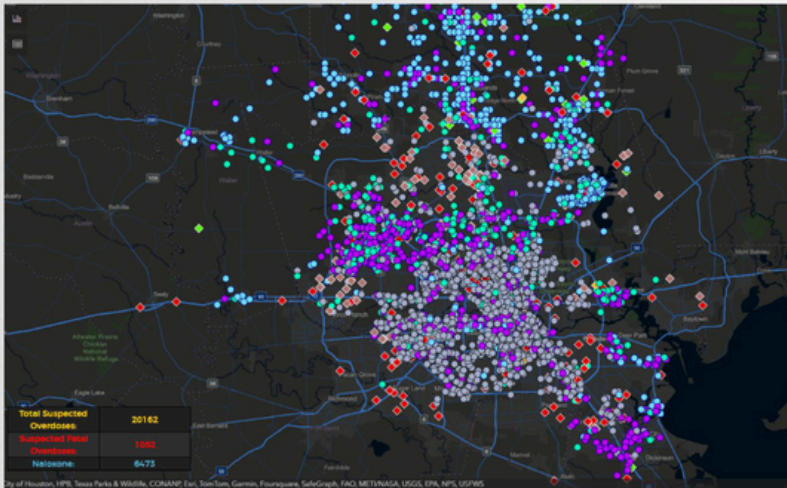


How Cy-Fair Fire Department Is Tackling the Opioid Crisis with ODMAP



At Cy-Fair Fire Department we have faced the opioid epidemic head on using the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) as our guide. This platform has been instrumental in translating how we understand, respond to, and communicate the crisis locally as well as nationally. Our journey with ODMAP can serve as a starting point for other agencies looking to make a similar positive impact.



Our Call to Action for Other Agencies:

Our experience with ODMAP underscores its value as more than just a data repository – it's a lifeline. It empowers us to make informed decisions, act swiftly, communicate effectively, and fundamentally change how we tackle the opioid crisis.

We encourage other agencies to consider how ODMAP can revolutionize their approach to this epidemic. Together we can make a positive impact on the fight against opioid abuse. Let's take this step forward, for our communities and for a future where the tide of this crisis is turned.



Our Strategy and Insights with ODMAP:

- **Raising Awareness:** As we encounter skepticism about the opioid crisis's scope within our community, ODMAP has become our evidence; dispelling myths of distance and disassociation. The national mapping serves as a reality check demonstrating that the issue is not just "somewhere else" but right here, in Cy-Fair.
- **Driving Data-Driven Discussions:** Using ODMAP's data, we have engaged in meaningful dialogues with everyone from local policymakers to schools and community members. The data available in ODMAP helps validate the totality of our concerns while helping shape our conversations that lead to timely and factual decision-making processes.
- **Enhancing EMS Response:** The near real-time data provided by ODMAP allows us to respond proactively by allocating resources efficiently, ensuring that we are always prepared to respond where and when we are needed most.
- **Tracking Trends and Preparing for Crises:** The spike alert feature in ODMAP has been a game-changer. For example, spike alerts in other areas of the state serve as an early warning of incoming threats to our area.
- **Keeping Our Community Informed:** We use ODMAP data to maintain open communication lines with the community we serve. Whether its warnings about particularly dangerous batches of opioids or sharing success stories, ODMAP allows us to keep our community updated and safe.
- **Collaborating for Better Outcomes:** ODMAP eliminates data silos. Removing these barriers allows us to contrast our situation with that of other communities, sharing challenges, but also solutions to enhance the collective resolve through the opioid crisis.

