## John Roberts - HERO's President & Co-Founder

Retired Chicago Police Captain lost his youngest of four children, 19-year-old Billy, to an overdose on 9/20/2009. John and another grieving father (Brian Kirk) banded together and started HERO (The Heroin Epidemic Relief Organization) in 2010 to help other families affected by the opioid epidemic plaguing our country. Turning his pain into purpose, HERO proudly offers free programs to help families and communities affected by substance use disorder and mental health struggles. John's passion is getting into schools to speak to students and staff about the disease of addiction to help fight back through awareness, education, and prevention.