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SUBJECT: Naloxone Carrying

TO: Pennsylvania Fire Agencies

FROM: Bruce Trego, Acting State Fire Commissioner

Under the Disaster Declarations issued by Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania has endeavored to make naloxone widely available. As part of this mission, Pennsylvania encourages first responders to carry naloxone. Through a \$5 million grant from the state, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is offering free naloxone to all fire agencies via Centralized Coordinating Entities (CCE).

Fire agencies have been instrumental in saving lives during the opioid crisis through the administration of naloxone. According to state data collected during the Disaster Declarations, fire agencies were responsible for hundreds of overdose reversals in the first quarter of 2018. To continue this success, all fire agency personnel are encouraged to carry the free naloxone offered to them by the PCCD.

To access free naloxone, fire agency personnel should contact their local CCE. Additional information, including how to contact your local CCE, is available from the PCCD via the following link: [http://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/advisory\\_boards/Pages/Naloxone-for-First-Responders.aspx](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/advisory_boards/Pages/Naloxone-for-First-Responders.aspx)