

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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## Deputy Administers Narcan twice within 7 Days

**Town of Lysander, New York-**The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that a Sheriff's Deputy on patrol utilized the drug "Naloxone" to save a Centro bus passenger from a suspected heroin overdose.

On Monday evening at approximately 5:15 pm, Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Blackford was patrolling the Town of Lysander when he was dispatched to the area of Spruce Street between East Oneida Street and East Genesee Street after a Centro bus driver notified its dispatch center that there was an unconscious and unresponsive adult male passenger on the bus.

Within minutes of being dispatched, Deputy Blackford arrived at the Centro bus location where he discovered an adult male in his 40's, who was cyanotic and gasping for air. Based on Deputy Blackford's observations and training, he made the determination that the victim was suffering from an overdose and immediately administered the drug "naloxone" through the victim's nasal passage. Within minutes of Deputy Blackford administering Narcan, the male regained consciousness, with a normal pulse and a regular breathing pattern.

Rescue Personnel from the Greater Baldwinsville Ambulance Corps responded to the scene and transported the victim to Upstate University Hospital for additional medical care and observation.

This is the second time within 7 days that Deputy Blackford utilized the life-saving drug to reverse the heroin effects it had on a victim. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy Blackford administered Narcan to a 25 year old female who was discovered unconscious in the bathroom of her Liverpool Apartment. After administering two doses of Narcan, the victim regained consciousness and was transported to Crouse Hospital.

If you or someone you know needs treatment for drug abuse, please consider contacting one of the listed treatment facilities that can be found on the County's website at:

<http://www.ongov.net/health/heroin/treatment.html>