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PORT ORCHARD POLICE RESPOND TO MULTIPLE OPIOID OVERDOSES

(Port Orchard, WA) The Port Orchard Police Department responded to three opioid overdoses within the last seventy-two hours. All incidents appear to involve victims ingesting non-prescription fentanyl pills.

On June 29th, officers responded to a business on Bay Street for the report of a woman who was non-responsive and not breathing. A community member was already engaged in CPR. When officers arrived, they continued CPR and administered two doses of Narcan. South Kitsap Fire arrived as the woman regained consciousness.

On June 30th, officers responded to a residence for another report of in-progress CPR. Officers quickly identified the signs of an overdose, continued CPR, and administered Narcan. South Kitsap Fire arrived and administered a second round of Narcan before the victim regained consciousness.

On July 1st, officers responded to another residence for a subject in cardiac arrest after taking an unknown amount of an opioid. Two doses of Narcan were sufficient for the victim to regain consciousness. The person refused further treatment or medical transport by South Kitsap Fire.

“We are incredibly grateful that our officers were trained, equipped, and in a position to save the lives of three members of this community,” Chief Brown stated. “All lives have value, and our hope is with each save we can help those struggling get closer to treatment.”

Port Orchard officers began deployment of Narcan in 2019. The Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office established the Narcan program in 2017 and supplies all local police agencies but one with the nasal spray. The Suquamish Tribe uses a different form of the medication.

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