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Fire Rescue receives second round of Narcan from Florida Department of Health

June 11, 2019 – Thanks to the Florida Department of Health, Flagler County Fire Rescue has an additional 300 doses of Narcan to administer, if needed, to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses.

“This is the second round of 300 doses of Narcan that has been issued to us by the state,” said Chief Don Petito. “This lifesaving drug is being distributed statewide to emergency responder agencies like Flagler County Fire Rescue through the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program.”

Opioid overdoses are the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, and in 2017 emergency responders treated more than 45,000 patients for drug overdoses in Florida alone, according to the Department of Health.

The value of the 300 doses of Narcan is \$8,565.

“Really, its value is priceless because it saves lives,” Petito said. “We have administered 166 doses in the last 12 months, and that’s just Fire Rescue. That number doesn’t take into account what others, like the Sheriff’s Office, has administered.”

The goal of HEROS program is to save lives.

“People can’t turn their life around if they don’t live through a bad decision,” Petito said.

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