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### **Heroin Overdose / Naloxone (“Narcan”) Administration**

On Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at about 1630 hours, officers of the Bremerton Police and Fire Department personnel were dispatched to a residence in the 1500 block of Houston Avenue for an aid call. Further information revealed an adult male had overdosed on heroin and was in need of medical attention.

A Bremerton Police Department Sergeant, with the Special Operations Group (SOG), was in the area and responded. Upon his arrival, he administered “Narcan” and the unconscious male regained consciousness as fire department personnel arrived. The man was taken to Harrison Medical Center as a precaution.

Kitsap County’s Health Officer, Doctor Susan Turner, is quoted as saying, *“Law enforcement has always been on the front lines of the battle against drug-related harm in our communities, and the current opiate overdose crisis is no different. Reducing the time between the onset of overdose symptoms and effective intervention is a matter of life and death. Given that law enforcement officers are often first at the scene of an overdose, their use of naloxone, the overdose antidote, can help reduce the number of overdose deaths in our community.”*

“We appreciate our partnership with Kitsap County Public Health and the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office to coordinate this effort,” said Bremerton Police Chief Steven Strachan.

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