

SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY

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NALOXONE (Narcan) ADMINISTRATION POLICY

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I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines and regulations governing the use of Naloxone (Narcan) by trained personnel within the Scranton Police Department. The objective is to rapidly recognize and treat Opioid Overdoses in the field thereby reducing the potential of fatal consequences of Opioid Overdoses.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Scranton Police Department that officers who will be administering Naloxone (Narcan) are properly trained in the use and deployment of Naloxone in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 139 of 2014 and appropriate medical protocols.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. The Scranton Police Department may supply Naloxone (Narcan) in the following primary locations:
1. Scranton Police Desk
 2. Scranton Police Prisoner Processing Area
 3. Designated Patrol Units
 4. Designated Patrol Supervisors
 5. Designated School Resource Officers
 6. Designated Detective Bureau Personnel

NOTE: Naloxone (Narcan) is a prescription medication and may be susceptible to temperature variations that may affect its ability to properly treat victims. It is the responsibility of the designated officer to properly monitor the temperature of the medication. Assigned Naloxone (Narcan) kits will be distributed and returned to patrol supervisors (or designees) each tour.

- B. The kits shall be signed in/out by supervisors at the start/end of each patrol shift. Each kit shall be sealed until its contents are needed in the field. It is the responsibility of the issuing supervisor(s) to ensure that each kit's seal is in place. If a seal is broken the kit is not to be issued and a new, sealed, kit shall be issued. The Naloxone Coordinator or his/her designee shall be notified when a seal is broken on a kit and shall be responsible to have the kit replaced at Pennsylvania Ambulance.
- C. Naloxone (Narcan) Coordinator
The Scranton Police Department Administrative Lieutenant shall oversee the Naloxone (Narcan) Program. If necessary the Scranton Police Department Chief may appoint a separate designee(s) to assist in the program supervision.
- D. The Naloxone (Narcan) Program Designee(s) shall be responsible for:
1. Ensure that all Naloxone (Narcan) is current and not expired.
 2. Proper and efficient deployment for Naloxone (Narcan) kits.
 3. Replace any Naloxone (Narcan) that is damaged, expired, unusable, or deployed.
 4. Ensure that all personnel potentially administering Naloxone (Narcan) have received proper training.
 5. Ensure that any administration of Naloxone (Narcan) will have a corresponding initial police report and post administration action report.
 6. Ensure that any administration of Naloxone (Narcan) is reported to the Patrol Supervisor or Designee.
- E. Naloxone (Narcan) Administration
1. When using the Naloxone (Narcan) kit, officers shall maintain universal precautions, perform patient assessment, and determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing and/or pulse. Officer(s) should update the communications dispatcher and advise that the victim is in a potential overdose state. Lackawanna County Communications Center will (if not already dispatched) dispatch appropriate Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance in accordance with established EMS dispatch protocols. Officer(s) should remain cognizant of the nature of the call and remain vigilant to threats and potential of hypodermic needles and biohazards. Officers shall follow the Naloxone (Narcan) Administration Protocol.
 2. The Scranton Police Department is aware that Naloxone (Narcan) is available in assorted dosages and routes of administration. In certain circumstances Naloxone (Narcan) may be made available to properly medically trained officer(s) (i.e.: Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics) with current Emergency Medical Services of Northeastern PA Medical Command Certification. Although EMS personnel may use different dosages and routes of administration, the Scranton Police Department preferred route of Naloxone administration shall be Intra-nasally with the use of an atomizer or Narcan Nasal Spray 4mg cartridge.
3. Officer Naloxone (Narcan) Administration Protocol

- a. Scene safety
- b. Identify and assess the victim for responsiveness, pulse and status of breathing.
- c. If no pulse, initiate CPR with AED as per protocol, advise responding EMS.
- d. If pulse is present and the victim is unconscious, assess breathing status.
 - 1) If breathing is present (more than 8 times per minute, no cyanosis (blue lips) and no signs of obvious trauma, place victim in recovery position.
 - 2) If breathing is decreased or cyanosis (blue lips/skin) is present and overdose is suspected based on observations, bystander reports, evidence and/or physical examination proceed with Naloxone (Narcan) administration.
- e. Retrieve Naloxone (Narcan) kit.
- f. Assemble pre-filled syringe and atomizer or ready the nasal spray cartridge.
- g. Administer a full 4mg Narcan nasal spray cartridge.
- h. When necessary, administer breathing support with pocket mask, Bag Valve Mask (BVM) and oxygen when available.
- i. If the victim does not respond within 5 to 7 minutes and a second dose of Naloxone (Narcan) is available, repeat the administration.
- j. Continue to monitor the victim's breathing and pulse. If no evidence of obvious trauma is present and the victim is breathing adequately place the victim in the recovery position.
- k. If at any time the victim loses pulses or stops breathing – initiate CPR protocol.
- l. Advise Lackawanna County Communications Center and responding EMS when able to do so.
- m. Give full report to EMS personnel including administration of Naloxone (Narcan) upon arrival.
- n. Notify appropriate supervisory personnel, request restocking.
- o. Complete appropriate reports including post administration form. The completed post administration form (Naloxone Usage Form SPD 19-002) shall be forwarded to the Scranton Police Department Officer Designee for further action.
- p. A copy of the form will be maintained for department records and a copy will remain in the used Naloxone kit to be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Ambulance Designee.

