



CHATHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

SOP - OPS-072:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/12/19

NALOXONE PROGRAM

REVISION:

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and regulations governing the lawful use and administration of Naloxone (Narcan) by personnel of the Chatham County Police Department (CCPD). The objective is to treat and reduce the injury and fatality from opiate overdoses.

POLICY:

It is the policy of CCPD that personnel receiving a Naloxone Kit be trained in lawful use and administration of Naloxone; in accordance with mandated guidelines set forth by Georgia law. The Georgia 911 Medical Amnesty Law O.C.G.A. 16-15-3 states that persons seeking medical assistance for a drug overdose for themselves or another shall not be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for any of the violations outlined within the Law.

DEFINITIONS:

Naloxone – Naloxone is an opioid antagonist's type drug administered for the sole purpose of treating narcotic opioid overdoses. The drug works by blocking the opioids from bonding to the body's receptors. This drug can be administered via intra-nasal or intra-muscular injectors. CCPD will administer the drug intra-nasal.

Naloxone Kit – A Naloxone Kit refers to the package containing the intra-nasal Naloxone.

Naloxone Program Coordinator – The Naloxone Program Coordinator refers to the individual who shall be responsible for ordering, assigning, replacing, maintenance, and record retention for the program.

I. TRAINING

- A. CCPD personnel who are responsible for the lawful use and administration of an opioid antagonist (such as Naloxone) will receive initial training that will include, at a minimum, an overview of O.C.G.A. 16-13-5 which covers immunity from arrest or prosecution of persons seeking medical assistance for drug overdose, victim assessment (e.g., signs/symptoms of overdose), universal precautions, rescue breathing, seeking medical attention, etc.
- B. Officers will also receive annual refresher training on the lawful use and administration of Naloxone.
- C. Employees should also review and familiarize themselves with of O.C.G.A. 31-11-55.1.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. Naloxone Use

1. The Chatham County Police Department will assign Naloxone Kits to personnel who have received Department-authorized training on its use.
2. When administering the Naloxone Kit, officers will:
 - a. Maintain universal precautions (glove, etc.).
 - b. Perform victim assessment.
 - c. Speak with bystanders, if appropriate, and scan the area for indications of opiate use by the patient.
 - d. Determine unresponsiveness/drowsiness, absence of breathing and/or no/faint pulse/blood shoot eyes.
 - e. Update Communications that the victim is in a potential overdose state and that Naloxone is being administered. Communications personnel will then notify or update EMS and other responding personnel with this information.
 - f. Notify supervisor that Naloxone was administered.

B. Maintenance and Replacement

1. An inspection of the Naloxone Kit shall be the responsibility of the personnel to which the kit is assigned and will be completed at the beginning of each shift.
2. Missing or damaged Naloxone Kits will be reported to the Naloxone Program Coordinator.
3. Where any condition necessitates, the Naloxone Kit shall be taken out of service and be submitted for replacement to the Department's Naloxone Program Coordinator.
4. Each Naloxone kit should be stored in the driver's side door compartment of their vehicle. This storage location will allow consistent access for retrieving the kits from another officer's vehicle.
5. Naloxone stored in high temperatures may lose some of its effectiveness but can still be used in an emergency, therefore a second dosage may be required.
6. Upon administering Naloxone, a new kit shall be ordered and replaced.

C. Documentation

1. Officers will submit an incident report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the victim received, and the fact that the Naloxone was administered. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Department's Naloxone Program Coordinator.
2. The Department's Naloxone Program Coordinator is responsible for compiling all Naloxone Data.
3. The Department's Naloxone Program Coordinator will provide an annual report to the Office of the Chief of Police summarizing departmental Naloxone use.

BY ORDER OF:

Approved and Signed in PowerDMS on 08/12/2019

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