

## Use of Narcan (Naloxone)

### 434.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and regulations governing the utilization of Narcan by Fontana Police Department employees with the objective to reduce the number of fatal opiate overdoses and increase employee safety

### 434.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Fontana Police Department that officers shall be trained to administer Naloxone in accordance with mandated training guidelines established by the San Bernardino County Fire Department and the San Bernardino County Public Health Department pursuant to Health & Safety Code 1797.197.

(a) Officers who are trained in accordance with mandated training guidelines shall deploy with Naloxone kits in the field. However, the officer will retain the discretion to administer or not administer Naloxone to persons experiencing or suspected of experiencing opioid-related overdoses. There is no legal obligation to administer Naloxone.

(b) Pursuant to Civil Code section 1714.22, officers who administer Naloxone, are protected from civil and criminal liability if they "act with reasonable care" and "in good faith." This is accomplished by administering Naloxone with established and approved training protocol.

### 434.3 NARCAN COORDINATOR

The Fontana Police Department Paramedic, under the direction of Dr. Pennington and Dr. Neeki, or their designee, shall act as the Narcan Coordinator. The Narcan Coordinator's responsibilities include

- (a) Maintaining records of issued Narcan kits
- (b) Maintaining a list of employees trained in Narcan administration
- (c) Obtaining new Narcan kits prior to their expiration
- (d) Coordinating new or continued Narcan training for employees

### 434.4 TRAINING

Officers may not administer Naloxone without the completion of the Department approved training. The initial training will include, at a minimum, an overview of California Civil Code 1714.22, patient assessment (signs/symptomology of overdose), universal precautions, rescue breathing, seeking medical attention, and the use of intra-nasal Naloxone. Upon completion of training, officers will have their training recorded with the Narcan Coordinator and Training Sergeant. Officers will receive update training as deemed appropriate by the Narcan Coordinator.

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### **434.5 NARCAN KIT**

Narcan kits will include two Naloxone nasal spray kits. Officers authorized to carry these kits shall have them either on their person or available in their assigned vehicles.

### **434.6 KIT STORAGE**

At the beginning of each patrol shift, a shift supervisor will issue a Narcan kit for each officer who has completed the Department approved training. At the end of each shift, the Narcan kits are to be returned to the shift supervisor. Kits will not be stored in patrol vehicles for extended periods of time. Narcan Kits will be stored in the Equipment room for patrol personnel. Special assignments will store the kits in their respective office while not on duty.

### **434.7 NARCAN USE**

Officers who have completed the required Narcan administration training are authorized to administer Narcan when they believe someone is experiencing an opioid-related overdose. Personnel will treat the incident as a medical emergency and shall follow these steps when performing this intervention:

- (a) Confirm emergency personnel are responding;
- (b) Maintain universal precautions;
- (c) Perform patient assessment;
- (d) Determine unresponsiveness;
- (e) Update dispatch of potential patient overdose condition;
- (f) Follow Narcan use protocol;
- (g) Immediately notify responding emergency personnel that Narcan has been administered; and
- (h) Notify an on duty supervisor

### **434.8 DOCUMENTATION OF NARCAN DEPLOYMENT**

Upon deployment of Narcan, Officers shall complete a police incident report. Narcan usage shall be documented along with the notification of the usage to responding EMS personnel and the supervisor. When detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received and the fact Narcan was deployed shall be included.

The Narcan Coordinator will review the approved incident report and update the usage to [Naloxon@DHCS.CA.GOV](mailto:Naloxon@DHCS.CA.GOV).

### **434.9 MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT**

The daily inspection of Narcan kits will be the responsibility of the officer deploying the kit. The maintenance and pre-placement of Narcan kits will be the responsibility of the Narcan Coordinator

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or his/her designee. Used, lost, expired, or damaged Narcan kits will be reported to the supervisor and returned to the local Narcan Manager for replacement.