

Chief Tom Synan Newtown Police Department, Ohio Newtown, OH

In 1993, Tom Synan began his law enforcement career with the Newtown Police Department in Ohio. He rose through the ranks and joined the SWAT Team in 2007 as the Tactical Team Leader and became Chief of the Newtown Police shortly thereafter.

Synan's tenure as Chief has been marked by a strong commitment to address the opioid epidemic. He leads the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and created a strategic action plan that directs resources to treatment, preventive education, naloxone training for officers, and

access to methadone. He has testified before the U.S. Senate Homeland Security Committee on synthetic opiates, and his work with the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition has been cited by national and international media outlets.

Outside his work at the department, Synan owns and manages a security consulting firm and trains clients on how best to be operate under conditions of stress and fear. He resides in Newtown, Ohio.

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