



# East Norriton Township Police Department

## GENERAL ORDER 2.1.12

### NALOXONE: STORAGE AND USE

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### 2.1.12 Naloxone: Storage and Use

It is the policy of this department that only officers who have completed department-approved training in the proper administration of Naloxone shall be permitted to administer Naloxone when they encounter an apparent opioid overdose victim.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this guideline is to provide a framework for the use, storage and reporting procedures to be completed when Naloxone (a.k.a. Narcan) is administered in opioid drug overdose situations.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Naloxone - An opiate antagonist that prevents or reverses the effects of opioids including respiratory depression, sedation and hypotension.

Naloxone Program Coordinator (NPC) – A member of the East Norriton Township Police Department who is appointed by the Chief of Police to be responsible for the training for Naloxone use as well as the maintenance of the Naloxone kits.

#### **PROCEDURE**

**A. Training**

1. Initial - Completion of the following training programs have been judged to meet the requirement for initial Naloxone training:
  - a. Web based training at: <http://getnaloxonenow.org/> .
  - b. Read the 'How to Use' instruction primer and demonstrate the delivery of Naloxone with the training device.
  - c. Read and Review the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety Naloxone Power Point presentation.
2. Officers shall be re-trained for the use of Naloxone on a biennial basis (once every two years). A record of an officer's initial and refresher training along with a copy of training materials shall be maintained in the department's training archive. Copies of all training documents shall also be maintained by the NPC.

## B. Kit Distribution

1. Naloxone kits shall be supplied to the department through the County. The county shall be responsible for obtaining the legally mandated physician-approvals prior to issuing the kits to the department. A copy of the medical authorization shall be maintained with the NPC and Chief of Police.
2. Naloxone kit(s) shall be stored in supplied black nylon pouches, marked "Narcan" and attached to the straps of existing AED units. The unit should be kept in a relatively cool environment out of direct sunlight and removed from the patrol vehicle at the end of each shift to prevent degradation of the medication.
3. Sergeants shall ensure that AED units containing Naloxone kits are utilized by on-duty patrol personnel.

## C. Naloxone Administration

1. When officers encounter a situation where it appears Naloxone might be beneficial, officers should:
  - a. Ensure that Emergency Medical Services are responding;
  - b. Use appropriate protective supplies;
  - c. Determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing and/or no pulse; (Note: Initiate CPR if there no pulse)
  - d. If possible, determine if Naloxone/Narcan has been administered prior to police arrival and in what amount(s), and whether the subject has ever had an adverse reaction to Naloxone/Narcan. Naloxone should not be administered to an individual who has previously had an adverse reaction.
  - e. Advise MCEDS that the patient appears to be in a potential overdose condition, Naloxone/Narcan will be administered.
  - f. Administer Naloxone according to the manufactures instructions.
2. Due to the potential for a life threatening relapse, victims should be kept in protective custody at the scene until EMS arrives and takes over their care and treatment.
3. Spent Naloxone kits should be put in a "sharps" container and disposed of with an EMS ambulance or at a medical facility.
4. At the conclusion of a Naloxone administration incident, officers shall submit an incident report, to include assessment of patient, care patient received, and the fact Naloxone was administered, along with number of doses administered.

Additionally, the Montgomery County Regional Emergency Medical Services Naloxone Reporting Form shall be completed and attached to the report. A copy shall also be scanned and emailed to: DPS EMS Field Specialist Edward Martin at [EMartin@montcopa.org](mailto:EMartin@montcopa.org) OR faxed to: 610-631-6536.

5. Copies of all reports related to the administering of Naloxone shall be forwarded to the NPC and the Chief of Police.

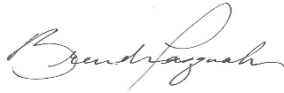
## D. Kit Maintenance and Replacement

1. In addition to the pre-shift equipment check performed by officers, the NPC shall maintain a record of the expiration dates of all Naloxone kits. The Naloxone kits shall be replaced

before they reach their expiration dates.

2. Expired Naloxone kits should be disposed of in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
3. All used Naloxone cartridges shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police who will provide a replacement cartridge to the NPC for resupply.

By order of:

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Brandon Pasquale  
Chief of Police