

## INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

"Our Community... Our Commitment"

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The Indio Police Department has consistently advocated and fostered working relationships with other agencies that can help us meet the needs of Indio residents. In November 2021, Indio Police led a partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a local supply of Narcan (Naloxone) Nasal Spray at no cost to Indio Police. Following the shipment, we shared a portion through a collaboration with the Palm Springs Police Department. We have trained our officers to identify a suspected opioid overdose and administer the Naloxone nasal spray to the individual. Training officers have been overseeing the training and deployment to our front-line officers of this life-saving safety measure.

Since the start of the Naloxone Deployment Program, we have saved four lives of Indio residents that could have been lost due to an opioid overdose. Programs like this reaffirm the Indio Police Department's motto to our residents and visitors, "Our Community... Our Commitment." Like our motto, programs like this stem from the ideas and collaboration of our front-line officers to better the quality of life for Indio residents.

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