Fentanyl and synthetic opioids have changed the way firefighters and hazmat technicians are responding to the opioid crisis. Exploding demand for emergency services caused by the ongoing crisis is placing an increasing burden on emergency response systems and local government budgets across the country. From identification to treatment, the challenges and costs associated with the crisis are growing, and thus far we’ve only seen the tip of this iceberg; what lurks under the surface will continue consume limited local resources in the coming years. In this webinar, Captain Frost will discuss the growing pressures faced by emergency responders, the increasing costs on local government budgets, and what we can expect as the crisis evolves. The webinar will be a valuable resource for those working in the substance abuse arena, informing the costs and benefits of and potential trade-offs between emergency response, education, and prevention.

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