

Deputies having NARCAN is saving lives.....

On February 6th, Deputy Persiani was dispatched to a residence off of Piney Mountain Rd in Walnut Cove, NC. Upon arrival he discovered a female lady unresponsive lying in the floor. After a quick assessment, he determined that the patient appeared to be unresponsive due to a drug overdose. Deputy Persiani administered NARCAN followed by performing CPR until first responders from the Walnut Cove Fire Department could arrive. Patient care was then turned over to rescue and EMS personnel, where within 15 minutes, the patient was able to stand on her own and assisted to the ambulance by rescue personnel.

During Sheriff Marshall's time in office, he was able to work with then EMS Director, Brian Booe, to establish a NARCAN program for the Sheriff's Office. Each deputy was trained on how to administer NARCAN and issued NARCAN to keep in their vehicles. Since then, Sheriff Lemons has continued to work with now EMS Director, Brandon Gentry, to keep the program going. As shown above, the deputies having NARCAN is helping save lives.

"There is a lot of stigma around the use of NARCAN. Our goal is to help protect lives and property, and this is just one-way we feel, as first responders, that we can help. We must remember that this is someone's family member. Wendy Odum of Birches Foundation has said many times, 'It's about giving a person one more day to hopefully get clean.' As your Sheriff, that is my hope for you or your family member. I want you to seek help and get well, for yourself and for your family, that loves you." Sheriff Lemons

If you or someone you know is ready to seek help, we have several local resources. Although you may not see what you need on this partial listing, they may be able to refer you to another resource. Please call any of the following resources for help.

Vaya Health / Mobile Crisis – 1-800-849-6127

Insight Human Services (Walnut Cove) – Substance Abuse Treatment - 336-593-2660

Daymark (King) – Mental Health/ Substance Abuse - 336-983-0941

Youth Haven Services – Children and adolescents (Walnut Cove) – 336-536-1024 / 336-349-2233

Exodus Ministry (King) – 336-529-8993

Hope House (King) – Sober living house for men – 336-529-8993

Calvary Baptist Church (King) – Reformers Unanimous – 336-983-3728

Trinity UMC (King) – AA Meetings – 336-983-5405

Willing Vessels (King) – 336-985-0222

Sid Lee Mental Health Association (Walnut Cove) – 252-542-9333

Birches Foundation (Stokes/Surry) - Community Harm Reduction Initiative – 336-459-0065

Suicide Prevention Hotline (National) – 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Harvest Temple Church (King) – Nar-Anon program – 336-985-8104

Christ Episcopal Church (Walnut Cove) – AA and Al-Anon meetings – 336-406-1596

Startbupe.com (MAT Treatment) – 704-246-4644

211 – An automated database for community resources