I. PURPOSE

Harford County, as well as counties throughout the State, has seen an increase in opiate overdoses and Heroin related deaths. The purpose of this policy is to provide members of the Harford County Sheriff's Office with guidelines regarding the administration of Naloxone. Naloxone is commonly known by the brand name Narcan and is administered to subjects experiencing, or believed to be experiencing, an opioid overdose. Naloxone helps prevent a fatal overdose when medical services are not immediately available by reversing the effects of the overdose. It is a scheduled drug, but has no euphoric properties and no side effects. If it is administered to a person who is not suffering an opiate overdose, it will do no harm.

II. POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Harford County Sheriff's Office to train members to recognize signs and symptoms of Heroin and other opiate overdoses and to properly administer nasal Naloxone (Narcan) in an attempt to reverse the effects and save lives.
Harford County Sheriff's Office
Policy #MAN6700: Naloxone (Narcan)

6700.1 Procedures for Administering Naloxone (Narcan)

(a) When on the scene of a medical emergency a deputy shall, consistent with his or her training, administer one milligram of Naloxone to each nostril of an individual when:

(1) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel trained in administering Naloxone are not on the scene, and
(2) The deputy, through his or her training, knowledge, and experience determines that the individual may be suffering from an opiate overdose.

(b) Prior to administering Naloxone, deputies must don protective equipment to include rubber or latex gloves.

(c) After administering Naloxone to an individual, a deputy must:

(1) Conduct an assessment concerning the circumstances of the individual’s medical emergency to include statements of witnesses concerning the individual’s drug use,
(2) Inform incoming EMS personnel about the administration of Naloxone and any other pertinent facts about the individual known to the deputy,
(3) Continue to observe the individual and provide the care necessary and within the deputy’s training,

(i) Deputies must continue to observe the individual until the responsibility for the person is turned over to an individual with an equal or higher level of medical training.

(4) Attempt to have the individual transported to the hospital.

(d) If an individual to whom a deputy administered Naloxone refuses to be transported to the hospital, the deputy shall:

(1) Take the person into custody and transport him or her to the hospital for an evaluation if it is determined that the criteria for an emergency evaluation are met, or
(2) If the criteria for an emergency evaluation are not met, ensure that the individual either;

(i) Signs an EMS patient refusal, or
(ii) Upon refusing to be transported and refusing to sign the patient refusal, has his or her refusal witnessed by EMS and documented on the EMS form.

(e) Once the Naloxone has been administered, the atomizer will be treated as a biohazard and disposed of accordingly.

6700.2 Reporting the Use of Naloxone

(a) A deputy who administers a dose of Naloxone shall;

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1 Barring unusual circumstances such as legitimate officer safety concerns that might prevent a deputy from administering the Naloxone
(1) Complete an incident report titled “Overdose” in which he or she details 
the circumstances of the Naloxone administration; and 
(2) Complete the “Health Department After Incident Report” and forward it to 
Planning and Research. 
   (i) Planning and research personnel shall forward the completed forms to 
the Harford County Health Department.

6700.3 Equipment for Administering Naloxone

(a) Deputies trained in the administration of Naloxone will be equipped with a 
storage container containing a 2 milligram dose of Naloxone Hydrochloride and a 
nasal atomizer.
(b) As soon as possible after the administration of a dose of Naloxone, the deputy 
must obtain from a supervisor, a replacement for the atomizer and Naloxone.
(c) When replacing an atomizer and Naloxone, a supervisor must complete the 
Naloxone Distribution Log to include the following:
   (1) The deputy receiving the replacement Naloxone and atomizer,
   (2) The cc# of the call during which the dose and atomizer were used,
   (3) The name of individual to whom the dose was administered, and
   (4) The date the dose was administered.
   (5) If an atomizer becomes damaged note same in log as it is replaced.
(d) The Agency shall replace all Naloxone and atomizers before the expiration of 
those products.
(e) Deputies shall take reasonable steps to protect the Naloxone from extremes in 
temperatures.
   (1) At a minimum, those steps must include securing the Naloxone indoors 
between shifts.

6700.4 Training in the Administration of Naloxone

(a) Initial training for patrol deputies will be provided by the Harford County Health 
Department.
(b) Refresher training shall occur during in-service training.

6700.5 Inventory Control

(a) The Harford County Sheriff's Office Quartermaster shall be responsible for 
ensuring that a supply of Naloxone kits is maintained for the Agency.
(b) The Training Director will secure from the Quartermaster, sufficient Naloxone 
kits to supply deputies during refresher training.
   (1) The Training Director will return to the Quartermaster a sign-off sheet 
containing the name and signature of each deputy receiving a kit.
(c) Each Commander of a Precinct/Unit with Naloxone trained deputies shall assign a 
Naloxone inventory control officer.
   (1) The inventory control officer will be responsible for:
(i) Obtaining Naloxone kits from the quartermaster to replenishing kits used in the field.

(ii) Maintaining the supply of Naloxone kits at the respective Precinct/Unit

(iii) Periodic verifications of the Naloxone inventory to include verifying that each kit issued is signed out to an individual deputy on the Naloxone Distribution Log.