

## Naloxone Policy

### 490.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Department Members are occasionally the first responders to a person who is experiencing or suspected of experiencing an opioid-related overdose. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures to govern an "Overdose Prevention Program" through the deployment of Naloxone by Orange County Sheriff's Department Members. The objective is to reduce injuries and fatalities resulting from opioid overdoses, in the instances where emergency medical personnel have not yet arrived.

### 490.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Orange County Sheriff's Department that Deputies shall be trained to administer Naloxone in accordance with mandated training guidelines as determined and established by the Orange County Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services (HCA/EMS) pursuant to Health & Safety Code 1797.197 and California Civil Code 1714.22.

1. Deputies who are trained in accordance with mandated training guidelines shall deploy with Naloxone kits in the field. However, the Deputy shall 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.
2. Deputies 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 according to established training protocol.
3. If a Deputy has a valid reason for not participating in the program, such as religious objections, the Deputy shall be excused with the approval of his/her Commander.

### 490.3 PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Southwest Operations Captain shall serve as the Department's Program Coordinator and shall work in collaboration with the HCA/EMS. The Program Coordinator shall designate Program Managers at each participating patrol location to provide support to the Program Coordinator. The Program Managers shall be responsible for tracking, storage, maintenance, replacement of Naloxone kits, and reporting to the Program Coordinator.

### 490.4 TRAINING

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#### 490.4.1 INITIAL TRAINING

Deputies may not administer Naloxone without the completion of mandated training by HCA/EMS. All Deputies at participating patrol locations shall receive initial training that shall 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, Deputies shall have their training recorded with the Program Coordinator.

#### 490.4.2 CONTINUING TRAINING

Deputies shall receive refresher training as deemed appropriate by HCA/EMS.

#### **490.5 NALOXONE DEPLOYMENT**

The Department shall deploy Naloxone kits in patrol locations and other areas as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee.

#### **490.6 NALOXONE KITS**

Naloxone kits shall include at a minimum: gloves, mask, eye protection, atomizer, and Naloxone. Deputies at participating patrol locations shall check out a Naloxone kit and deploy with the kit during their tour of duty. If no kits are available, the Deputy must notify his/her supervisor.

#### 490.6.1 NALOXONE STORAGE

Naloxone kits must be returned to the local equipment cage or administrator at the end of shift and shall not be kept in patrol vehicles for extended periods of time.

#### **490.7 NALOXONE USE**

Deputies who have completed mandated Naloxone training by HCA/EMS are authorized to administer Naloxone when they reasonably believe someone is experiencing an opioid-related overdose. Members shall treat the incident as a medical emergency and shall follow these steps when performing this intervention:

1. Confirm emergency personnel are responding;
2. Maintain universal precautions;
3. Perform patient assessment;
4. Determine unresponsiveness;
5. Update dispatch of potential overdose state;
6. Follow Naloxone use protocol;
7. Immediately notify responding emergency medical personnel that Naloxone has been administered; and
8. Notify the field supervisor.

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### **490.8 DOCUMENTATION/NALOXONE REPORTS**

Upon completion of the incident, Deputies shall submit a Casualty Report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received, and the fact Naloxone was deployed.

#### **490.8.1 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY**

The field supervisor shall be responsible to ensure the Casualty Report is completed and submitted to the local Program Manager in a timely manner. The local Program Manager shall ensure the Casualty Report is forwarded to the Program Coordinator.

### **490.9 MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT**

The daily inspection of Naloxone kits shall be the responsibility of Deputies who are assigned the kit for field deployment. The maintenance and replacement of Naloxone kits shall be the responsibility of the Program Manager (or their designee) assigned to each patrol location where the kits are used. Used, lost, or damaged Naloxone kits shall be reported to the immediate supervisor and returned to the local Program Manager for replacement.