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

Riverside County Grand Jury
Post Office Box 829
Riverside, CA 92502

Riverside County Clerk-Recorder
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, Ca 92507

Subject: Responses to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations regarding NARCAN

To the Honorable Judge Clark, Riverside County Grand Jury, and Riverside County Clerk- Recorder:

The Riverside County Grand Jury issued a report titled: You Narcan Save Lives: Narcan Saving Lives in Riverside County, on June 11, 2024 (the "Report"). The Report was addressed to the City of Riverside and requires a response to be filed with the agencies set forth above within ninety (90) days. In addition, the Report requires a response to Findings 1, 2, and 3 and Recommendation 1. Please find the City's responses to the required Findings and Recommendation below.

Findings:

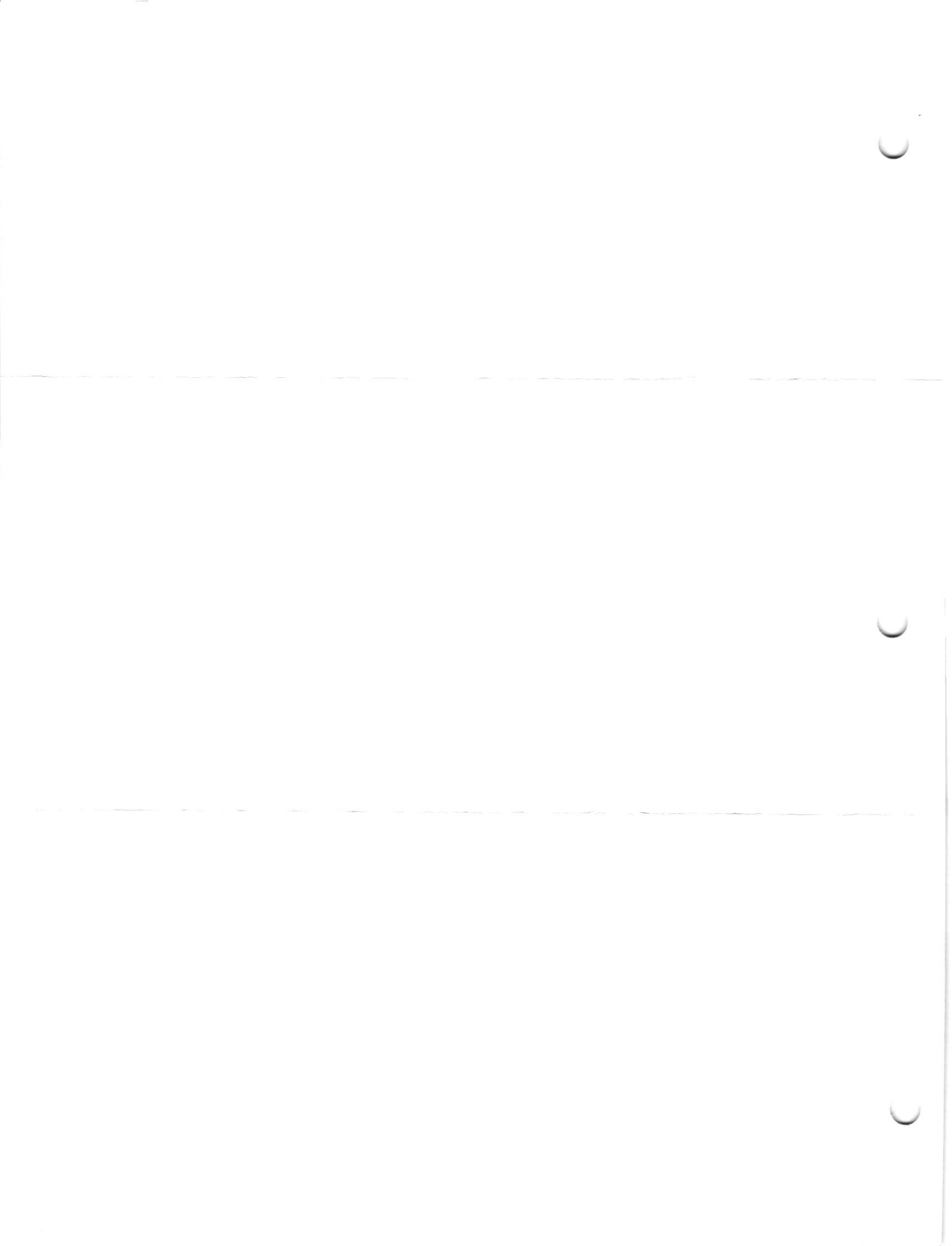
F-1 The statistical data provided by the EMS on Narcan usage for 2021, 2022, and 2023 indicates a declining percentage of on-scene fatalities.

City response: The City agrees with this 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.

City response: The City agrees with this finding.

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

City response: The City disagrees with this finding. The Riverside Police Department has been working in conjunction with the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA) since July of 2021. REMSA provided the policy and guidance regarding the use of Narcan, and the City has complied by reporting all uses of Narcan using REMSA's Naloxone Use Reporting Form.

Recommendation:

- 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.

City response: The City implemented a Narcan reporting program with the adoption of Riverside Police Department Policy 368 – Use of Narcan (Naloxone) on July 29, 2021. (See enclosure.) Policy 368 requires personnel who administer Narcan to submit a REMSA Law Enforcement Naloxone Use Reporting Form to REMSA. This is the same REMSA form as referred to on page 12 of the Report, "I. REMSA Policy 3309 Reporting Form Link". The City defers to REMSA on how to best present the data submitted through its Naloxone Use Reporting Form.

Very truly yours,



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Mayor, City of Riverside

