



# Recommendation Submission/Response Form

Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E):    A   

This response is in reference to recommendation #18-02 Naloxone Training & Equipment/ Area Command Northwest

Responsible SME: Commander A. Byrd

Date received: 3/3/18

Date returned: 3/26/19

**RECOMMENDATION** (Recommendation/Reasoning must be 500 words or less for submission):

We recommend that APD adopt a program of training all officer in the appropriate use of naloxone and then equip those officers with naloxone nasal spray.

Reasoning: Per a Washington Post article, opiates (including heroin and prescription narcotic painkillers) now kill more Americans than gun homicides (“Heroin deaths surpass gun homicides for the first time, CDC data shows”, Washington Post, Dec 8, 2016). Naloxone is proven to be an effective immediate treatment to reverse opiate overdoses. Prompt administration of naloxone may prevent significant injury or death in the event of an opiate overdose. Naloxone is effective for all opiate overdoses and is not associated with significant side effects. Although not effective for non-opiate overdoses, it is also not harmful. Common protocols call for an administration of naloxone if an opiate overdose is suspected. Naloxone is available as a nasal spray that does not require special handling. The training to administer naloxone can be conducted as part of a first aid and/or CPR training course or through readily available online resources. The city of Albuquerque has recently moved to stock naloxone at all city facilities. We believe equipping police officers with naloxone is a logical extension of that program.

**APD RESPONSE/REASONING:**

**Response to Civilian Recommendation Submission and Response Form.**

**Albuquerque Police Department will start Naloxone/ Narcan™ Classes for all APD officers starting**

**Date:** April 02, 2019 every Tuesday and Thursday until all officers are trained, this will be an ongoing requirement every 2 years.

New Mexico House Bill 370 signed into law January 2018, mandates that all: *Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers be trained in the use of a Naloxone Rescue Kit and identified with the NM Department of Health best practices, shall be performed completed every two years.*

**In accordance with Albuquerque Police Department's SOP 2-99 Naloxone Policy**  
*Officers who will be administering Nasal Naloxone are properly trained in the use and deployment of the Nasal Naloxone according to the laws of the State of New Mexico and the procedures of the department.*

Naloxone may be effective in reversing an opioid overdose if administered within three to four minutes after the person who has overdosed has stopped breathing. Distribution of naloxone and education on proper administration are important tools to prevent an opioid overdose death.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes  No

Recommendation Status: Approved  Denied  Needs more time