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SEMINOLE COUNTY

News Release

SCSO Patrol Deputies will carry and administer Narcan®

Seminole Co. (Dec. 7, 2016) – Today, the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO) announced that patrol deputies, corrections and other parts of the agency will now carry Naloxone/Narcan® nasal spray, which is an “opioid antagonist” that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.

The Narcan® nasal spray delivery system is simple to use and will provide first responders with effective opioid overdose reversal capabilities, should the deputy sheriff arrive on scene first or just simply come into contact with an individual experiencing a suspected opioid overdose. Narcan® restores breathing within two to five minutes and may prevent brain injury and death.

Providing law enforcement with knowledge and tools to reverse overdoses in the field can reduce the time between when an overdose victim is discovered and when they receive lifesaving assistance. Opioids can cause death by slowing and eventually stopping the person’s breathing. Narcan® works on overdoses caused by opioids which include prescription painkillers and street drugs like heroin. Narcan® has no potential for abuse and causes no side effects to adults or children even if administered when overdose is not present.

The Sheriff’s Office encourages everyone to call 911 immediately and summon emergency medical services should they be confronted with someone who is showing signs of overdose or any other medical condition that needs immediate treatment. Your quick actions can save a life.

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