



## ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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### NEWS RELEASE

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The Oneida County Sheriff's Office Recognizes November 30 as Meth Awareness Day

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office joins organizations across the state to recognize November 30 as Methamphetamine Awareness Day. Governor Scott Walker recently issued a proclamation in support of Methamphetamine Awareness Day, aimed at educating Wisconsinites about the dangers and effects of methamphetamine use.

Marshfield Clinic Health System, Northwoods Coalition, and Alliance for Wisconsin Youth in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services encourage organizations and individuals to take action on KNOW METH AWARENESS DAY. This day is an opportunity for everyone in Wisconsin to learn more about the dangers of methamphetamine use and addiction, and what actions can be taken to prevent it.

Meth is becoming more prevalent in Wisconsin and KNOW METH AWARENESS DAY allows the community to work together to help fight this growing epidemic. From 2011 to 2016, meth availability in Wisconsin increased 250% according to the 2016 Wisconsin Methamphetamine Study.

"Meth use not only harms those who use the drug but also their family and friends who watch as the drug destroys the life of their loved one. People must talk to their children and family members about the risks and dangers of meth use. Help us to help you by reporting any information you may have about meth use in Oneida County. Stopping the use of meth and other drugs is one of my team's top priorities," stated Sheriff Grady Hartman.

#### **Community members are encouraged to participate in KNOW METH AWARENESS DAY**

- Talk to your children, friends, and family members about the risks and dangers of meth use
- Learn about the risks and get the facts about meth
- Monitor the use of pseudoephedrine (cold medicine) in your home
- Refuse to purchase pseudoephedrine for another person
- Report suspicious activity to law enforcement's drug tipline: 1-888-667-3341 (1-888-NORDEG1)
- If you come across suspected meth lab waste, immediately contact your local law enforcement agency
- Review KNOW METH resources

Visit [knowmethwi.org](http://knowmethwi.org) to learn more.

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