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Narcan/Naloxone Auto-Injectors Save Lives in Paulding County

(Paulding County, GA) With the growing trend in heroin, opioid, and fentanyl abuse, overdoses, and deaths across the country, Sheriff Gary Gulledge knew that he had to do something to help ensure residents of Paulding County would be as safe as possible. In May of 2016, Sheriff Gulledge was able to secure two grants from Kalèo which enabled him to obtain enough EVIZO© Narcan/Naloxone HCI Auto-Injectors for every Deputy in the Patrol Division to have one. EVIZO© Narcan/Naloxone HCI Auto-Injectors administer a lifesaving dose of the medication *Naloxone* which can immediately reverse the effects of a heroin/opioid overdose. These injectors are similar to that of an EpiPen© which are used when someone gets stung by an insect and the allergic reaction to the sting could cause them to go into anaphylactic shock.

Normally, this type of medication is reserved for Fire/EMS personnel, but studies have shown that law enforcement response to these types of incidents is typically faster than that of Fire/EMS. Across the country, law enforcement agencies are using these types of auto-injectors to save lives every day. Deputies have also undergone training on how to use these auto-injectors.

Since May of 2016, Deputies have administered 18 doses of Narcan/Naloxone to overdose patients in Paulding County. Of those 18 doses, eleven patients only required one dose to be revived, two patients required two doses to be revived, and one patient required three doses to be revived. Once those patients were revived, they were turned over to EMS personnel.

In 2016, 35 individuals died as a result of some type of drug overdose in Paulding County. Having these Narcan/Naloxone auto-injectors has definitely helped save lives. Sheriff Gulledge stated, "We are thankful that companies like Kalèo are



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providing this much needed antidote. Now, we have to focus as a community and a country on how to combat this problem and how to provide these addicted individuals with a way to get clean. Heroin, opioids, and fentanyl are killing people on a daily basis in our country. We have to stop this epidemic before it gets out of control.”

EVIZO© Narcan/Naloxone HCI auto-injectors are \$490 per package which includes two doses of medication along with a trainer cartridge. Sheriff Gulledge noted, “As long as we can continue to obtain this grant from Kalèo, we will continue to make sure every Deputy in our Patrol Division carries one in their shirt pocket.” If you would like more information or would like to donate money in order to purchase more Narcan/Naloxone auto-injectors, please feel free to call us at (770) 443-3010 or visit EVIZO’s© website at <https://evzio.com/>.

