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ONE LIFE AND IT IS ALL WORTH IT - CITY OF MILAN POLICE OFFICERS NOW EQUIPED WITH NALOXONE

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Milan, Michigan

The City of Milan sits along US-23 in both Washtenaw and Monroe Counties, and in the centroid of the Detroit-Toledo-Ann Arbor triangle.

Milan, like all other police departments in the Nation, has seen an increase in opiate abuse and overdose over the past decade. During that last decade, police officers stood by, unable to intervene as our citizens, visitors, and stakeholders suffered from opiate overdoses.

“No longer”, states Donald G. Tillery, Milan’s Police Chief, “will our officers be unable to help during these critical incidents”. The Milan Police Department is now equipped with Naloxone, known by the trade name Narcan, to better respond to opiate overdoses. “This drug will allow our officers to provide the life-saving drug during opiate overdoses. We have spent the past few months preparing procedures, developing training, and working to see this important project implemented. One life and it is all worth it” said Tillery.

Milan officers are able to obtain, possess, and utilize Naloxone thanks to a 2014 law (Act 462 of 2014) allowing police officers access to the drug. The Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services funded and provided the drug to Milan police.

Michael Armitage, Milan’s Mayor, added “While this isn't a solution to the problem, I am pleased to see our officers carrying this lifesaving drug. I applaud Chief Tillery and the members of the Milan Police Department for having this available and going through the necessary training”.

Milan Police Officers are carrying the drug as of Tuesday March 15, 2016.

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