



CITY OF MURRIETA POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 18, 2025

Judith C. Clark, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
4050 Main Street Riverside, CA 92501

Riverside County Grand Jury
Post Office Box 829
Riverside, CA 92502

Riverside County Clerk-Recorder
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

RE: Murrieta Police Department's Response to 2023-2024 Riverside County Civil Grand Jury Report: *Narcan Saving Lives In Riverside County*

To the Honorable Judge Judith C. Clark, Presiding Judge, Riverside County Civil Grand Jury, and Riverside County Clerk-Recorder:

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury has requested the Murrieta Police Department respond to the findings and recommendations outlined in the 2023-2024 Riverside County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled: *"Narcan Saving Lives In Riverside County"*.

RESPONSES TO FINDINGS

F1: The statistical data provided by the EMS on Narcan usage for 2021, 2022, and 2023 indicates a declining percentage of on-scene fatalities.

RESPONSE TO F1:

The Murrieta Police Department disagrees with this finding. While the City of Murrieta did not record any on-scene fatalities during the indicated years of 2021, 2022, and 2023, the data in the report (Table 1, page 6) indicated an upward trend of on-scene fatalities per year from 2021-2023; 4.7%, 4.8%, and 5.58%, respectively.

F2: The availability of Narcan has assisted law enforcement and the public to assist suspected opioid overdoses and to have a better chance at survival.

RESPONSE TO F2:

The Murrieta Police Department concurs with this finding. Our data indicated an increase in opioid overdose calls for service and Narcan administration from 2021 to 2022, with no fatalities recorded. The availability of Narcan to our Officers and others in the public allows the rapid administration of Narcan by citizens and/or law enforcement prior to Fire/EMS arrival, significantly increasing an overdose victim's chance of survival.

F3: There is a lack of guidance regarding what data should be tracked by law enforcement and other first responders when administering Narcan.

RESPONSE TO F3:

The Murrieta Police Department disagrees with this finding, as the Riverside County Emergency Management Department (EMO) and the Riverside County EMS Agency (REMSA) have implemented guidelines for reporting intranasal Naloxone (Narcan) use by Public Safety Personnel in their operational policy#3309 and have provided an online form for efficient reporting of Narcan use to REMSA (EMO Policy 3309, Performance Standards, Item 4).

The Murrieta Police Department has followed the guidelines set forth in EMD/REMSA Policy 3309 for initial training, ongoing training, and reporting since our implementation of the Narcan program. The Murrieta Police Department is committed to complying with all requirements of County policy and will readily accept any newly adopted requirements for data reporting in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

A comprehensive method should be created to collect pertinent Narcan data on a monthly basis from all emergency responders and/or medical providers. This data should include the number of incidents, dosages by incidents, number of lives saved, and number of fatalities.

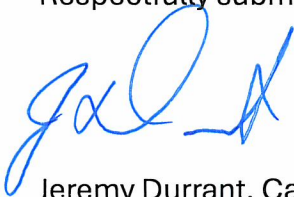
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION:

While there is currently no centralized specific Countywide system to collect the recommended data monthly, the Murrieta Police Department currently reports data requested in the REMSA online report form to REMSA per EMD Policy 3309 after each incident. The Murrieta Police Department also documents data related to Narcan administration to overdose victims in a police report per Murrieta Police Department Policy 468.9, which includes the date and time of administration, Officer name, number of doses administered, patient name and identifiers, and other information pertinent to the incident.

In the absence of an independent, centralized data collection system, the Murrieta Police Department believes we are currently following best practices by documenting the Narcan administration incidents in our police reports and submitting the REMSA requested data points to Riverside County EMD as the incidents occur to ensure timely and accurate reporting of information. Should new reporting requirements be implemented, the Murrieta Police Department would readily comply with the new guidelines/requirements.

If any recipient of these responses has any questions or desires additional information or clarification to any response, please contact Lieutenant Spencer Parker at sparker@murrietaca.gov, or (951) 461-6364.

Respectfully submitted,



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