

# Department of Behavioral Health



FEMS Overdose Responses: Bystander Naloxone Administration and Hospital Patient  
Transport

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# Is It An Overdose?

“Bystander said he had a seizure.”

“...She thinks he’s having a stroke.”

“Staff said he sat down and kept passing out.”

These are what some people say to 9-1-1/FEMS when the person is *actually* overdosing.

We need to **educate** the general public on what the **signs and symptoms of an overdose** look like and how to react.



# Bystander Naloxone Administration Between April 2021 and Mid-July 2022



Friends, family, roommates, and concerned citizens are present in **48%** of FEMS responses...

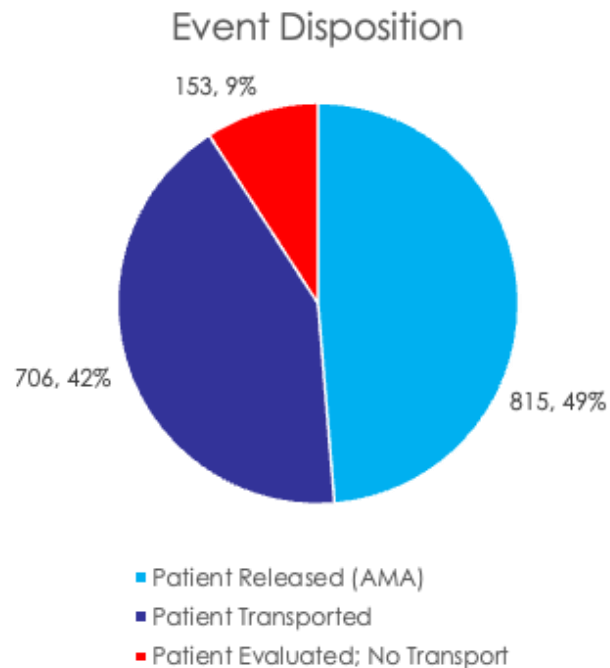
Yet administer naloxone **16%** of the time when they are present.

We need to educate the public on:

- **Naloxone administration**, even if the person isn't overdosing on opioids
- **Good Samaritan Laws**



# Hospital Patient Transport Between April 2021 and Mid-July 2022



Introducing a new initiative:

## **FEMS Overdose Response Team (Street Calls)**

A partnership between FEMS and a community outreach member to follow up with individuals who overdose and decline transport to the hospital and connect them to other resources outside the ER setting.



Thank You!  
Questions?

