



**San Diego County Sheriff**

**Training Bulletin**

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## **Naloxone**



### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Training Bulletin is to serve as a reminder regarding the Sheriff's Department's Naloxone program.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department deputies will deploy Naloxone kits in the following primary locations: Every on-duty patrol unit, Community College unit(s), Court Services Field unit(s), Waterfront Enforcement Team (WET) unit, Railroad Enforcement unit(s), Traffic unit(s), School Resource Officer and any unit who, during the course of their shift, is likely to respond to a medical emergency in the field. Other locations may also be equipped with the Naloxone kits upon command request.

### **WHAT IS NALOXONE?**

Naloxone (trade name "Narcan") is prescription medication used for decades as an antidote to reverse the effects of opiate overdoses. California legislation allows private persons and first responders to possess Naloxone and administer the antidote medication in cases of opiate overdoses.

### **DEPUTIES RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE SHOULD PER POLICY:**

When responding to a report of an overdose, officer safety is of the utmost priority. The following steps should be included:

- Ensure scene safety before any medical assistance is performed
- Maintain universal precautions
- Perform patient assessment (ABC's)
- Determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing or pulse
- Update dispatch of potential overdose
- Follow protocol as outlined for administering the medication
- Immediately inform responding EMS/Paramedics, Naloxone administer and number of doses administered
- Every deputy should have a breathing barrier to use during rescue breathing

### **AB472, CALIFORNIA'S 911 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW STATES:**

*"It shall not be a crime for any person who experiences a drug-related overdose, as defined, who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance, or any other person who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for the person experiencing a drug related overdose, to be under the influence of, or to possess for personal use, a controlled substance, controlled substance analog, or drug paraphernalia, under certain circumstances related to a drug-related overdose that*

*prompted seeking medical assistance if that person does not obstruct medical or law enforcement personnel.”*

**DOCUMENTATION OF NALOXONE USE:**

**A Naloxone Usage Report must be completed every time Naloxone is administered.**

Ensure the NETRMS Special Studies Box: "Naloxone Related Event" is selected

- Complete deputy's report face sheet in NETRMS
- Include date, time, case number, victim and witness information
- For the narrative write "See attached Naloxone Usage Report"
- Attach Naloxone Usage Report.
- If a controlled substance(s) are discovered at the scene of an overdose incident:
  - Collect and preserve evidence
  - Write crime report for future follow up with detectives
  - Do not arrest overdose victim or the reporting party per the Good Samaritan Law

*Note: If no controlled substances are found, a Deputy's Report and Naloxone Usage Report should still be completed.*

**CHECK IN/OUT PROCESS:**

- Employees will inspect the kit at the time they check it out.
- The station's Naloxone coordinator will conduct an inspection once a month.
- When checking out a kit
  - Inspect the kit immediately and ensure the device is intact
  - Complete the daily check out including time, date, and kit number
  - Naloxone Kits should be kept in the passenger compartment of the vehicle in order to properly preserve the medication from excessive exposure to high temperatures
- If the kit was used:
  - Dispose of the nasal device and Naloxone syringe in the hazardous waste/sharps bin (EMS responders or station sharps box)
  - Check out a new kit

For more information please refer to Sheriff's Department Policy 6.128 Use of Naloxone. Any other questions can be directed to the department's Naloxone coordinator Lt. Vickery.

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