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### **Gordon County Deputy Saves Life of Drug Overdose Victim**

*Officer had received MAGF training to administer naloxone*

**GAINESVILLE, Ga. (July 21, 2016)** – A Gordon County Deputy saved the life of an overdose victim on July 20 by administering naloxone, a medication that reverses the effects of opioids.

Gordon County Sheriff's deputies received training in the application of naloxone through the Medical Association of Georgia Foundation's Project DAN (Deaths Avoided by Naloxone).

The Gordon County patrol deputy responded to a call at the Gordon County Jail. A male victim, who was brought to the jail by another agency, was having a medical issue. The deputy recognized the victim's symptoms were consistent with a heroin overdose. He applied the Naloxone spray and the victim survived.

"We are seeing life-saving results from the first responder training," Medical Association of Georgia Foundation President Dr. Jack M. Chapman Jr. said. "In communities all over the state, first responders have put their training to use in the field and saved the lives of overdose victims by administering Naloxone."

Law enforcement officers and first responders throughout the state have been trained to administer naloxone if they encounter an overdose situation. The Medical Association of Georgia Foundation sponsors the training sessions.

The Georgia Medical Amnesty Law allows physicians to prescribe naloxone to first responders and others who are in a position to assist a person who is at risk of an opioid overdose. The timely administration of naloxone typically reverses the effects of opiates such as heroin and opioids like hydrocodone, oxycodone, methadone and others.

The Georgia law also provides protection for people who call 911 and seek medical assistance for someone experiencing a drug or alcohol-related overdose. The caller and the victim cannot be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for small amounts of drugs, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia if the evidence was obtained as a result of seeking medical assistance.

More information about the MAGF's campaign can be found at [www.rxdrugabuse.org](http://www.rxdrugabuse.org).