

### BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO

THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY 2023–2024 REPORT:

NARCAN SAVING LIVES IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

#### ADDRESSED TO:

JUDITH C. CLARK, PRESIDING JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 4050 MAIN STREET RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

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

Riverside County Grand Jury PO Box 829 Riverside, CA 92502

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RE: Response to Riverside County Civil Grand Jury 2023–2024 Report: Narcan: Saving Lives In Riverside County

Dear Presiding Judge Clark,

This letter is submitted in compliance with California Penal Code Section 933 and serves as our formal response addressing the findings and recommendation from the Grand Jury's Report.

The Beaumont Police Department appreciates the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury's interest and research into police and first responders' use of Narcan and the life-saving impact within Riverside County.

#### I. RESPONSES TO FINDINGS:

- a. Finding F.1, The statistical data provided by the EMS on Narcan usage for 2021, 2022, and 2023 indicates a declining percentage of on-scene fatalities.
  - i. The department disagrees with this finding. While the data did trend downward overall compared to 2020, the numbers reported of deceased on scene rose each year from 2021 to 2023.
- b. Finding F.2. The availability of Narcan has assisted law enforcement and the public to assist suspected opioid overdoses and to have a better chance of survival.
  - i. The department agrees with this finding. To date, our officers have administered Narcan at total of 11 different incidents.



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- c. Finding F.3. There is a lack of guidance regarding what data should be tracked by law enforcement and other first responders when administering Narcan.
  - i. The department agrees with this finding. As departments have developed their policies and tracking efforts over the past several years, it has been an individualized effort without uniform data points.

#### II. RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. R.1. 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.
  - i. The department currently collects many of these data points and more. We maintain all Narcan usage reports in an internal repository and provide details as requested. However, there is no centralized countywide effort to collect, store, track, or otherwise analyze data on this subject.

Our department trusts that these responses address the concerns raised by the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury's 2023–2024 report on Narcan's life-saving role in Riverside County. For further information, please contact Captain George Walter at 951-769-8500.

Sincerely,

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