




WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATION ORDER

NOTE: This policy is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an employee’s civil liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or case in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

Number 2-63		Effective Date March 7, 2023	Review Date March 7, 2023	Reviewing Division Administration
Subject Naloxone		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Replaces: <input type="checkbox"/> Revised		This policy shall apply to personnel assigned to the following divisions: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Division <input type="checkbox"/> Administration Division <input type="checkbox"/> Investigation Division
References: CEMS: VLEPSC: CALEA				
 _____ Chief of Police or Designee		_____ March 23, 2023 Date		

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines governing utilization of naloxone by Winchester Police Department personnel pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-225(16) and Virginia Code § 54.1-3408(X). By deploying naloxone, the Winchester Police Department is trying to reduce the number of fatalities from opiate overdoses.

II. POLICY

1. It is the policy of Winchester Police Department that sworn personnel be initially trained in the use of naloxone by appropriately trained personal.
2. No Officers will carry or administer naloxone under this policy without first attending the naloxone training.
3. The Chief of Police will designate a naloxone program coordinator. The program coordinator will be responsible for overseeing the program and making sure that Officers are properly trained to use naloxone. Other duties of the program coordinator will be:
 - a. Maintaining the naloxone supply for the Police Department.
 - b. Issuing naloxone to trained Officers.
 - c. Removing any expired naloxone from Officers.

- d. Maintaining all of the records pertaining to the training, issuing, and use of naloxone.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Naloxone Use

1. Before an Officer decides to deploy naloxone, the Officer should:
 - a. Maintain universal medical precautions.
 - b. Perform patient assessment.
 - c. Speak with bystanders, if appropriate, and scan the area for indications of opiate use by the patient.
 - d. Determine the patient's level of alertness, look for signs of life, and determine if depressed breathing is occurring.
 - e. Notify ECC that the patient is in a potential overdose state and request Fire and Rescue response if they are not already enroute.
 - f. Administer naloxone as trained.
2. Once medical personnel arrive; Officers will inform the medical personnel of all medical steps taken prior to their arrival.

B. Maintenance/Replacement

1. A periodic inspection of the naloxone kit shall be the responsibility of the personnel assigned the kit.
2. Any missing, damaged, or expired naloxone kits will be reported to the naloxone coordinator and replaced or pulled out of service as appropriate. The naloxone program coordinator will be responsible for replacing the kits.
3. It is recommended that Naloxone kits not be left in Off-duty police vehicles when the ambient outside temperature will drop below freezing or rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

C. Documentation/Naloxone Report

- 1) Anytime an Officer administers naloxone, the Officer will submit an incident report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received and the fact that the naloxone, was deployed. A copy of the report may be forwarded to the naloxone coordinator.