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SMPD Officers Save Life After Narcotics User Overdoses on Fentanyl

San Mateo Police saved the life of a drug abuser by using NARCAN after he was found unresponsive from a fentanyl overdose. Paramedics arrived and rushed him to the hospital for treatment.

San Mateo, CA – On Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:11 a.m., San Mateo Police Department officers responded to the downtown train station located at 2 North B Street on reports of an unconscious person in the stairwell. Officers quickly located an unresponsive male in the stairwell who was not breathing. Acting on their training, officers recognized this to be a possible drug overdose and administered NARCAN, successfully reviving him before he was transported to a local hospital.

The San Mateo Police Department understands the dangers fentanyl poses to our community and first responders. This dangerous drug can be 80-100 times stronger than morphine. Narcotics dealers add fentanyl to heroin to increase its potency, resulting in potentially deadly overdoses. Our officers are trained to detect an opioid emergency and are equipped with NARCAN, a nasal spray designed to counteract the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. Police are often the first emergency responders to arrive on scene, and tools like NARCAN allow our officers to administer lifesaving efforts before trained medical personnel arrive.

In addition to our local addiction resource specialists at Star Vista, Help.org exists to help individuals and families make safer and smarter choices. From finding an addiction center to providing fact-based research and resources, Help.org provides everything you need to know. Help.org boasts the most extensive collection of health data on the web. Using this data, they provide empowering, evidence-based content that is easy to digest, honest, and focused on providing information you can use to help yourself and/or your loved ones. All of their content is free, openly available, and from reliable, reputable, professionally reviewed sources.

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