Dufferin County Ambulance Services and an Addiction Outreach Counsellor from Family Transition Place.

In addition to the student presentations, parents and any other community members are invited to attend a presentation on Tuesday June 13 at 7:00pm in the Theatre of Westside Secondary School. This presentation will include the same speakers as the student presentations but will also include representatives from Caledon Dufferin Victim Services and Dufferin Child and Family Services.

For additional information please contact the Orangeville Police Service at 519-941-2522 extension 2221.

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