



# Back from the dead: The stories behind the overdose statistics

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When opioid-related deaths across York County, Pennsylvania, reached record levels last year, the Northern York County Regional Police, often the first responders on the scene of an overdose after a 911 call, began carrying Narcan, a brand-name prescription of the drug naloxone. Across a 150-square-mile jurisdiction, from January to August 2016, police administered Narcan 126 times and saved 124 lives.

Sgt. Jack Asper administered Narcan 25 times — more than anyone else in his unit. He has saved lives in urban alleys and cornfields, behind high school bleachers and inside gas station bathrooms.

He remembers all of them.

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