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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Police use Narcan to revive possible overdose victim.**

Chief Peter Demnitz of the Morristown Bureau of Police and Chief John McGuinness of the Morris Township Police Department are proud to announce that Police Officers from both agencies provided immediate medical care today which resulted in the life of a 53 year old man being saved.

On this date, the Morristown Bureau of Police was conducting monthly in-service training for uniformed Patrol Officers. As part of this training, a make-up class was held for any Officers that had not yet received training on how to administer Narcan to potential overdose victims. P.O. James Green was assigned to full-duty on this date but was given permission to attend the training as he had not been able to attend the previous sessions. At about 1000am, as the training course was coming to a close, P.O. Green was dispatched to a call for a reported cardiac arrest from a probable drug overdose at 126 Speedwell Avenue. P.O. Green immediately left headquarters and responded as the primary unit to render aid. Based upon the dispatch, Morris Township Police Officer Robert Hydock advised that he was the closest unit and had a Narcan kit in his vehicle. P.O. Green and P.O. Hydock arrived on the scene and determined that the 53 year Morristown resident was in respiratory arrest and appeared to have taken an overdose of heroin. As Emergency Medical Services arrived from Atlantic Ambulance, Officer Hydock assembled the Narcan kit and provided it to Officer Green for administration. Based upon those efforts and the continued care provided by the members of our Emergency Medical Services, the male victim visibly regained his breathing efforts and was fully conscious by the time he was placed into the ambulance for transport.

Chief Demnitz and Chief McGuinness are extremely proud of the efforts of our Police Officers and thankful to the Atlantic Health System for providing this valuable training to agencies around Morris County.

As of today, all emergency responders in Morristown and Morris Township have received this training and are prepared to provide this timely life-saving intervention when needed.

Based upon the nature of this incident, the identity of the victim is being withheld from this release.

*Photo attached to this release: Morris Township Police Officer Rob Hydock (L) and Morristown Police Officer James Green (R) holding a Narcan kit of the type used to save a 53 year old man.*