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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and regulations governing utilization of Naloxone (Narcan) used by the Kinston Police Department. The objective is to treat and reduce the injury and fatality from Opiate overdoses.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Naloxone (also known as Narcan): Is a medication called an “opioid antagonist” used to counter the effects of opioid overdose, for example morphine and heroin overdose. Specifically, naloxone is used in opioid overdoses to counteract life-threatening depression of the central nervous system and respiratory system, allowing an overdose victim to breathe normally.

III. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the Kinston Police Department that all officers are required to be initially trained in the use of Naloxone by Lenoir County Emergency Services, EMS Division.
- B. Training for administering of Naloxone will consist of two parts:
1. All participating officers will receive initial training that will include, at minimum, an overview of 2013 Senate Bill 20 that permits Law Enforcement use of Naloxone, patient assessment (eg., signs/symptoms of overdose), universal precautions, rescue breathing, seeking medical attention, and the use of Intra-Nasal and/or Intra-Muscular Naloxone as detailed in the standing order. Upon completion of training, officers will have their training recorded with the Lenoir County Emergency Services, EMS Division.
 2. Officers participating in the Kinston Police Department Overdose Prevention Program will receive training refresher during their yearly continuing education by the Lenoir County Emergency Services, EMS Division.
- C. Guidelines for Use:
1. When deploying the Naloxone kit, officers will:
 - a. Maintain universal precautions.
 - b. Perform patient assessment.
 - c. Determine unresponsiveness, absence of breathing and/or pulse.
 - d. Update the dispatcher that the patient is in potential overdose state.
 - e. The dispatcher will update the responding EMS unit.

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- f. Officers shall follow the protocol as outlined in the Naloxone training in accordance with the Lenoir County EMS Naloxone Protocol and Procedure guidelines.
- D. The Kinston Police Department will deploy its Naloxone kits in the following primary locations:
1. One in each patrol vehicle.
 2. Kinston Police Department processing room.
 3. Patrol Sergeants' Office.
- E. Maintenance/replacement of assigned Naloxone kits will be conducted:
1. Prior to the start of each shift assigned Naloxone kits will be personally inspected by an assigned officers.
 2. Missing or damaged Naloxone kits will be reported to the Department's Training Sergeant.
 3. Where any condition necessitates the Naloxone kit shall be taken off-line and submitted for replacement to the department Naloxone coordinator.
 4. Upon administering Naloxone.
- F. Upon completing the medical assist, the officer will submit a report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received and the fact that the Naloxone was deployed. The report will be forward to the department Naloxone coordinator who will then forward the data to Lenoir County Emergency Services, EMS Division. These records must be completed for statistical value of the Naloxone program. The document shall be retrievable via hardcopy and electronic format.