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Narcan Deployment Saves Citizen's Life

Brea, Calif. – The Brea Police Department commends its dispatchers for their quick response and its officers for their excellent judgment in rendering lifesaving aid to a Brea resident. On December 8, 2022, at approximately 5:48 a.m., the Brea Police Department responded to the 600 block of East Birch Street for a reported male subject that was not breathing. When officers arrived at the scene, they discovered that the subject was unresponsive and it immediately became clear that the subject was suffering from a drug overdose.

At approximately 5:52 a.m., officers administered a dose of Narcan. The subject continued to have labored breathing and officers subsequently administered a second dose of Narcan. After the second dose of Narcan, the subject's breathing began to regulate. The Brea Fire Department took over medical aid and the subject was transported to St. Jude Hospital for further medical assistance. The Brea Police Department extends its gratitude to its partners at the Brea Fire Department.

The Brea Police Department regularly evaluates the equipment and resources to best respond to the evolving needs of the community. Given the nationwide opioid and fentanyl crisis the department recently applied for and was successfully awarded a state funded grant to obtain Narcan for field deployment. Officers received training on its use just over a week prior to this call for service. This was the first documented use of Narcan by the Brea Police Department. We are grateful to have this lifesaving resource now available for our community.

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