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DATE: 5/25/2018

SUBJECT: Press Conference: Duluth Police Combats Opioid Overdoses with Generous Donation

BY: Lt. Mike Ceynowa

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Press Conference

CASE NO.: Tuesday May 29, 2018

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME: 1100 AM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Public Safety Building

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Duluth Police Department Combats Opioid Overdoses with Generous Donation

WHO: Lexi Reed Holtum, Executive Director of the Steve Rummmler Hope Network and Lt. Jeff Kazel of the Duluth Police Department

WHAT: Duluth Police Department is announcing a partnership with the Steve Rummmler Hope Network to prevent opioid overdose deaths and the generous donation of 600 Narcan nasal devices, the opioid overdose antidote.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 29 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Public Safety Building, 2030 N. Arlington Avenue, Duluth, Minn. 55811

WHY: Opioid overdoses continue to rise in Minnesota. In 2016, 395 people died of an opioid overdose, an 18 percent increase from 2015. In the past six years, Duluth has seen 323 opioid overdoses and 44 deaths attributed to opioids. Since the police department began carrying Narcan two years ago, 56 people have had their lives saved from an opioid overdose. The Steve Rummmler Hope Network is a grantee of the DHS State Targeted Response to the opioid crisis and has purchased several hundred nasal Narcan units for the Duluth Police Department with some of the funds.

VISUALS: Images and video of the Narcan devices will be available during a brief demonstration of the product. Additional b-roll of the device can be found on the [manufacturer's website](#). Supporting visuals of state overdose data may be found on the [MDH opioid dashboard](#). Logos are available upon request.

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About Steve Rummmler HOPE Network

Judy and Bill Rummier founded the Steve Rummier HOPE Network in honor of their son Steve, who died of an opioid overdose in July 2011. The mission of the Steve Rummier HOPE Network is to heighten awareness of the disease of addiction as it relates to the physical and emotional burdens of chronic pain and to improve the associated care process. The Network creates solutions to this epidemic through its three programs: prescriber education, advocacy, and overdose prevention through naloxone distribution.

About the Opioid Crisis

