

## TPD Narcan Deployments since May 1, 2014

Listed below are brief descriptions of incidents during which Tulsa Police Officers have administered Narcan (nalaxone).

Narcan is a medication that reverses the effects of opiate-based drugs and is administered by a nasal spray when officers believe that a patient's life is at risk from a suspected opiate-based drug overdose.

To aid in protecting the confidentiality of these individuals no names are provided and the locations of occurrence, while close, are purposefully listed in a non-specific way.

These descriptions are intended to highlight the above-and-beyond efforts of our officers and the effectiveness of Narcan as a lifesaving medication.

Finally it should be noted that in situations where a citizen's life is at risk, enforcement action becomes a secondary consideration and may not be taken at all. The health and safety of the patients who we find in these situations is always our highest priority.

### **Save #13**

January 31, 2015  
1900 N. Florence Ave.  
11:54 a.m.

Sgt. Ross Williams, Sgt. Justin Farley, and Cpl. Larry Edwards arrived at this location and found a male unconscious and barely breathing in a back bedroom. One dose of Narcan was administered to the subject, which restored his breathing and awakened him within a minute. The male was transported to a local hospital by EMSA for further evaluation.

### **Save #12**

January 31, 2015  
4800 S. Wheeling  
8:50 a.m.

Officer Eddie Parish administered Narcan to a male suspect, whom officers had chased from a stolen car. It is believed that somewhere during the chase the suspect swallowed an unknown amount of drugs, most likely attempting to avoid detection. After taking the suspect into custody the suspect passed out and his breathing became very shallow. Officer Parish administered one dose of Narcan which restored the suspect's breathing and awakened him in less than a minute. EMSA transported the suspect to a local hospital for further evaluation.

### **Save #11**

December 3, 2014  
700 N. Zenith Ave.  
5:30 p.m.

Officers J. Beal and S. Kite responded to the area of 700 N. Zenith Ave. on a check the well-being / possible suicidal subject call. With family assistance the officers made entry and found a female passed out and barely breathing in the back of the house. Off. J. Beal fearing an overdose, administered one dose of Narcan. In less than a minute the woman's breathing returned to normal and she began to awaken.

## **Save #10**

November 3, 2014  
3600 S. Memorial Dr.  
5:45 p.m.

Off. R. Mendenhall was called to the area of 3600 S. Memorial to assist with a man down call. Responders would later learn that the man had become confused as to which of his medications he had taken and began to feel ill. He pulled over into a parking lot to call 911 for help but he passed out before he could complete the call. He was found by a TCSO deputy who then summoned further assistance.

Off. Mendenhall arrived to find the man unconscious and breathing at an extremely slow rate. Given the circumstances Off. Mendenhall became concerned that opiate-based medications may be responsible for the man's condition so she administered a single dose of Narcan. Within one minute the man's breathing increased dramatically and within the next he awakened and began talking. EMSA arrived shortly after and transported the gentleman to a local hospital for further evaluation.

## **Save #9**

October 23, 2014  
4900 N. Hartford Ave.  
5:00 p.m.

Off. W. White and Off. J. Metzger were called to a house near 4900 N. Hartford Ave. reference a disturbance. Upon arrival they found an approximately 30 year old female down, foaming at the mouth slightly, and barely breathing. The investigation revealed she had swallowed a large handful of mixed, unknown pills.

Working together Off. White and Metzger administered one dose of Narcan to the female. In about one minute the woman's breathing increased dramatically and her color improved. She was later transported by EMSA to a local hospital for further evaluation.

## **Save #8**

October 21, 2014  
200 S. Garnett Rd.  
4:30 p.m.

Off. J. Warren and Off. J. Howell were called to the area of 200 S. Garnett Rd. to check on an unresponsive male behind the wheel of his car who was apparently not breathing. Off. Warren administered one dose of Narcan into the patient's nose. Approximately 45 seconds later the patient's breathing resumed and he woke up. Although, he was still somewhat sedated his breathing continued to improve. He was transported by EMSA to a local hospital for further evaluation. It is believed that he overdosed on a combination of heroin and hydrocodone.

### **Save #7**

October 6, 2014  
6600 S. Lewis Ave.  
6:30pm

While on a suspicious person call Off. M. Burgess finds a man lying on the ground in the middle of an apartment complex. The man is unconscious and barely breathing. Off. Burgess administers one dose of Narcan which restores the man's breathing and awakens him. Shortly after this administration EMSA arrives to care for the man. While with the EMSA crew the man again went unconscious and his breathing became very depressed. A second dose of Narcan was administered which, again, restored his breathing and awakened him. EMSA transported the man to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

### **Save #6**

September 14, 2014  
2100 S. 129<sup>th</sup> E. Ave.  
Midnight

Officers C. Johnson and S. Markham are interviewing a man when he collapses to the ground and almost stops breathing. Off. Johnson administers one dose of Narcan which restores the man's breathing and awakens him. A short time later EMSA transports him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

### **Save #5**

September 5, 2014  
200 N. Victor  
5:00pm

Officers are called to a local park to check on a man who appears to be passed out on a bench. Off. B. Wilson arrives to find a man totally unresponsive and breathing too slowly. Off. Wilson administers one dose of Narcan which almost immediately restores the man's breathing and wakes him up. A short time later EMSA transports him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

### **Save #4**

July 8, 2014  
8200 S. 77<sup>th</sup> E. Ave.  
3:20pm

Officers are called to assist EMSA and TFD on an overdose call. Off. J. Metcalf arrives on scene first and finds the subject of the call unresponsive and barely breathing. Off. Metcalf administers one dose of Narcan which reverses the overdose within 1-2 minutes. A short time later EMSA transports him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

### **Save #3**

June 12, 2014  
7900 E. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.  
2:00pm

Officers are called to an apartment complex by family members concerned about the well-being of a relative. Inside the apartment officers find a young man unconscious on the floor with unidentified pills scattered around him. Officers J. Metcalf and C. Allen administer one dose of Narcan which awakens the man within a couple of minutes. A short time later EMSA transports him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

### **Save #2**

June 10, 2014  
2000 N. Atlanta Ct.  
5:10pm

While clearing from an unrelated call Off. G. Barnes is flagged down by a citizen who is concerned about his roommate. The citizen tells Off. Barnes that his roommate is unresponsive and barely breathing from what is possibly a heroin overdose. Off. Barnes administers one dose of Narcan to the down roommate. In less than one minute the roommate's breathing improves and he becomes much more responsive. A short time later EMSA transports him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

## **Save #1**

May 4, 2014  
1100 E. 61<sup>st</sup> S.  
4:30pm

Upon realizing that he is about to be contacted by police officers a man swallows a handful of unidentified pills. About ten minutes later this man collapsed to the ground unconscious and barely breathing. Officers S. Berry and K. Johnson administer one dose of Narcan which returns the man's breathing to a normal rate and brings him out of unconsciousness within 1-2 minutes. A short time later EMSA transports him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.