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Fire Department Hosts Free Overdose Prevention Training

February 13, 2019, Hinsdale, IL — In an effort to combat the growing opioid crisis in our community and DuPage County, the Hinsdale Fire Department has partnered with the DuPage County Health Department to begin a first of its kind pilot program. On Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., community residents from Hinsdale and the surrounding areas are encouraged to attend a free community session to learn about the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, understand how to use the lifesaving antidote NARCAN®, and how to access community resources. This one-time training event will be held at the Hinsdale Middle School – Cafetorium, 100 S. Garfield St., Hinsdale.

The DuPage County Health Department will be training and distributing NARCAN to those who register at <https://conta.cc/2WBhtkU> and attend the training session. NARCAN is a medication that is benign to people who have not overdosed on opioids (heroin, oxycodone, etc.) but is a lifesaving reversal agent to those who have. Typically within one minute of the NARCAN nasal spray being administered most overdose victims who were previously breathing one to two times a minute and unconscious regain consciousness and begin breathing on their own. The Hinsdale Fire Department has taken a proactive stance against the opioid overdose epidemic and will be on hand to answer any questions, help facilitate discussions, and explain how NARCAN is used in an emergency.

All members of the public are invited, but must register online in advance: <https://conta.cc/2WBhtkU>.

For more information, please contact Mila Tsagalis at the DuPage County Health Department at 630-221-7572/mtsagali@dupagehealth.org.

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