

## ALDC 101 Term Project Assignment

Spring, 2019

Your assignment is to obtain official data about police responses to overdoses and drug activity in your community, and use that data to make recommendations to local decisionmakers.

### Directions:

1. Pick a town in Ocean County to focus on. Your town: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **File at least one OPRA request** for the types of records described in the presentation and use existing data on OPRAmachine. Include copies or links to your requests in your final project.
3. Use the data to come up with **3 specific recommendations** for town leaders on how to reduce overdoses or treat addiction.
4. Write a memo addressed to your community's mayor and police chief explaining your recommendations. Support your recommendations by making specific citations to the data that you obtained using OPRA.

The slides from the presentation about this project, which was presented in class on 2/15/2019 can be viewed online here: <https://gavinrozzi.com/slides/opiatecrisis/>

**Your final grade will be based upon your adherence to these directions, how well you have integrated the data into your recommendations and the creativity / originality of your final memo / policy recommendations.**

### Sample OPRA requests:

Narcan administration reports - <https://opramachine.com/request/2281>

Overdose police CAD reports - <https://opramachine.com/request/3344/>

Spreadsheet of 911 call data<sup>1</sup> - <https://opramachine.com/request/2845/>

### Directions for filing an OPRA request:

1. Visit [OPRAmachine.com](https://opramachine.com)
2. Click "Make a request"
3. Type the name of the town / agency that you are researching and click its name.
4. Fill out the request form describing the specific records you want and the timeframe. (Keep your requests narrow in date range to avoid fees / extensions).

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<sup>1</sup> This data can only be obtained from towns that are using the Active911 system, such as Seaside Heights and Toms River. Not every town will have this. Alternatively, you may request Spillman CAD data.