




Clayton County Police Department

PROCEDURES

Subject NASAL NALOXONE (NARCAN®)		Procedure # D47	
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I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines and regulations governing the utilization of NARCAN® (naloxone hydrochloride) Nasal Spray by trained personnel within the Clayton County Police Department (CCPD), in order to treat and/or reduce injuries and fatalities due to opioid involved overdoses.

II. POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Clayton County Police Department (CCPD) that all sworn officers be trained in the use of NARCAN® (naloxone hydrochloride) Nasal Spray. Once trained, sworn officers of the CCPD shall be authorized to carry and administer NARCAN® Nasal Spray as directed by this policy, their training, and in accordance with state law. Georgia's 2014 House Bill 965 "Georgia 9-1-1 Medical Amnesty Law" provides protection for non-medical individuals from liability when administering Naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose.

III. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, the words and terms shall have the following meaning:

Naloxone: A prescription opioid antagonist medication that is used to reverse the effects of opioids, especially in the emergency treatment of an opioid overdose.

Opioid: Containing or derived from opium, including but not limited to heroin and morphine.

Opioid Antagonist: A drug that nullifies in whole or in part the administration of an opioid. The opioid antagonist for the purpose of this policy is limited to NARCAN® (naloxone hydrochloride) Nasal Spray.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Responsibilities

- Supervisors shall be responsible for ensuring that officers under their command are in compliance with this directive. Supervisors shall ensure that officers inspect all equipment regularly and routinely, and take immediate corrective action when necessary, regarding the

use and/or misuse of NARCAN® and any other County equipment. See also CCPD SOP: *B12: Inspections*.

2. Officers shall be responsible for ensuring that they are equipped with their assigned NARCAN® Nasal Spray device at the beginning of their shift.
3. The Uniform Patrol Division Sector Captains and/or concerned Division/Unit Commander shall appoint a designee to procure NARCAN® Nasal Spray devices for precincts and/or other departmental facilities. The designee will monitor usage and secure replacement devices in the event of deployment, damage or expiration.
4. The Training Unit Commander, or authorized designee (hereinafter referred to as the Training Unit Commander), shall be responsible for training employees in the use of the NARCAN® Nasal Spray device.
5. The Logistics & Operations Unit Commander, or authorized designee, shall be responsible for the procurement of NARCAN®.

B. Operational Readiness

1. The NARCAN® Nasal Spray device shall be issued as needed to all sworn officers assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division as well as other specialized units ordered by the Chief of Police, or authorized designee, that have received training.
2. Only officers who have been trained in the use of the NARCAN® Nasal Spray device shall be authorized to access, carry and/or use the device.
3. Officers are responsible for the care, control, maintenance and operational readiness of all County equipment assigned to them.
4. Prior to the beginning of a shift, officers assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division shall inspect their assigned NARCAN® Nasal Spray device for the following reasons:
 - a. To ensure the medication has not expired;
 - b. To verify there are no visible or obvious signs of damage to the device; and
 - c. To report any findings to their immediate supervisor.
5. Officers shall store their NARCAN® Nasal Spray device in designated areas as specified during departmental training or as directed by a supervisor.
6. The NARCAN® Nasal Spray device shall be accessible with duty gear at all times.
7. Officers shall use their NARCAN® Nasal Spray device in accordance with their training, or as instructed by a supervisor.
8. Officers shall not remove the NARCAN® Nasal Spray device from the blister package unless instructed to do so, by their supervisor or during deployment situations.

C. Deployment Situations

1. Officers may deploy the NARCAN® Nasal Spray device:
 - a. Anytime they believe its use would be appropriate and/or valuable to treat opiate overdose patients;
 - b. To prevent or reduce potential opiate overdose fatality situations; or
 - c. As instructed by their supervisor.

2. When an officer makes the decision to deploy the NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray device, officers shall adhere to procedures which include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Maintain universal precautions;
 - b. Perform an initial patient assessment;
 - c. Speak with bystanders in the surrounding areas near patient if possible, and scan the area for indications of opiate use by the patient;
 - d. Determine the patient's level of alertness, look for signs of life, and determine if respiratory depression (hypoventilation) or abnormal breathing (e.g., ineffective, shallow, slow, weak, etc.) is occurring;
 - e. Notify the dispatcher and their supervisor that the patient is in a potential overdose state, request EMS and a supervisor to respond to the scene of the incident, and a back-up officer, if possible;
 - f. Deploy the NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray device as outlined in departmental training if medical personnel has not yet arrived on scene;
 - g. Prepare for the possibility of restraining the patient for their safety and the safety of others; and
 - h. Render first aid, including utilizing recovery positioning to avoid the victim vomiting and aspirating, until relieved by EMS personnel.
3. The deployment of the NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray device shall be at the discretion of the officer on scene, and no officer shall be subject to disciplinary action for not deploying the device as long as appropriate on scene response procedures are followed, and the dispatcher is advised to request EMS to respond to the scene.
4. Once EMS arrives on scene, employees shall advise medical personnel of all medical steps taken prior to their arrival regarding the treatment of the patient. Medical personnel will be provided with the CCPD case number if the NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray is deployed. Officers shall turn the deployed NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray device over to EMS for destruction.

D. Documentation

1. Upon completion of the call for service, the officer that deployed the NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray device shall complete an RMS *Incident Report* detailing the deployment in the narrative. The completed report will be submitted to their supervisor.
2. Supervisors shall review any submitted reports from officers who have administered NARCAN[®] to an overdose victim. Reports shall be provided to the concerned Uniform Patrol Division (UPD) Sector Captain or Division/Unit Commander for the purpose of tracking deployments and obtaining replacements.
3. In the event of a deployment, the deploying officer will obtain a replacement NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray device from either the concerned UPD Sector Captain, the concerned Division/Unit Commander, or the Training Unit. A copy of the RMS *Incident Report* pertaining to the deployment of NARCAN[®] must be provided to obtain a replacement.

E. Procurement, Storage and Issuance

1. The Training Unit Commander will monitor NARCAN[®] inventories.
2. The Logistics & Operations Commander will secure the necessary order forms for NARCAN[®].

3. The Training Unit will store the NARCAN® Nasal Spray devices in a manner consistent with proper storage guidelines for temperature and sunlight exposure.
4. The Training Unit will issue NARCAN® Nasal Spray devices to sworn employees. An *Incident Report* shall be required if NARCAN® Nasal Spray devices are being requested to replace lost, damaged or deployed devices.
5. NARCAN® Nasal Spray devices shall be maintained by the Department for use in training.
6. Expired and/or damaged doses will be returned to the Training Unit for proper disposal.

F. Training

1. The Training Unit Commander is responsible for ensuring officers complete the required departmental training and issuing of the NARCAN® Nasal Spray device to sworn officers once that departmental training is successfully completed.
2. The training for the use of the NARCAN® Nasal Spray device may be conducted via departmental approved on-line training and/or in-person training.
3. At a minimum, the training will include an overview of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) § 31-11-55 which permits first responders to administer Naloxone to save the life of a person experiencing an opioid related overdose.
4. All sworn officers will receive refresher training annually.