

# PAIN KILLERS CAN BE JUST PLAIN KILLERS

In December 2017, Governor Henry McMaster declared the state's opioid crisis to be a public health emergency and established the state's Opioid Emergency Response Team, led by the S.C. Law Enforcement Division and the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. Through this team, representatives of state and federal law enforcement agencies, state health and regulatory agencies, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders have combined their data on opioid use, misuse and addiction to help inform South Carolina's approach to the crisis.

## CHARLESTON COUNTY

### PRESCRIPTIONS

Number of opioid prescriptions dispensed.

**207,681**

### NALOXONE

Number of naloxone administrations via EMS.

**648**

### HOSPITALIZATIONS

Opioid-related overdose hospitalizations.

**578**

### CHILDREN

Newborns identified with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

**12** <sup>REPORTED</sup>

### MORTALITY

**107** DEATHS INVOLVING  
OPIOIDS.

**43** REPORTED DEATHS  
INVOLVING HEROIN.

**71** REPORTED DEATHS  
INVOLVING FENTANYL.

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