
**HEMET POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
RESPONSES
TO THE
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
CIVIL GRAND JURY 2023-2024 REPORT:
NARCAN SAVING LIVES IN RIVERSIDE
COUNTY REPORT**

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

Dear Presiding Judge Clark,

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

I. RESPONSES TO FINDINGS:

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

- The department disagrees with this finding. According to EMS data, 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.

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 99 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 be collected and who should maintain it.

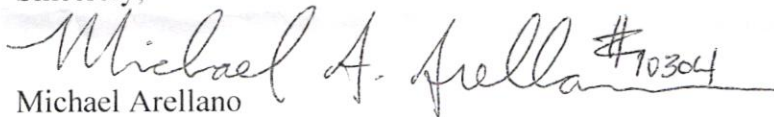
II. RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

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, number of lives saved, and number of fatalities.

- The department has partially implemented this recommendation. Since 2021, we have collected monthly data on Narcan usage, logging the date, time, incident number, location, victim's gender, race, age, officer's name, and number of doses. After reviewing the Grand Jury's report, we added the number of lives saved and fatalities to our data logs. Currently, the department maintains all Narcan usage data and shares it 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 Lieutenant Michael Mouat at 951-765-2422.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Police

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Fire Chief
City Clerk