

AG Schimel: Partners with National Association of Attorneys General to host drug overdose death investigation training in Milwaukee

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Today, Attorney General Brad Schimel partnered with the National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute (NAGTRI) to offer training for Wisconsin prosecutors and law enforcement on the investigation and prosecution of death cases resulting from overdoses of heroin and fentanyl.

“In 2016, opioids killed 827 people in Wisconsin,” said Attorney General Schimel. “We cannot stop this epidemic without prioritizing prevention, treatment, and enforcement. This training will help law enforcement and prosecutors in Wisconsin sharpen their enforcement skills when they are confronted with an overdose case involving heroin or fentanyl.”

More than 120 law enforcement and prosecutors from across Wisconsin are attending the training, which was located at Marquette Law School, who generously donated the location venue. The course is designed for the information and education of assistant attorneys general, state and local law enforcement officers, and local prosecutors. Topics included in the training are drug overdose death investigation techniques, legal requirements of these investigations, drug safety awareness, and evidence handling.

Presenters included personnel from the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Office of the Prosecutor, Memphis (Tennessee) Police Department, Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office, Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

NAGTRI is the training and research branch of the National Association of Attorneys General. Its mission is to provide high-quality, responsive, innovative training to state and territory attorney general offices.

This training includes law enforcement sensitive material and is not open to press.