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## **Chapter 2** **Departmental Equipment**

### **POLICY & PROCEDURE** **NALOXONE (NARCAN)**

#### **I. PURPOSE:**

To establish guidelines and regulations governing the use of naloxone (nasal Narcan) by the Newtown Police Department. The objective being to treat and reduce the injury and fatality rate from opiate overdoses.

#### **II. POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Newtown Police Department that all officers certified as either Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) or Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) are required to be trained in the use of Narcan. Furthermore all patrol officers shall carry Narcan while on duty and shall deploy Narcan as described in this policy.

#### **III. DEFINITIONS:**

1. Naloxone (Narcan): A prescription medicine which acts as an opioid (narcotic) antagonist that may reverse central nervous system and respiratory depression secondary to an opioid overdose. Nasal Narcan indicates that the delivery system for prescription Narcan shall be through the use of an intranasal spray device.
2. Opiate: A class of natural and synthetic drugs that act as pain relievers. They can be prescribed by a physician or illegally manufactured and are all addictive. They include Heroin, Demerol, Methadone, hydrocodone (Vicodin), oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percocet), morphine (Kadian, Avinza), Codeine, Tramadol, and Fentanyl.
3. M.A.D: The intranasal Mucosal Atomization Device that is attached to the plunger syringe allowing the Narcan to properly deliver the Narcan into the patient's nostrils.

#### **IV. PROCEDURES:**

##### **A. Training:**

All Newtown Police Officers that are certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) or Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) will be trained in the use of intranasal Narcan. The training will be completed by qualified EMS trainers and shall

consist of training modules promulgated by the CT Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS). Continued training on Narcan will be incorporated into EMR recertification and updated in accordance with sponsoring hospital protocol. Training records shall be forwarded to Danbury Hospital's EMS Coordinator, for approval.

B. Narcan Deployment:

Narcan kits will be secured within the gun cabinet in the classroom. Each kit is numbered and will be assigned to a patrol officer at the beginning of his/her shift. The kits must remain in a climate controlled environment while in the officer's care and must be returned by the officer to the gun cabinet at the end of their shift.

C. Narcan Use:

1. The administration of Narcan will be dictated by protocol set forth within the State of Connecticut EMS Guidelines; refer to the Connecticut Department of Public Health memo dated June 13, 2014. Protocols are attached as an addendum to this policy;
2. Officers shall maintain universal precautions when administering Narcan or any medical assistance;
3. Officers shall notify dispatch that Narcan has been administered. The administration of Narcan shall be noted with a CAD entry and shall be relayed to other responding EMS providers;
4. Continuation of care and transport shall be the responsibility of Newtown Ambulance or other responding ambulance corps;
5. All persons to whom Narcan is administered shall be transported to Danbury Hospital. If a patient refuses to be transported a Newtown Police Officer shall complete a "Police Emergency Examination Request" form and will follow all of the existing protocols for such transport.

D. Law Enforcement Considerations:

1. Officers must remain cognizant that situations involving overdoses may be volatile and contain an added degree of danger. The safety of officers, EMS providers and the public is of paramount importance. The administration of emergency medical techniques shall be predicated on whether or not the environment allows them to do so safely.
2. Officers on the scene of an overdose should remain cognizant of the provisions of CGS 21a-279(g) which outlines prohibitions against arresting individuals for illegal possession providing that they called the police in good faith to report the overdose of another person.
3. Officers shall seize the drugs that the patient overdosed on as well as any illegal drugs or contraband within the vicinity of the patient or in plain view.

E. Reporting:

1. If Narcan is administered the BLS Naloxone Notification form must be completed and returned to the regional EMS Coordinator within 8 hours of treatment. The form is attached as an addendum to this policy and should be completed with the assistance of Newtown Ambulance EMS personnel.
2. Officers who administer Narcan, or provide any level of medical care, shall complete a written report detailing their actions.
3. Notification up the chain of command shall be made for all incidents of overdose whether or not Narcan is administered.

F. Narcan Maintenance & Replacement:

1. Narcan is a prescription drug and has such is subject to a shelf-life. The expiration date for the Narcan drug is imprinted on the end of the Narcan container. Officers that are issued Narcan shall ensure it is not expired. Any expired Narcan shall be taken out of service and given to the patrol commander for replacement.
2. Officers that administer Narcan shall notify their shift supervisor, who in turn will notify the patrol commander that a replacement is needed. The empty Narcan carrying case shall be delivered to the patrol commander who will replace the Narcan kit with a new one and will place the numbered kit back in service.