Title: BLS First Responder Narcan Program

01. **Purpose:**

This policy outlines the use, stocking, replacement and documentation requirements for the use of Narcan on designated first responder units.

02. **Applicability:**

This procedure is applicable to all uniformed full-time, part time and volunteer staff members of the Division of Emergency Services and Local Fire/Rescue Departments (LFRD).

03. **Definitions:**

First Responder Unit: A unit identified by MIEMSS as having met the requirements of the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program for BLS First Responder Units.

04. **Procedures:**

A. In order to be included in the program, the LFRD must:

   i. Submit a written request for inclusion into the program to the Division of Emergency Services.

   ii. Agree to the use, stocking, replacement and documentation requirements outlined in this policy

B. Use

   i. Narcan will only be administered by an EMS provider who is certified or licensed at the EMT level or higher.

   ii. Administration of Narcan will be in compliance with the most current version of the MIEMSS Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers.
C. Stocking and Storage

i. Approved first responder units will carry 1 2mg/2ml Narcan pre-loaded syringe and 1 Mucosal Atomization Device.

ii. Narcan must be stored in a climate controlled environment. Units that are not parked inside a climate controlled structure must have either a climate control system within the storage area of the vehicle or have the medication removed during extremes of temperatures.

D. Replacement

i. Narcan utilized during patient care will be replaced in the following manner:

a. Washington County transport units will be responsible for replacing the first responder Narcan and atomization devices for any patient that is transported to Meritus Medical Center.

b. The Division of Emergency Services will replace Narcan utilized on patients that were not transported or were transported by an out of county unit.

ii. The Division of Emergency Services will be responsible for replacing any syringe that is broken.

iii. Expiring syringes should be taken to the stations first due EMS Company 3 months in advance of the expiration date so that the medication can be exchanged in the Pyxis system.

E. Documentation

i. An eMEDS report must be completed as per existing policy.

ii. Companies failing to complete an eMEDS report for a patient care encounter in which Narcan was administered will be removed from the program.