

DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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I. Policy

There are many deaths due to opioid overdose within the community and state, and research indicates that the rapid administration of opioid antagonist drugs by first responders has saved hundreds of lives in Georgia. Under the guidance of the Georgia Medical Amnesty Law, it is the policy of the Dalton Police Department to equip and train Officers to administer the opioid reversal drug naloxone in certain circumstances. All Officers are required to receive training, which has been approved by the Georgia Department of Public Health, prior to carrying or using the drug and must complete refresher training annually.

II. Definition

- A. *Opioid* - ~~means~~ Containing or derived from opium, including, but not limited to, heroin and morphine.
- B. *Opioid antagonist* - Any drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effects of opioids acting on those receptors and that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid-related overdose.
- C. *Opioid-related overdose* - ~~is~~ An acute condition, including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, mania, or death resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined or that a layperson would reasonably believe to be resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined.
- D. *First responder* - Any person or agency who provides on-site care until the arrival of a duly licensed ambulance service. This shall include, but not be limited to, persons who routinely respond to calls for assistance through an affiliation with law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and rescue agencies.
- E. *Medical / Physical Director* - A physician who is responsible for oversight of an opioid antagonist administration program, including providing for or ensuring the medical control of trained first responders; development, implementation, and

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evaluation of medical protocols; oversight of quality assurance activities; and compliance with Georgia Board of Pharmacy requirements.

- F. *Naloxone Program Coordinator (NPC)* - ~~A person who has been designated by the Chief of Police~~ *The Patrol Division Commander* or ~~their his / her~~ designee ~~to who~~ provides guidance and supervision for trained first responders who are equipped with naloxone and oversees training and services coordination, quality assurance, and reporting.

III. Types of Opioid Inhibitors and Their Use

All Officers are required to be initially trained in the use of naloxone as required by Georgia Department of Public Health rules and guidelines. ~~The Chief of Police will appoint a member of the Department to the position of Naloxone Program Coordinator.~~ The ~~person~~ NPC shall ~~be responsible for~~ ensure that ordering, assigning, replacement, maintenance, and record retention for the program occurs according to the guidelines of this directive. Officers will be issued a Narcan brand (naloxone HCl) 4mg nasal spray and may administer naloxone in accordance with the mandated guidelines set forth by Georgia law.

A. Naloxone Use

Any Officer preparing to use or having used naloxone shall adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Maintain universal precautions
2. Perform victim assessment
3. Determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing, and / or no or faint pulse
4. ~~The Officer will~~ Request medical assistance from EMS and / or Dalton Fire Department (DFD) and notify them that the victim is in a potential overdose state. Upon arrival of EMS / DFD the Officer will ensure EMS / DFD personnel are updated on any treatment administered ~~or in progress~~ prior to their arrival *or currently in progress*.
5. Notify a Supervisor that naloxone was used

B. Maintenance and Replacement

1. An inspection of the naloxone kit shall be the responsibility of the personnel in which the kit is assigned and will be ~~done~~ *conducted* each shift.
2. Naloxone kits must not be left in ~~the patrol~~ vehicles when not in use. The manufacturer recommendations for product storage ~~being~~ *are* ~~between~~ 68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit and ~~kept~~ out of direct sunlight.
3. Missing or damaged naloxone kits will be reported to the ~~Department Naloxone Coordinator NPC~~.

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4. Where any condition necessitates, the naloxone kit shall be taken off line and be submitted for replacement to the ~~Department Naloxone Coordinator~~ NPC.
5. Upon administering naloxone, a new kit shall be ordered and ~~replaced for~~ issued to that officer.

C. Reporting Requirements

1. Officers will submit an incident report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the victim received, and the fact that ~~the~~ naloxone was administered. ~~A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Department's Naloxone Program Coordinator.~~
- ~~2. All first responders who administer or provide an opioid antagonist shall make available a printed or electronically stored report to the licensed ambulance service which transports the patient.~~
- ~~3.2.~~ The incident report will be forwarded to the ~~department naloxone coordinator~~ NPC who will forward the data to the Medical Association of Georgia using the form on Appendix A. The Records must be completed for statistical value of the naloxone program. The ~~documentation incident report shall be retrievable via hardcopy and electronically and~~ shall be made available to members of ~~DFD Fire~~ and EMS.
- ~~4.3.~~ The ~~Department's Naloxone Program Coordinator~~ NPC will ~~conduct an audit of all naloxone use during the year and provide submit~~ an annual report to the ~~Office of the~~ Chief of Police ~~summarizing departmental naloxone use.~~

D. Issuance

1. Naloxone spray shall not be used until an Officer has read and understands this directive.
2. Training and certification are required prior to issuance.
3. Naloxone reserves will be stored and maintained by the Property and Evidence section. Used naloxone containers will be returned to the Property and Evidence section for disposal.
- ~~4. Narcan (naloxone HCl nose spray), with a 4 milligram solution will be issued by the Department.~~

This policy supersedes any previous policies issued.

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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Appendix A

Form B
'Think About It'
Project DAN
Naloxone Use Report
Return completed form to Fred Jones at fjones@mag.org

Reporting agency: _____

Reporter's name: _____ Date: _____

Event date: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Approximate Age: _____

Type of overdose: Heroin ___ Prescription ___

Did the victim survive: Yes ___ No ___

Additional details, comments or recommendations for the program:
No personal information is needed. Project DAN would appreciate any details regarding circumstances, such as time required to awaken, recovery conditions, victim reaction when awake, etc., that can be shared will be appreciated. What we learn from recovery experiences may be valuable info to be used in future training events. Thank you.

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