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Naloxone Used Twice This Week by Chester County Police Departments

WEST CHESTER - On May 10th, Officer Ryan Murtagh of the Parkesburg Borough Police Department responded to a residence for a medical emergency, arriving to find a subject unconscious and not breathing adequately. Officer Murtagh administered the life-saving medication Naloxone, successfully reviving the patient. Just three days later, on May 13th, Tredyffrin Township Police Department also used Naloxone to revive a subject found unconscious and in a life-threatening state due to inadequate breathing. Both officers received training and the Naloxone medication through Project Naloxone, a program created and administered by Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute in West Chester.

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug (i.e. prescription pain medication or heroin). When administered during an overdose, Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing within two to eight minutes. Naloxone has been used safely by medical professionals for more than 40 years and has only one function: to reverse the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death.

In November 2014, following Act 139 of 2014 being signed into law by former Governor Tom Corbett, Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute's Board of Directors approved funding Project Naloxone. Totalling more than \$35,000, the program seeks to train and equip every Police Officer in Chester County with the Naloxone medication. Under the direction of Good Fellowship's Law Enforcement Liaison, Ethan Healey, Police Officers receive both online and practical training before they carry the medication in their police vehicles. Good Fellowship provided each participating police department with kits containing a prefilled vial of Naloxone, a pair of gloves, and a nasal mist device to administer the medication. Since the program began, Good Fellowship has trained over 600 police officers from 35 different police

departments across Chester County. Police officers from East Brandywine, Caln, Downingtown, Parkesburg and most recently Tredyffrin have all used the training and Naloxone medication that Good Fellowship provided them to save five lives since the program began.

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The mission of Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute is to provide emergency medical services to anyone in need in our greater West Chester service area. Further, Good Fellowship will provide first aid, CPR and other safety-related educational programs to the community, as well as provide trained qualified personnel to other Chester County emergency service organizations through our EMS Training Institute.