



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Law Enforcement and Purdue Pharma: Saving Lives, Phase II **Final Report**

In June 2017, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) again partnered with Purdue Pharma L.P. (Purdue) for a Phase II *Saving Lives* project to provide **free-of-charge** naloxone overdose kits and training to law enforcement agencies across the country. This "rescue drug" can reverse the fatal overdose effects of some opioids, including heroin.

The *Phase II* project **distributed 2,840 2-dose kits of naloxone (Narcan) aerosol (5,680 doses)**. Specifically, NSA **provided naloxone kits to 53 law enforcement agencies covering 17 states**. In three states, every law enforcement agency within three regions was provided with naloxone: Brazos Valley in Texas, Umatilla Region in Oregon, and all of Hennepin County, Minnesota

The 17 states that received naloxone overdose kits were: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

The success of this nationwide initiative — and its life saving impact — is exemplified by the comments below:

From Chief Deputy Eric Reynolds, local project supervisor for the Wood County, OH, Sheriff's Office, led by Sheriff/NSA Board Member Mark Wasylyshyn:

*We issued naloxone to all road patrol deputies in 2017 and 2018. To this date, naloxone has been used by deputies on **eleven separate occasions**. The victims in each incident were brought back from the effects of the drug overdose by the administration of naloxone. Without our partnership with NSA and financial assistance with this project, we could not provide this life saving service to the victims of drug overdoses in Wood County.*

From Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, Frederick County, MD, Sheriff's Office:

*Thanks in great part to the NSA Narcan program, the Sheriff's Office administered 45 doses of Narcan to 32 overdose victims, **saving 29 of those persons** in 2018. Our successful deployment of Narcan and the saving of those lives can be directly attributed to our partnership in the NSA Narcan program. I currently have 187 deputies trained to administer Narcan and carrying Narcan in the field. Thanks so much for providing this valuable resource to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.*

From Sheriff Lenny Millholland, Frederick County, VA, Sheriff's Office:

*We have **saved over 125 victims** by using Narcan. I think it was a grant well worth pursuing. Thank you so very much to all who made it possible.*

From Vince Linnell, Snohomish County, WA, Regional Drug Task Force:

203 lives saved with Narcan in Snohomish County:

	2018	Total (2015-2018)
Arlington	2	5
Bothell	2	3
Edmonds	3	6
Everett	23	91
Lake Stevens	3	9
Lynnwood	11	17
Marysville	6	25
Mill Creek	0	2
Monroe	4	4
Mountlake Terrace	3	5
Mukilteo	4	4
SCSO	13	32
TOTAL	74	203

In addition to purchasing naloxone kits and facilitating their widespread distribution, the project also delivered presentations at law enforcement conferences, provided training/technical assistance, and disseminated informational resources to educate law enforcement officers and command staff about the ever-growing opioid overdose epidemic and officer safety/response. The project also designed, established, and maintains a webpage (www.sheriffs.org/Programs/Opioid-Abuse-Initiatives), which hosts webinars, roll call videos, and other informational materials.

The human lives saved by this project occurred in both patrol and correctional settings. Furthermore, although the exact number of people alive today because of the project will never be known, that number will continue to rise as distributed naloxone kits are deployed. Ultimately, when approaching the distressing scene of an opioid overdose, first responders who participated in NSA's project are now better equipped to identify an individual who has overdosed and to administer naloxone with knowledge, confidence, and life-saving success.

In closing, the National Sheriffs' Association expresses its appreciation to Purdue Pharma for providing the financial support to establish this life-saving partnership between Purdue and NSA.