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UTAH NALOXONE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS REACH MAJOR MILESTONES

SLC and Murray, UT – Utah Naloxone has just crossed the major milestones of receiving over **10,000** reports of naloxone reversals with more than **800** of these reports coming from statewide law enforcement agency partners. Naloxone (Narcan®) is a very safe medication that reverses an opioid overdose if given in time and saves the person's life. The first person to come in contact with someone experiencing an opioid overdose is the best person to use naloxone to save that life.

The most recent law enforcement report bringing us to this milestone came from our partners at the **Murray Police Department**. They have been deeply committed to stepping up and saving lives in their community. We are so proud of and grateful for their efforts as well as for the efforts of all who are prepared and ready to save a life should there be an opioid overdose around them.

Law enforcement partners are important contributors to saving lives across Utah. The CDC recently released data showing more overdose deaths in the US than ever recorded (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>). It is so crucial to have life savers in all spaces. Everyday citizens and non-medical responders join those with medical training to save lives and give people second chances at life.

There is still work to be done. Overdose remains the leading cause of injury death in the state of Utah. For the 12-month period ending in June 2023, the US showed a new reported high of 108,438 overdose deaths. This is an increase of over 30% nationally.

Anywhere there are opioids (pain pills, heroin, fentanyl), there should be naloxone. Free naloxone kits and training are available through Utah Naloxone and from other partners in our communities. It is legal for anyone in Utah to possess naloxone, and absolutely legal to administer it if you suspect someone is overdosing on opioids.

For more information, go to UtahNaloxone.org. Thank you to ALL the life savers!

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