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## Moraga police officers approved to carry Naloxone

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Officer Fabiola Hernandez displays the lifesaving kit used by the Moraga PD. Photo Nick Marnell

the police station.

Firefighter-paramedics of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District also carry Naloxone, but police cars are more likely to arrive to an emergency scene before a fire engine, and administering the drug to a patient in those early minutes or seconds can be the difference between life and death.

"If we're wrong, we won't hurt anybody," King said of administering Naloxone to a patient with overdose symptoms who did not need the drug.

CCHS requires that all officers receive refresher training on the use of Naloxone, the police department must report every use of the drug to the county EMS agency and the department must also submit an annual deployment report to the agency.

In 2017, the Lafayette Police Department became the first in Contra Costa County to authorize its officers to administer Naloxone. According to Police Chief Mark Nagel, Orinda police will receive training in the use of the drug once the Sheriff's Office schedules the classes.

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