

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Elizabeth Macias, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Response to the Grand Jury's Report of "Law Enforcement Officers + Narcan = Lives Saved from Opioid Overdoses."

DATE: October 4, 2018

City Council Goals:

To provide public service that assures the safety of property and citizens residing, working or visiting in Brisbane.

Background:

The 2017/18 San Mateo Civil Grand Jury filed a report on June 28, 2018 which contained findings and recommendations that pertain to whether or not Law Enforcement Officers and public employees in San Mateo County be trained and equipped to provide emergency opioid overdose medication to prevent deaths?

Purpose:

To review the Findings and Recommendations made by the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury on their report of June 28, 2018, followed by the City of Brisbane's response to those findings and recommendations.

Recommendation:


Staff recommends that the City Council approve the City of Brisbane's response to the San Mateo Civil Grand Jury's findings and recommendations.


Fiscal Impact:

\$1000 to outfit every police officer with a Narcan kit.

Attachments:

- A. Letter to Honorable V. Raymond Swope on the City of Brisbane's response to the Grand Jury's recommendations.
- B. Grand Jury Report of June 28, 2018 on "Law Enforcement Officers + Narcan = Lives Saved from Opioid Overdoses."


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Honorable V. Raymond Swope
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Law Enforcement Officers + Narcan = Lives Saved From Opioid Overdoses

Dear Honorable V. Raymond Swope:

This letter is in response to the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report of June 28, 2018, which contained findings that pertain to the City of Brisbane. Listed below are the Jury's findings and recommendations followed by the City of Brisbane response. The Brisbane City Council reviewed and approved the below recommendations at a public meeting on October 4, 2018. The City of Brisbane responds to the Grand Jury's findings, conclusions and recommendations as follows:

The San Mateo County 2017-2018 Grand Jury makes the following findings to the City Councils of the cities of San Mateo County:

F1: Untreated opioid overdose can cause brain damage and death.

***RESPONSE:** The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

F2: Naloxone is a safe, nontoxic drug that can stop and reverse the effects of opioid overdose.

***RESPONSE:** The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

F3: Narcan® is a brand of intranasal naloxone, which can be successfully administered with no more than one hour of training.

***RESPONSE:** The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

F4: Fire department and ambulance paramedics are the only emergency responders within the County currently carrying naloxone.

***RESPONSE:** The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

F5: Law enforcement officers may arrive at the scene of opioid overdose before paramedics.



RESPONSE: *The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

F6: Law enforcement officers' risk of accidental exposure to fentanyl derivatives varies based on their roles and responsibilities. Narcotics units, crime suppression units, SWAT teams, K-9 units, and evidence-handling units are at a heightened risk of exposure.

RESPONSE: *The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

F7: Certain law enforcement officers and Sheriff's Forensic Lab and Coroner's Office personnel are at heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives.

RESPONSE: *The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

F8: Equipping and training officers with intranasal naloxone is inexpensive and the associated costs can be absorbed into existing programs and budgets.

RESPONSE: *The City of Brisbane Agrees with the finding. We have no reason to disagree with the information contained in the Grand Jury's report.*

The San Mateo County 2017-2018 Grand Jury made a number of recommendations to the cities of San Mateo County, the San Mateo Sheriff, and the San Mateo County Coroner. Recommendations R1 and R2 pertain to the City of Brisbane.

R1: Train and equip law enforcement officers at heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives with intranasal naloxone as a minimum standard of practice.

RESPONSE: *The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by December 30, 2018.*

R2: Evaluate training and equipping all law enforcement officers with intranasal naloxone in order to protect themselves and the general public.

RESPONSE: *The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by December 30, 2018.*

On behalf of the City of Brisbane, I would like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their efforts.

Sincerely,

W. Clarke Conway
Mayor, City of Brisbane

CC: San Mateo County Grand Jury
Brisbane City Clerk