

Standard Operating Procedure				
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Purpose:.

To establish guidelines and regulations governing utilization of the Nasal Narcan administered by the XXXXX Police Department. The objective is to treat Opioid Overdoses and reduce fatal Opioid Overdoses.

Policy:

It is the policy of the ?????? Police Department that officers who will be administering Nasal Narcan are properly trained in the use and deployment of the Nasal Narcan according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Procedure:

A. The ?????? Police Department will deploy the Nasal Narcan kit in the following primary locations: (EACH PD CAN ESTABLISH WHERE THEY WILL SECURE THE NARCAN AND THESE ARE JUST EXAMPLES NOT REQUIREMENTS)

- Desk Sergeant / Booking area
- One kit in each sector patrol car
- K-9 Units
- Detective Bureau
- Community Police Officers/School Resource Officers

NOTE: Nasal Narcan may be damaged by extreme temperatures, both high and low. Due to this fact, consideration should be given to storing the Narcan in the interior of a patrol car when these conditions exist and taking the Narcan from the vehicle and storing it inside the police department after a shift is completed.

B. Nasal Narcan Coordinator: The ??????(i.e. Administrative Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, etc.) is designated as the Nasal Narcan Coordinator (EACH PD SHALL ESTABLISH A COORDINATOR FOR THE PROGRAM)

The Nasal Narcan Coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

1. Ensuring the Nasal Narcan is current and not expired.

2. Proper and efficient deployment of Nasal Narcan for patrol.
3. Replacement of any Nasal Narcan that is either damaged, unusable, expired or deployed.
4. Ensuring all personnel that will be using Nasal Narcan has received appropriate training in such.
5. Ensure that any deployment of Nasal Narcan to a subject will have a corresponding police report documenting such deployment.
6. Report to the County Prosecutor within 24 hours (County Nasal Narcan Coordinator) any use of Nasal Narcan on the Ocean County Nasal Narcan Deployment Form.

C. Nasal Narcan use.

When using the Nasal Narcan kit officers will maintain universal precautions, perform patient assessment; determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing and or pulse. Officer(s) should update their communications dispatcher that the patient is in a potential overdose state. Dispatcher will then notify the local EMS and Paramedic Unit. Officers shall follow the protocol as outlined in the Nasal Narcan training.

1. Officer Nasal Narcan Deployment Protocol:

- Identify and assess victim for responsiveness, pulse and status of breathing
- If no pulse, initiate CPR and AED as per normal protocol; notify incoming EMS
- If pulse is present and the victim is unconscious, assess breathing status
 - If breathing is adequate (>8 per minute, no cyanosis) and no signs of trauma, place in the recovery position
 - If breathing is decreased or signs of low oxygen (cyanosis) and overdose is suspected (based on history, evidence on scene, bystander reports, physical examination) then proceed with narcan administration
- Retrieve Narcan kit
- Assemble kit
- Administer a maximum of 1mg in each nostril for a total of 2mg, using the mucosal atomizer device
- Initiate breathing support with pocket mask, bag-valve-mask and oxygen if available.
- If no response after 3-5 minutes and a second dose of naloxone is available, repeat the administration
- Continue to monitor breathing and pulse – if breathing increases and there is no evidence of trauma, place in the recovery position
- If at any time pulses are lost, initiate CPR and AED as per normal protocol
- Keep responding EMS advised of patient status when able to do so
- Give full report to EMS when they arrive
- Complete documentation and internal department procedures for restocking and notification

NOTE: When an officer deploys nasal Narcan and it results in a resuscitation of an overdose victim, that officer should ensure that person receives appropriate follow-up care. The effects of Narcan only last for a limited period of time and the person may experience another opiate overdose when the effects of the Narcan wear off. As such, every effort should be made to encourage that person to be transported to the hospital for additional care. If the person refuses additional care, police should ensure that person is taken to a medical facility by ambulance. Furthermore, the officer should

accompany the ambulance personnel for their safety. Local police and EMT procedures should not be otherwise circumvented as a result of this protocol.

SEE: Barna v. City of Perth Amboy, 42 F.3d 809, 820 (3rd Cir. 1994)(citing Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1, 16 (1968)) and State v. Edmonds, 211 N.J. 117, 132 (2012)(citing State v. Frankel, 179 N.J. 586, 599 (2004)) which stated “(1) the officer had ‘an objectively reasonable basis to believe that an emergency requires that he provide immediate assistance to protect or preserve life, or to prevent serious injury’ and (2) there was a ‘reasonable nexus between the emergency and the area or places to be searched.’ Also, SEE: Morey v. Palmer, 232 N.J.Super. 144, 153 (App. Div. 1989); Barna, supra, 42 F.3d at 820 which held that when a person is so “intoxicated” that they appear to the officer to be “incapacitated,” the officer not only has the discretion but the duty to transport the incapacitated person to a hospital¹ with reference to N.J.S.A. 26:2B-16.

D. Maintenance / Replacement

- a) An inspection of the Nasal Narcan kit shall be the responsibility of the personnel assigned the equipment and will be conducted each shift.
- b) Missing or damaged Nasal Narcan kit(s) will be reported directly to the Officer in Charge of the shift who shall notify the Department’s Nasal Narcan Coordinator. (PD MAY ALSO WANT TO DOCUMENT THIS INFORMATION IN THEIR CAD)
- c) Where any condition that necessitates the Nasal Narcan kit to be taken off line or be submitted for replacement this information shall be directed to the Department’s Nasal Narcan Coordinator. It should be noted that Narcan has an expiration date per the manufacturer. As such, all personnel assigned Narcan shall be responsible for checking the expiration date of the product. If expired, the Department’s Coordinator shall be notified as soon as possible.
- d) Replacement: The Department’s Nasal Narcan Coordinator shall be responsible for replacing the Nasal Narcan and ensure the police department has an adequate supply available for patrol use.

E. Documentation / Nasal Narcan Report:

Upon completing the medical assist, the officer shall submit the Ocean County Nasal Narcan Deployment report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received and the fact that the Nasal Narcan was deployed. The report will be forwarded to the Department’s Nasal Narcan Coordinator and after approval forwarded to the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office Nasal Narcan Coordinator. These records must be completed for statistical value and tracking of the Nasal Narcan deployments by law enforcement personnel.