

**PORTSMOUTH, NH POLICE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE****S-123
NARCAN****EFFECTIVE DATE: 10-03-17****REMARKS:****REVISIONS:****I. PURPOSE**

The purposes of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing utilization of NARCAN® (Naloxone) by sworn members of the Portsmouth Police Department.

II. POLICY

The Department will maintain an inventory of NARCAN within the station to be used on persons therein who are experiencing symptoms of an opioid overdose. A properly trained sworn member of the Department may administer NARCAN whenever he or she reasonably believes that a subject is the victim of an opioid drug overdose.

III. DEFENITIONS

- A. **INTRANASAL NALOXONE:** the first and only FDA-approved nasal form of naloxone for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose. Naloxone is more commonly known as, and with henceforth be referred to as, NARCAN®.
- B. **OPIOID:** Substances that act on opioid receptors to produce morphine-like effects. Opioids are most often used medically to relieve pain, and by people addicted to opioids. Opioids include opiates, an older term that refers to such drugs derived from opium, including morphine itself. Other opioids are semi-synthetic and synthetic drugs such as hydrocodone, oxycodone and fentanyl.
- C. **OPIOID ANTAGONIST:** Any drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or disinhibits the effects of opioids acting on those receptors.
- D. **OPIOID RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE:** A condition including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, or death resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid, or another substance with which an opioid was combined, or that a layperson would reasonably believe to be an opioid-related drug overdose that requires medical assistance.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Storage: Each kit contains 2 (two) delivery devices. NARCAN® kits will be stored in a clearly marked location in the following locations:
- Station Officers Desk
 - Evidence Processing Room
 - Evidence Submittal Room
 - PPD Vehicle Garage
 - Holding Facility
 - Shift Commanders closet (spare)
- B. Usage:
1. When administering NARCAN®, officers will follow the procedures that they are trained upon, and only those who have received training in the use of NARCAN® will be authorized to administer it.
 2. The ECC shall be notified to request Portsmouth Fire Department to respond to the station.
 3. Officers will remain with the patient to whom the NARCAN® was administered in order to render appropriate first aid as necessary until the Fire Department arrives.
- C. Disposal:
- 1) Contaminated, expired, damaged or used kits will be disposed of in the sharps container located in Evidence Submittal.
 - 2) Maintenance / Replacement: Administering Officers will notify the Shift Commander or Training Officer to ensure replacement / restocking. The Training Officer will be responsible for maintaining the supply of NARCAN® kits. These kits shall be used to replace any kits that are found to be expired, damaged or when a kit is administered.

V. TRAINING

- A. All sworn officers will receive certification training during the department bi-annual CPR / First Aid training session. Certification training includes the following:
1. A review of NH RSA 318-B:15 that details the use of NARCAN® by a healthcare professional authorized to dispense an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose.
 2. Complete a Healthcare Provider (2010) CPR class.
 3. Complete a first aid training program that follows the *OSHA Best Practices Guide: Fundamentals of a workplace First-Aid Program* (2006).

- B. All newly hired officers will be given a basic introduction to NARCAN® in the event of an emergency. This will be conducted by the Training Officer during initial indoctrination training.

VI. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Store NARCAN® Nasal Spray at room temperature between 59°F to 77°F. NARCAN® Nasal Spray may be stored for short periods up to 104°F (40°C)
- B. Do not freeze NARCAN® Nasal Spray
- C. Keep the NARCAN® Nasal Spray in its box until ready to use. Protect from light
- D. Replace NARCAN® Nasal Spray before the expiration date on the box
- E. Keep NARCAN® Nasal Spray and all medicines out of the reach of children

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