



Sheridan Police Department
Policies and Procedures
28.17
Chapter 28 – Call Response
Section 17 – Opioid Overdose Response

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It is the goal of the Sheridan Police Department to provide rapid and effective response to potential opioid overdoses when other immediate medical attention is unavailable. The department recognizes the need for immediate application of an opioid antagonist by trained personnel. This policy shall serve as a guideline for the training, use and reporting of an antagonist.

Definition(s)

Naloxone - Naloxone, also known as narcan, is a temporary opioid overdose antidote that reverses the effects of opioids. The Sheridan Police Department will use Naloxone Nasal Spray Devices for administering the antidote.

Opioid - Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and pain relievers available legally by prescription, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and many others. These drugs are chemically related and interact with opioid receptors on nerve cells in the body and brain, and are used primarily in pain mitigation.

28.17.1 Training

- A. All patrol, CID or administrative sworn officers will be trained in the use and reporting of Naloxone.
- B. Training shall include the following:
 - 1. An overview of Wyoming State Statutes 33-24-158 and 35-4-902 through 35-4-905.
 - 2. Patient Assessment, including signs and symptoms of an opiate related overdose.
 - 3. Universal precautions.
 - 4. Rescue breathing.
 - 5. Seeking medical assistance.
 - 6. Administration of Naloxone.
 - 7. Potential side effects of Naloxone.
- C. The patrol operations bureau lieutenant is responsible for maintaining departmental inventory of the product and will coordinate training to ensure that employees are trained prior to being issued the product.
 - 1. The patrol operations bureau lieutenant will be responsible for the following;
 - a. Ensuring that all authorized employees are adequately trained in the use of naloxone nasal spray.
 - b. Training will be done through www.getnaloxonenow.org.
 - c. The Coordinator will maintain naloxone program records, usage records, and inventories of naloxone nasal spray devices.

- d. Coordinating with the Evidence Tech to replace naloxone nasal spray devices that are damaged, unusable, expired, or used.
- e. Ensuring that the naloxone nasal spray device is stored safely and consistent with manufacturer's guidelines.

28.17.2 Naloxone Administration

- A. When encountering any person(s) who may be in a potential overdose situation officers shall immediately request Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- B. Officers shall use universal precautions for protection from bloodborne pathogens and communicable diseases when administering Naloxone. Officers should use caution when administering the medication to a person without a back-up officer present.
- C. Personnel shall determine the need for treatment with Naloxone by evaluating the person and the circumstances of the incident. If the person is unresponsive, with decreased or absent respirations, officers should administer Naloxone following the established training guidelines.
- D. Personnel shall remain with the person until EMS personnel arrive on scene. Upon the arrival of EMS, officers shall inform EMS personnel that Naloxone has been administered.
- E. If the affected person is an employee, a supervisor shall complete the required Officer Injury Report for exposure.

28.17.3 Maintenance and Replacement

- A. Naloxone kits shall be carried and/or kept in a manner consistent with proper storage guidelines for temperature and sunlight exposure. One Naloxone kits shall be attached to each automated external defibrillator (AED) by attaching the Naloxone kit lanyard to an attachment on each AED. AED's with Naloxone kits will not be stored in vehicles overnight.
- B. Used, lost, damaged or expired Naloxone kits shall be reported to the appropriate supervisor who shall determine if a replacement is necessary. Supervisors will ensure that naloxone nasal spray devices are replaced as necessary.
- C. A monthly inspection of the Naloxone kit is the responsibility of the employee to whom it is assigned.
- D. Expired Naloxone kits shall be turned in to the Naloxone Coordinator who will then give to the Evidence Tech for destruction in the Drug Terminator. The Evidence Custodian shall prepare a written report and record of any destroyed Naloxone kits.
- E. Storage, destruction and replacement of Naloxone kits shall be the responsibility of the patrol operations bureau lieutenant. The patrol operations bureau lieutenant shall maintain a record of Naloxone distribution and destruction. The records shall note the lot number, expiration date, issued date, date returned/used or destroyed.
- F. Naloxone nasal spray devices will be kept out of the reach of children if stored at the employee's home when off duty.
- G. Authorized employees will inspect the Naloxone nasal spray device prior to the beginning of the shift.
- H. Supervisors will inspect Naloxone nasal spray devices on a monthly basis to ensure that they are not expired, as they expire every 18-24 months, and do not appear damaged. Supervisors will ensure that Naloxone nasal spray devices are replaced as necessary.

28.17.4 Documentation and Reporting

- A. Following the administration of Naloxone to any person by Sheridan Police Department personnel, the administering person shall notify their supervisor as soon as possible after the incident has stabilized.
- B. Personnel shall complete an incident report on the facts and circumstances surrounding the administration of Naloxone. The complete identity of all people involved, to include the subject whom it was administered, witnesses and EMS personnel.
- C. The patrol operations lieutenant, or designee, shall be notified of any Naloxone applications.
- D. Officers shall report the administration of Naloxone through the web-based reporting system established by the Wyoming Department of Health. This electronic reporting system is available at www.opi rescue.com.