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The opioid epidemic has become one of the biggest issues we have ever experienced and it spirals throughout our country, our state, our county, and through Washington Township. The time for turning away and saying, it is someone else's problem, is over. As a community, we need to address this head on.

While law enforcement, health officials, county officials, and so forth are working hard, we need to educate people and get the true facts out to the community. Opioid does not mean the stereotypical thought of heroin, but involves prescription medications as well, which is where nearly ninety percent of people fighting addiction, are introduced to them.

Washington Township is a Stigma Free Community and wants people to realize they are not alone. Education and involvement are the keys to coming together, learning, and handling the problem. In 2017, overdoses in Washington Township were at a record high. We need people to be aware of what is going on with prescription medications, sports injuries, the Overdose Prevention Act (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-30), and what can be done to help those who are fighting addiction.

Please join us for an educational seminar on April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at the Valley View Chapel, 115 East Mill Road, Long Valley NJ. Speakers will include Morris County Prosecutor Fred Knapp, Sheriff James Gannon, a presentation by Chief Assistant Prosecutor Brad Seabury, and Alton Robinson from the C.A.R.E.S. program, which helps those fighting addiction. The Hope One Van from the Morris County Sheriff's Department will also be at the event. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session with a panel consisting of the speakers above, and local representatives from Washington Township.

Please sign up using the following link: <https://learnthefactswtmc.eventbrite.com>

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you there. The first step towards fighting this epidemic is knowledge. Please feel free to contact the department anytime with any questions or concerns.

Chief Jeffrey Almer

# REACH WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Know the facts about opioids and  
addiction in our community

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:00pm**  
**Valley View Chapel - 115 East Mill Rd. Long Valley**

Join us for speakers:



\*Washington Township Police Chief - Jeff Almer

\*Morris County Prosecutor - Fred Knapp

\*Morris County Sheriff Jim Gannon –  
and the Hope One Van

\*Morris County Chief Assistant Prosecutor – Brad Seabury

\*Alton Robinson - C.A.R.E.S.



Discussions with local residents from the  
medical, pharmaceutical, sports  
and recovery fields.



Question and answer panel to follow presentations.

FREE Reservations via Eventbrite by 2/28/2018 -  
<https://learnthefactswtmc.eventbrite.com>



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PROUD TO BE  
STIGMA-FREE**



**\*Special thanks to our hosts, the staff and parishioners of Valley View  
Chapel and the Washington Township Municipal Alliance**