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**Indio Police Department's
Responses
To The
Riverside County
Civil Grand Jury 2023-2024 Report:
Narcans Saving Lives In Riverside
County Report**

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RE: Response to the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury 2023-2024
Report

Dear Presiding Judge Jackson,

This letter is submitted in compliance with the California Penal Code Section 933. The Indio Police Department appreciates the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury's interest in our use of NARCAN and its life-saving impact on Riverside County. This letter serves as our formal response, addressing the specific findings and recommendations from the Grand Jury's report.

I. RESPONSE TO FINDINGS:

F.1. The statistical data provided by EMS on Narcan usage for 2021, 2022, and 2023 indicate a declining percentage of on-scene fatalities.

- The department disagrees with this finding. According to the county-wide EMS data provided in the grand jury report, on-scene fatalities declined from 2020 to 2021 but have increased each year since. In 2020, 5.31% of overdose patients resulted in on-scene fatalities. This percentage rose to 5.58% in 2023.

- The Indio Police Department has had only two drug-related overdose fatalities from 2021 to the present.

F.2. The availability of Narcan has assisted law enforcement and the public in handling suspected opioid overdoses, increasing survival chances.

- The department agrees with this finding. Since 2021, we have administered **68** doses of Narcan.

F.3. There is a lack of guidance regarding what data should be tracked by law enforcement and other first responders when administering Narcan.

- The department agrees with this finding. Although we have been tracking our Narcan deployments since 2021, there is no county-wide collaboration on the specific data to collect and who should maintain it.

II. RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS

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 per incident, the number of lives saved, and the number of fatalities.

The department has implemented this recommendation. Since 2021, we have collected weekly data on our Narcan deployments, logging the date, time, incident number, age, date of birth, Race, Gender, Observations prior to application, dosage administered, patient disposition/outcome, lives saved, fatalities, EMS response and whether a user was transported to a medical provider. Currently, the department maintains all Narcan data usage logs and shares upon request. However, there is no centralized county-wide system to collect and store all logged data.

We trust 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 Sergeant Ricardo Cerna at (760) 391-4031 or rcerna@indiopd.org.

Cordially,



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