OD in Chicago: Fentanyl laced heroin epidemic 2015

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Officials remove the body of a man from an East Garfield Park apartment Friday. Police are investigating whether he OD'd on heroin from one of the dangerous batches.

Chicago sees 3-day spate of ODs
Chicago No. 1 in heroin use but lags in treatment

Customers line up for heroin in the 3700 block of West Grenshaw in Chicago on June 16, 2015. | Photo in federal complaint
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Increases in Fentanyl Drug Confiscations and Fentanyl-related Overdose Fatalities

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• Medical Examiners Data
• EMS Data
• Poison Center Data
Cook County Medical Examiners Office
Heroin/Fentanyl OD Deaths 2015

- **Heroin**
- **Fentanyl**
- **Combined**

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EMS OD Responses 2015

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#Responses

EMS	
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EMS OD Responses

- 2012: 1500
- 2013: 2000
- 2014: 2500
- 2015: 3000

#Patients
2015 Takeaways

1. EMS on frontline
2. Syndrome Surveillance
3. Unify our data
4. Empower our providers
Thank you

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