NOTE: When properly treated and administered Naloxone (Narcan) officers should be cognizant that victims may respond quickly to the medication. It is NOT uncommon for resuscitated victims to exhibit signs of combativeness. Officers should be aware of the potential Use of Force necessary for officer safety. Officers should refer to Scranton Police Department Use of Force Continuum and mandatory reporting of the same.

Post administration of Naloxone (Narcan), which results in resuscitation, requires officers to ensure that victim's receive appropriate follow-up care. The effects of Naloxone (Narcan) only last for a limited time and the victim may experience

additional opiate overdoses when the effects of the administered Naloxone (Narcan) wears off. As such, every effort should be made to encourage the victim to be transported by EMS to an appropriate medical facility for additional care. Victims are discouraged from refusing EMS care. Furthermore, the officer who administered the Naloxone (Narcan) should accompany EMS to the medical facility to ensure the safety of EMS personnel. Local police and EMS protocol should not be circumvented as a result of this protocol.

4. Shift Supervisor Naloxone (Narcan) administration protocol:
 - The shift supervisors will ensure that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) respond to, and where applicable, further treat and transport the victim to an appropriate medical facility. Resuscitated victims refusing further medical care are advised to sign appropriate EMS Refusal of Services Forms where applicable.

5. Naloxone post administration protocol and review
 - a. The Scranton Police Department will establish a Quality Assessment (QA) Review Committee to review administration of Naloxone (Narcan) by officers.
 - b. The QA Committee will meet annually.
 - c. The QA Committee shall comprise of:
 - 1) Administrative Lieutenant.
 - 2) Scranton Police Department Training Unit Designee
 - 3) Scranton Police Department Officer Designee
 - 4) Commonwealth Health Emergency Medical Services Designee
 - 5) Pennsylvania Ambulance Designee
 - d. The QA Committee shall, prepare a letter outlining recommendations and submit the letter to the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

6. Acquisition and storage of Naloxone
 - a. A "Standing Order" Prescription Protocol will be implemented in conjunction with Pennsylvania Ambulance LLC.
 - b. Naloxone is recommended to be stored within 59-77 degrees Fahrenheit and does not require refrigeration. Do Not freeze. Protect from light. Excursions are permitted up to 104 degrees Fahrenheit
 - c. Extra Naloxone (Narcan) Treatment Kits will be stored in the Administrative Lieutenant Office in a secure location.
 - d. A department supervisor may request emergency Naloxone replacement kits. Kits will be accessible via Pennsylvania Ambulance, LLC. 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Contact Pennsylvania Ambulance supervisor at 570-558-0200 for an emergency replacement if required.
 - e. A proper current inventory of Naloxone (Narcan) Treatment Kits will be maintained by Scranton Police Administrative Lieutenant in conjunction with Pennsylvania Ambulance LLC.
 - f. Medical bags shall contain:
 - 4mg Narcan Spray

Oral Airway Kit
Trauma Dressings
Cold Packs
One (1) Drug Seal
Roller Gauze
4x4 dressings
1inch Tape
Rescue Blanket
Bag Valve Mask (adult)
Adhesive Bandages

By Order Of:

Chief Carl R. Graziano
Superintendent of Police
Scranton Police Department

Attachments:

Naloxone Usage Form: SPD Form 19-002

Naloxone Stock Log: SPD Form 19-003



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NALOXONE USAGE FORM

This form must accompany ANY use of Naloxone

1. Medication utilized

_____ One each 4mg Naloxone (NARCAN) Nasal Spray

2. Reason for Replacement

_____ *Administered to Patient* Administered by: _____ Badge# _____

Patient Name: _____ Department _____

Date Administered: _____ Report Number: _____

_____ *Replaced Expired Naloxone*

_____ *Replaced Damaged Naloxone*

Kit No: _____ returned to Penn Amb by: _____ Received at Penn Amb by: _____

New Kit No: _____ Dispensed by: _____ Received by: _____

3. Medication Information (PA Ambulance use only)

Naloxone Kit ID: _____ re-stocked by PA Ambulance

Replaced Naloxone: _____

Lot Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

New Seal Number: _____ Date Sealed: _____ By: _____

Medical Director Name: Dr. Mark A, Crowell DEA#: _____ Date: _____

Medical Director Signature: (X) _____

