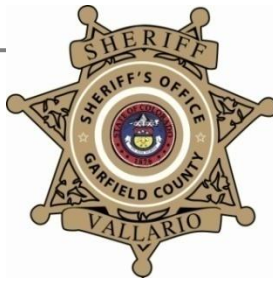


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GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY / PROCEDURE GENERAL

SUBJECT: NARCAN USE FOR OVERDOSES / ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURES

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2024
Revised: February 15, 2024

POLICY:

Garfield County Sheriff's Deputies will be trained and equipped to provide emergency medical aid and to facilitate an emergency medical response to overdoses and accidental exposures to Opioids.

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines and regulations governing utilization of Naloxone (Narcan) used by Deputies. The objective is to treat and reduce the injury and fatality from Opioid overdoses and accidental exposures.

METHOD:

Training: All Deputies will be trained in the use of Naloxone by a Deputy or representative who has received appropriate instructor training.

Initial Training Content: All participating Deputies will receive initial training that will include, at a minimum, an overview of Colorado State law permitting law enforcement use of Naloxone, patient assessment (e.g., signs/symptoms of overdose), universal precautions, rescue breathing, seeking medical attention, and the use of an intra-nasal and/or Naloxone.

Naloxone Deployment: Naloxone kits will be given, or made available to Deputies upon completion of training as kits become available. When deploying the Naloxone kit Deputies will:

- Maintain universal precautions;
- Perform patient assessment;
- Determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing and/or pulse;
- Update other responding emergency units that the patient is in potential overdose state.
- Emergency medical services will also be notified and arrangements will be made for the subjects transport to the nearest Emergency Medical Department. Deputies shall follow the protocol as outlined in the Naloxone training.

Maintenance/Replacement:

- Inspection of the Naloxone kit shall be the responsibility of the personnel assigned the equipment and will be done each shift.
- Missing or damaged Naloxone kits will be reported to shift supervisor.
- Where any condition necessitates, the Naloxone kit shall be taken off line and be submitted for replacement.

Procedure after administering Naloxone:

- Deputies will submit a report detailing the nature of the incident as required by Sheriff's Office reporting policy and procedures.
- Naloxone will be replaced as additional kits become available.