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HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONS POLICY

Naloxone (Narcan)

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1. Purpose

To provide members of the Harford County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) with guidelines regarding the administration of Naloxone. Naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, is administered to subjects experiencing, or believed to be experiencing, an opioid overdose.

2. Policy

The HCSO will train members to recognize signs and symptoms of opiate overdoses and to properly administer nasal Narcan to reverse the effects and save lives.

3. Procedures

A. When on the scene of a medical emergency a deputy will, consistent with his training, administer Narcan to an individual when:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel trained in administering Narcan are not on the scene; and
2. The deputy, through his training, knowledge, and experience determines that the individual may be suffering from an opiate overdose.
 - a. Unusual circumstances such as legitimate officer safety concerns may prevent a deputy from administering the Narcan.

B. Prior to administering Narcan, deputies must don protective equipment to include rubber or latex gloves.

C. After administering Narcan to an individual, a deputy will:

1. Conduct an assessment concerning the circumstances of the individual's medical emergency to include statements of witnesses concerning the individual's drug use;
2. Inform incoming EMS personnel about the administration of Narcan and any other pertinent facts about the individual known to the deputy;
3. Continue to observe the individual and provide the care necessary within the deputy's training, until the responsibility for the person is turned over to an individual with an equal or higher level of medical training; and

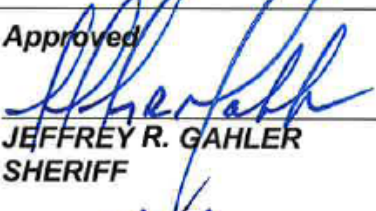
4. Attempt to convince the individual to accept transport to a hospital via EMS.
- D. If an individual to whom a deputy administered Narcan refuses to be transported to the hospital, the deputy will determine if the criteria for an emergency evaluation are met.
1. If the criteria are met, the deputy will take the person into custody and transport him to the hospital for an emergency evaluation.
 2. If the criteria for an emergency evaluation are not met, the deputy will ensure that the individual either:
 - a. Signs an EMS patient refusal; or
 - b. Ensures the refusal is witnessed by EMS and documented on the EMS form.
- E. Reporting
1. A deputy who administers a dose of Narcan will:
 - a. Complete an incident report titled "Overdose" in which he details the circumstances of the Narcan administration;
 - b. Complete a Heroin Overdose After Action Report (AAR) – Confidential Memorandum;
 - c. Forward the initial report and AAR to the Heroin AAR email distribution group;
 - d. Complete the "Overdose Response Program (ORP) Naloxone Use Report (rev 5/2020); and
 - e. Email the completed "ORP" to hchd.harmreduction@maryland.gov.
- F. Equipment
1. Only deputies trained in the administration of Narcan will be equipped with Narcan nasal spray.
 2. As soon as possible after the administration of a dose of Narcan, the deputy must obtain a replacement Narcan nasal spray from a supervisor.
 3. Narcan will be replaced before the expiration of the product.
 4. Deputies will take reasonable steps to protect the Narcan from extremes in temperatures, and at a minimum, those steps must include securing the Narcan indoors between shifts.
 5. Once the Narcan has been administered, the nasal spray will be treated as a biohazard and disposed of accordingly.

G. Training

1. Initial training for Narcan administration for patrol deputies will be provided.

H. Inventory

1. The HCSO Quartermaster will be responsible for maintaining a supply of Narcan for the Agency.
2. Each Commander of a Precinct/Unit with Narcan trained deputies will assign a Narcan inventory control officer.
 - a. The inventory control officer will be responsible for:
 1. Obtaining Narcan kits from the quartermaster to replenish kits used in the field;
 2. Maintaining the supply of Narcan kits at the respective Precinct/Unit; and
 3. Periodic verifications of the Narcan inventory to include verifying that each kit issued is signed out to an individual deputy.

Approved

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