

5.9 Naloxone Policy

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Johnstown Police Department to follow the provisions of this general order. Each officer will be trained and certified by the online training program provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health: Opioid-Associated Overdose Prevention, Recognition and Response Training.

II. PURPOSE

To ensure to safety of all citizens Act 139 of 2014 allows law enforcement to administer the use of Naloxone to individuals experiencing an Opioid overdose provided certain requirements have been met. The Johnstown Police Department will provide training for officers of these circumstances and procedures under which the use of Naloxone is appropriate.

III. DEFINITIONS

1. NALOXONE: An intranasal prescription medication that can be used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.
2. OPIOIDS: Opioid drugs include, but are not limited to heroin, morphine, oxycodone, methadone, hydrocodone and codeine.
3. DRUG OVERDOSE RESPONSE IMMUNITY: Act 139 of 2014 mandates a person shall not be charged and shall be immune from prosecution from violations of and for probations and parole violations of The Controlled Substance Drug Device and Cosmetic Act: Sections 13[a] 5, 16, 19, 31, 32, 33 and 37 provided the following occur:
 - a. Law enforcement only became aware of the offense because the person transported the overdose victim to a law enforcement agency or for medical help.
 - b. A person reports a drug overdose event in good faith to law enforcement, emergency services or a medical provider.
 - c. The person provided their own name, proper location and remained with the overdose victim until help arrived.

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IV. PROCEDURES

The Johnstown Police Department will set the protocols to obtain, maintain the storage and recordkeeping of the Naloxone.

A. General Procedures

1. Officer's shall prior to the beginning of their shift secure two [2] doses of Naloxone from their sergeant/OIC and shall at the conclusion of their shift return unused doses to the sergeant/OIC. In the event of usage the officer shall prepare the Cambria County Drug Task Force Drug Overdose Report.
2. It is the responsibility of the officer to ensure the kits are intact and not damaged. If the Naloxone kit is damaged report it immediately to the Sergeant/OIC.

B. Administering Naloxone

When an officer believes that an individual is suffering from an opioid drug overdose the immediate measures are as follows:

1. Immediately request the response of Emergency Medical Service [EMS]
2. If the person is unconscious rub the sternum to attempt to regain consciousness.
3. Provide CPR, AED or other emergency treatment as necessary.
4. If the person is not breathing adequately [6 to 8 breaths a minute] or does not have a pulse administer Naloxone in the following manner.
 - a. Pry the yellow caps from the plastic tube.
 - b. Remove the red cap from the Naloxone ampule.
 - c. Insert the nasal cone into the appropriate end of the plastic tube.
 - d. Gently screw the Naloxone ampule into the barrel of the plastic tube.
 - e. Insert the nasal cone into a nostril while depressing the Naloxone ampule into the tube.
 - f. Spray one half of the Naloxone into each nostril.
5. Request dispatch to notify responding EMS personnel that Naloxone was administered.
6. If the individual has not responded within three to five minutes after administering the first dose administer a second dose.

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7. Inform responding EMS of the circumstances in which the victim was found that led to the belief that person is suffering from an opioid drug overdose [i.e., physical signs, statement by witnesses, etc].
 - a. Report any attempt to revive the victim such as CPR, AED, etc.
8. In each case of a suspected drug overdose [Opioid or otherwise] complete the “Drug Overdose Report” placing it into the Records Department where it will be given to the designated Naloxone Manager.

C. Naloxone Manager

The Naloxone Manager will be designated by the Chief of Police. The manager will make the initial written request to the District Attorney for the number of doses deemed appropriate for the Johnstown Police Department. Inform the Chief County Detective that all members of the department have undergone the required training. The Naloxone Manager shall also supply the signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Johnstown Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office.

1. The manager shall maintain the signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Johnstown Police Department and District Attorney’s Office.
2. The manager will maintain records and annually inform the District Attorney’s Office through the Chief County Detective that all officers have received the appropriate training permitting them to administer Naloxone.
3. The manager will complete the county request form to restock the Naloxone and maintain the records of the procurement and will transport the Naloxone to the Johnstown Police Department.
4. The manager will insure the proper storage of Naloxone supplies at room temperature in a secure location with the department.
5. The manager will insure all officers within the Johnstown Police Department successfully complete the online training provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health: Opioid-Associated Overdose Prevention, Recognition and Response Training.
6. The manager will maintain a written inventory of the Naloxone to include the quantity, expiration dates and insure the proper distribution as per this policy.

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7. The manager will insure replacement of expired or used kits by supplying to the District Attorney's Office as required copies of all "Drug Overdose Intel Reports" completed by the officers along with any expired doses for destruction.

Effective Date:

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By Order Of:

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Chief of Police