



GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

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Greater Naples Fire Awarded Emergency Opioid Antagonists

In response to the nationwide opioid epidemic, funding has been made available through the Florida Department of Health (DOH) for emergency opioid antagonists. DOH has established the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program for the purpose of acquiring emergency opioid antagonists for agencies that employ emergency responders. The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of drug/opioid overdose-related deaths and adverse events by providing emergency responders with the appropriate pharmaceutical resources to address this crisis.

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District has recently received its second award of Naloxone (Narcan) from the HEROS Program to help the first responders stand ready for drug overdose medical emergencies. The District was able to stock all front line engines with this life-saving drug and will now be able to equip Life Safety and other District support vehicles that may encounter these situations.

The District will receive a total 60 doses of Naloxone (Narcan) valued at approximately \$6,000.00.

*If you would like more information regarding this topic, or to schedule an interview,
please contact the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Headquarters.*