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**PURCELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES
INITIAL NALOXONE PROGRAM**

PURCELLVILLE, Va. MARCH 28, 2018— The Purcellville Police Department is pleased to announce that the Purcellville Police Officers have been trained and are now carrying Naloxone - sometimes referred to by the brand name Narcan. Naloxone is in the form of a nasal spray and is the first and only FDA-approved nasal form of naloxone for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. It has been used by emergency medical professionals for decades and has been credited with saving the lives of more than 26,000 people nationwide since 1990. Naloxane can reverse the overdose effects and restore respiration within 2-5 minutes. Studies have shown that police officers are often the first on-scene responders in a 911 call situation.

Opioid overdoses have reached epidemic proportions in the United States. In fact, opioid overdoses kill more Virginians than motor vehicle crashes.

The Purcellville Police Department obtained funding through the United States Department of Justice (Byrne Justice Grant) to pay for the Naloxone.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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