



When Blue Bloods Treat Blue Blood: *Experience with Police Administering Naloxone*

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Philadelphia And Narcotics

- 467 intoxication deaths in 2013
 - Heroin most commonly detected drug
- Heroin of very high purity
- Fentanyl-laced heroin
- Prescription narcotic abuse and pill mills
- **Will police administration of naloxone help?**
 - Are there downsides?

Kensington



Pennsylvania Act 139

- Opioid Overdose Reversal
- Signed by Governor Corbett Sept. 30, 2014
- Took effect November 29, 2014
- Allows police, FFs to administer naloxone
- Provides immunity to those administering



Act 139 Requirements

- Written agreement with EMS agency
- Agreement must address:
 - Who will be prescribing naloxone
 - Route of administration
 - Where naloxone will be obtained and stored
- Providers must take State-approved training

PPD Naloxone Program



- PFD EMS Medical Director oversees care
- PPD officers must be current in CPR/first aid
- PFD supplies naloxone
- Nasal administration
- Unused naloxone rotated back to EMS prior to expiration

PPD Opioid Overdose Kit



PPD Naloxone Program

- Officers request EMS for all ODs
- Give 2 mg AND assist ventilations, perform CPR, provide first aid as indicated
- Wait for EMS and give report
- EMS providers are to document in PCR that naloxone administered by police

PPD Naloxone Program

- Started as pilot in Kensington
- Several hundred officers trained
- < 10% of PPD
- Start-up cost ~ \$60K
- To date, 1-2 administrations/week

Curiosities and Issues

- Police and FFs in PA approved to give naloxone before EMTs were
 - Added to EMT scope of practice Nov 29
 - Revised BLS protocols posted Jan. 15
- How to fund, initially and down the road?
- Naloxone price has rapidly increased

Curiosities and Issues

- If demand increases, potential for
- How extensive should PPD program be?
 - Local or citywide?
- If FFs/EMTs can administer, do police need to?
 - Engines/ladders on scene < 4 min.
 - Could police assist ventilations until EMS arrives?

Closing Thoughts

- Public expectations of police and EMS providers are changing
 - Overlap of traditional police and EMS roles
- Naloxone administration by police has potential to save lives
- Communities must consider cost, training, local needs to determine if right for them

