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Town Hall on Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Tonight in Warren

Warren, MI – Warren Mayor Jim Fouts will be the featured speaker at a town hall meeting on prescription drug and opioid abuse tonight at 7 p.m. at Warren city hall first floor conference room.

Fouts has been at the forefront of the fight against prescription drug and opioid abuse.

“This is a growing problem in the Metro area,” said Fouts, citing 249 overdoses in Macomb County in 2014, compared to 234 in 2013.

Fouts said that nearly half of young people who use heroin surveyed in three studies reported abusing prescription opioids before starting to use heroin. “Some take up heroin because it is cheaper and easier than obtaining drugs,” said Fouts.

Another speaker will be 37th District Court Judge Matthew Sabaugh, who heads the court’s treatment court.

The town hall is sponsored by Greater Macomb Project “The Voice of Recovery”, Care of Southeastern Michigan, Partnership For Success, Warren-Center Line Prevention Coalition, Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse.