



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** September 25, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider approving Policy 325 Naloxone policies for the Grand Rapids Police Department

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In the 2023 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature mandated the carrying of naloxone hydrochloride to select service provider groups in the state. Naloxone is more commonly recognized as Narcan and is administered as a nasal mist. Medicine quickly enters the body through blood vessels located in a patient's nose with the intention of temporarily reversing an opioid overdose.

Law Enforcement (Minn. Stat. § 151.37, subd. 12) was identified as a mandated group and now required to carry Naloxone.

Opioid abuse has grown in Northern Minnesota. This sadly includes Grand Rapids and Itasca County. GRPD is committed to serving this community and those experiencing medical emergencies such as opioid overdoses.

Grand Rapids Police Department Policy 325 Intranasal Naloxone was created from documents provided by League of Minnesota Cities and Minnesota Department of Health. Approving this Policy 325 would ensure GRPD's compliance to recently passed legislation.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to approve Grand Rapids Police Policy 325 Intranasal Naloxone