

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER MANUAL**

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NALOXONE (NARCAN) OVERDOSE PREVENTION

POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and regulations governing utilization of Naloxone (Narcan) used by the Marin County Sheriff's Office. The objective is to treat and reduce the injury and fatality from opiate overdoses.

It is the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Office that all patrol deputies will be trained in the use of naloxone. Training that is provided will be sanctioned by the Marin County Emergency Medical Services Agency.

DEFINITIONS

Naloxone: Is a drug that antagonizes morphine and other opiates. Naloxone is a pure opiate antagonist and prevents or reverses the effects of opioids including respiratory depression, sedation, and hypotension.

PROCEDURE

Training

All participating officers will receive training that will include, at a minimum, an overview of 2014's Senate Bill 1438 that permits law enforcement to use Naloxone, patient assessment (e.g. signs/symptoms of overdose), universal precautions, rescue breathing, seeking medical attention, and the use of intra-nasal Naloxone. Upon completion of training, deputies will have their training recorded by the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

Naloxone Deployment

The Marin County Sheriff's Office will deploy its Naloxone kits as follows:

- One assigned to each patrol-trained deputy, including investigations, PSU, Marin County Major Crimes Task Force and other contractual assignments (i.e. MMWD, Open Space)
- In Designated AED storage boxes within certain facilities of the Sheriff's Office that are regularly open to the public during normal business hours.
 - Court Floor
 - Main lobby of the EOF

Naloxone Use

When deploying the Naloxone kit deputies will:

- Maintain universal precautions,
- Perform patient assessment;
- Determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing, and/or lack of pulse
Update the dispatcher that the patient is in a potential overdose state. The dispatcher will then update the fire department and ambulance service, if not already done, to arrange transport to an Emergency Department. Deputies shall follow the protocol as outlined in the Naloxone training in accordance with the Marin County Emergency Medical Services agency.

Maintenance/Replacement

- The Naloxone kits will be replaced approximately every two years by the coordinator.
- Missing or damaged Naloxone kits will be reported to the Shift Supervisor who will notify the Marin County Sheriff's Office Naloxone Coordinator.
- Where any condition necessitates the Naloxone kit shall be taken offline and be submitted for a replacement to the Marin County Sheriff's Office Naloxone Coordinator.

Documentation

Upon completing the medical assist, the deputy will submit a crime/incident report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received, and the fact that the Naloxone was deployed. The report will be forwarded to the Marin County Sheriff's Office Naloxone Coordinator who will then forward the data to the Marin County Emergency Medical Services. These records must be completed for statistical value of the Naloxone program. The documents will be stored in the case files.

RELATED STANDARDS

AFFECTED DIVISIONS

Patrol
Communications
Investigations
Court Security
Marin County Major Crimes Task Force

ATTACHMENTS

None

DATE OF REVISIONS

None

By Order Of,

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