



# ERIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Written Directives

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### POLICY:

It is the policy of the Erie Police Department for trained officers to administer Naloxone to persons suffering from possible opioid overdoses at the earliest possible time to minimize overdosing fatalities.

### DEFINITIONS:

NONE

### PROCEDURES:

#### I. GENERAL

- A. Only officers trained in the use of Naloxone are authorized to administer Naloxone in the field.
- B. Naloxone kits will be placed in each fleet vehicle, at various locations inside the Erie Police Department and at Erie High School and Erie Middle School.
- C. Officers will be required to have Naloxone readily available.

#### II. INDICATIONS AND USE

- A. Authorized officers shall utilize Naloxone on subjects who are unresponsive or believed to be suffering from an opioid overdose. Information which indicates a subject is suffering from an opioid overdose include, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Blood-shot eyes;
  - 2. Pinpoint pupils, even in a darkened room/area;
  - 3. Depressed or slow respiratory rate;
  - 4. Difficulty breathing (labored breathing, shallow breaths);
  - 5. Blue skin, lips, or fingernails;
  - 6. Decreased pulse rate;
  - 7. Low blood pressure;
  - 8. Loss of alertness (drowsiness);
  - 9. Unresponsiveness;
  - 10. Seizures;
  - 11. Evidence of ingestion, inhalation, injection (needles, spoons, tourniquets, needle tracks, bloody nose, etc.); or

12. Past history of opioid use/abuse.

- B. Officers shall follow the protocols outlined in their Naloxone training.
- C. When using the Naloxone kit, officers will maintain universal precautions against pathogens, perform patient assessment; determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing and/or pulse.
- D. Officer(s) should update Communications if a patient is in a potential overdose state.
- E. All patients who have been administered Naloxone must be treated by medical personnel.

### **III. MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT**

- A. Officers authorized to use Naloxone kits are responsible for inspecting the kit prior to each shift.
- B. Missing or damaged Naloxone Kit(s) will be reported directly to the supervisor or the on-duty officer in charge.
- C. A supervisor or Officer in Charge (OIC) who is notified of a missing or damaged Naloxone Kit will notify a Command Staff Officer so the kit can be replaced.

### **IV. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

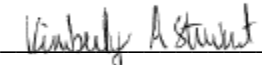
Upon completing a medical assist with Naloxone use, the officer shall complete a report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received, the fact Naloxone was deployed and whether the Naloxone use was successful (to the extent possible at the time).

#### **RULES:**

NONE

#### **REFERENCES:**

Harvey Cedars NJ Police Department  
Nasal Narcan Procedures 2014  
Norwood MA Police Department Policy & Procedure #1.25  
Administration of Nasal Naloxone 2104.

  
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