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**Local Agencies Respond to Governor Hogan's Declaration of a State of
Emergency in Response to the Heroin and Opiate Crisis**

Leonardtown, MD - Today, Governor Larry Hogan made an announcement declaring a State of Emergency in response to the rapid escalation of Heroin and Opiate abuse which is occurring in Maryland. The governor has appointed Clay Stamp to lead the states response in this effort. The state will utilize the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a coordinated response through local Emergency Management offices.

We recognize that Heroin and Opioid abuse affects every member of our community. The Governor's initiative will help St. Mary's County manage the efforts of state agencies, county offices, private sector, and community organizations to combat the local impact of this national tragedy.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County and partners including, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Board of Education would like to thank the Governor's Office for his commitment and response to Maryland's Heroin and Opioid Epidemic.

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