

#### Winchester City Sheriff's Office Manual of General Orders

# Operations 323

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By Authority of:

Les R Taylor, Sheriff

# I. POLICY

Subject: Nasal Naloxone

It is the policy of the Sheriff's Office that all deputies are required to be trained in the use of the nasal naloxone by the appropriate training authority. It is the goal of each deputy to provide immediate assistance via the use of nasal naloxone, where appropriate, and to provide any treatment commensurate with their training as first responders, to assist other EMS personnel on scene, and to handle any criminal investigations that may arise. In order to reduce the number of fatalities which can result from opiate overdoses, the Sheriff's Office will train its deputies in the proper pre-hospital administration of nasal naloxone.

### II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this general order is meant to provide guidance to deputies in the use of pre-hospital administration of nasal naloxone (Narcan®) to reduce the number of fatalities which occur as a result of opiate overdose emergencies, and to establish guidelines and regulations governing the utilization of the nasal naloxone administered by the City of Winchester Sheriff's Office.

#### III. PROCEDURE

#### A. Definitions

Opiate: An opiate is a medication or drug that is derived from the opium poppy or that mimics the effect of an opiate (a synthetic opiate). Opiate drugs are narcotic sedatives that depress activity of the central nervous system, reduce pain, and induce sleep. Commonly encountered opiates include: morphine, methadone, codeine, heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone (OxyContin®, Percocet®, and Percodan®) and hydrocodone (Vicodin®).

Naloxone: Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that can be used to counter the effects of opiate overdose. Specifically, it can displace opioids from the receptors in the brain that control the central nervous system and respiratory system. It is marketed under various trademarks including Narcan®.

Nasal Naloxone Coordinator: The Nasal Naloxone Coordinator (NNC) shall be an individual designated by the Sheriff's Office to collect, review and track all reports of naloxone usage.

## B. Deployment of Nasal Naloxone Kits

When a deputy of the City of Winchester Sheriff's Office arrives on the scene of a medical emergency prior to the arrival of EMS, and has made a good faith determination that the patient is suffering from an opiate overdose, the responding deputy should administer four (4) milligrams of Naloxone to the patient by way of the nasal passage into one nostril.

Deployment of Nasal Naloxone and Administration Procedures

The Following procedures shall be observed when a deputy administers nasal naloxone

- 1. Upon arrival on scene, deputies must first perform a patient assessment as prescribed by Procedures and the National Safety Council's First Responder Guidelines, and shall consider statements from witnesses and/or family members regarding the patient's drug use.
- 2. Deputies shall use universal precautions, including body substance isolation.
- 3. To be considered for naloxone administration, the victim should be unresponsive and have reduced respirations possibly attributable to an opioid overdose.
- 4. Deputies can ensure unresponsiveness and reduced respirations by calling out to the victim and performing a noxious stimulus (sternum rub).
- 5. Deputies shall update the dispatcher that the patient is in a potential overdose state.
- 6. Dispatch will then update Fire and Rescue.
- 7. Deputies will start rescue breathing, with a bag valve mask if one is available, and administer supplementary oxygen if available.
- 8. Deputies shall examine the victim for possible contraindications for intranasal administration of naloxone (e.g., facial trauma, nasal obstruction, bloody nose.)
- 9. Deputies shall administer the naloxone per City of Winchester Sheriff's Office training. The Deputies shall use the nasal mist adapter that is in the Naloxone kit to administer a four (4) milligram dose of naloxone into one nostril. Deputies should be aware that a rapid reversal of an opiate overdose may cause projectile vomiting by the patient and/or violent behavior.
- 10. Deputies shall return to rescue breathing until spontaneous respirations are restored.
- 11. If spontaneous respirations do not return after 3-5 minutes, deputies should give a second dose of naloxone per training procedures.
- 12. When respirations are restored, deputies shall move the victim into the recovery position, on their side, to prevent aspiration in the event of vomiting.
- 13. Deputies shall note the time of naloxone administration to report to Fire/Rescue EMS personnel.
- 14. Deputies shall continue to monitor the patient until the ambulance arrives and the victim is transferred to emergency medical personnel for further evaluation and treatment.

- 15. The treating deputy shall inform EMS immediately upon arrival of the treatment rendered and condition of the patient. The treating deputy shall not relinquish care of the patient until relieved by a persons with a higher level of training.
- 16. The atomizer can be disposed of in regular household trash.
  - C. **Reporting:** Upon treating a patient with nasal naloxone, the deputy shall submit a report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received and the fact that the nasal naloxone was deployed. The report shall be completed on a form substantially conforming to the sample attached hereto.

# D. Equipment and maintenance:

- 1. It shall be the responsibility of the deputy to inspect the nasal naloxone kits prior to the beginning of each shift to ensure that the kits are intact.
- 2. Nasal naloxone kits will be kept in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor fingerprinting room.
- 3. Damaged kits shall be reported to the Major.
- 4. The NNC will maintain a sufficient supply of nasal naloxone kits sufficient to meet the needs of the City of Winchester Sheriff's Office.
  - E. Replacement: The Major shall immediately replace nasal naloxone kits that have been used during the course of a shift and shall make note of the replacement.
  - F. **Training:** Deputies shall receive a standard training course administered by the City of Winchester Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with an appropriate training facility/provider prior to being allowed to use nasal naloxone.

