



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 5/2/2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: 5 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4 / 5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Sheriff – Bill Brown
Contact Info: Commander Craig Bonner

SUBJECT: Sheriff’s Opioid Overdose Reversal Program – BJE Transfer of Funds

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors

- a) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0004962 establishing appropriations of \$12,000.00 in Sheriff’s Office General Fund for Services & Supplies funded by release of Restricted Public Safety Prop 172 fund balance, for the Sheriff’s Office purchase of 140 naloxone kits for deployment by patrol personnel within our local communities; and
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as the recommended actions involve government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project that may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

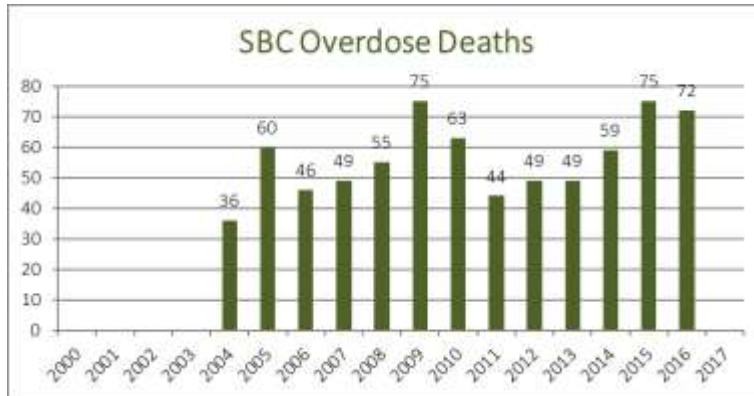
Summary Text:

Over the past year, the Sheriff’s Office has worked closely with Santa Barbara County Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) and the Department of Behavioral Wellness to develop and implement an opioid overdose reversal program within the Sheriff’s Office. Once fully implemented, Sheriff’s Office patrol personnel will deploy naloxone kits within our local communities and utilize them to save lives. Additionally, naloxone kits will be maintained at fixed posts within Sheriff’s Office facilities throughout the county. We are asking that the Board of Supervisors approve Budget Journal Entry (BJE) #0004962, which will allow the Sheriff’s Office to purchase the needed naloxone kits.

Background:

Our nation is experiencing an opioid epidemic and Santa Barbara County is not immune from this trend. Between 2011 and 2016, the Sheriff’s Coroner Unit has observed a marked increase in overdose deaths.

In 2016, opioids were present in approximately 60% of the overdose deaths that occurred in Santa Barbara County.



Naloxone nasal spray is an approved medication through the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist indicated for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose, as manifested by respiratory and/or central nervous system depression. Opioids cause death by slowing, and eventually stopping the person’s breathing. When administered, naloxone restores respiration within two to five minutes, and may prevent brain injury and death. Naloxone works on overdoses caused by opioids, which includes prescription painkillers and street drugs like heroin. Naloxone has no potential for abuse and has no known adverse effects on persons who are not experiencing an opioid overdose.

Many of Santa Barbara County’s residents reside in rural and semi-rural settings that are located a considerable distance from Emergency Medical Services. Because of this Sheriff’s Office personnel are oftentimes capable of being the first emergency responders to arrive at the scene of overdoses occurring within our communities. Providing law enforcement with the knowledge and tools to reverse opioid overdoses within our communities can reduce the time between when an opioid overdose victim is discovered, and when they are able to receive lifesaving assistance through the administration of naloxone.

In early 2016, the Sheriff’s Office attempted to collaborate with Behavioral Wellness, in their effort to enhance the availability of life-saving naloxone within our Santa Barbara County communities. As presented in their August 23, 2016, departmental item/ board letter, Behavioral Wellness was able to operationalize their naloxone program in 2016. However, we quickly determined that mandates within the California Code of Regulations required significant additional coordination and policy making in conjunction with the Santa Barbara Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA), before law enforcement agencies would be able to deploy naloxone within our local communities.

Over the past year, SBC EMSA, the Sheriff’s Office and Dr. Dan Shepard engaged in a collaborative effort to research the naloxone program requirements outlined within the California Code of Regulations, and build the necessary countywide policies and training protocols for the implementation of a naloxone program within the Sheriff’s Office. The necessary policies and training protocols were completed and approved in early 2017. With the assistance of SBC EMSA, all Sheriff’s Office law enforcement personnel received training in the appropriate use of naloxone during the first quarter of

2017. The Sheriff’s Office is now poised to deploy life-saving naloxone within our local communities, and are asking the board’s approval to move the necessary funding to purchase 140 naloxone kits, along with a small reserve to purchase replacement naloxone kits when needed. The naloxone kits will be issued to all deputy sheriff personnel assigned to the patrol function, and additional naloxone kits will be maintained at fixed posts at all Sheriff’s Office facilities.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 12,000.00		
Total	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

The Sheriff’s Office is seeking to transfer \$12,000.00 from Public Safety Prop 172 Restricted fund balance, allowing the Sheriff’s Office to purchase (120) naloxone kits for deployment by patrol personnel within our local communities. The Prop 172 Fund Balance is currently at \$83,586, and this drawdown will reduce the balance to \$71,586. The Prop 172 fund balance is used at the discretion of the Sheriff for law enforcement purposes as defined by Government Code 30052. We do not anticipate additional expenses for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Budget Journal Entry (BJE) #0004962 records the transfer of this funding.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Budget Journal Entry (BJE) #0004962