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**Recognizing and Responding to an Opiate/Heroin Overdose**  
*Two trainings offered to the community*

**Kennebunk, Maine – 10/02/2017** – The Town of Kennebunk and the Kennebunk Police Department, in partnership with the City of Portland Public Health Division’s Overdose Prevention Project are pleased to announce two opportunities for our community to be trained in Recognizing and Responding to an Opiate/Heroin Overdose.

The first session will take place on Monday, October 16, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the West Kennebunk Fire Station, 80 Thompson Road, Kennebunk. This session will target the business community and is being held with the support of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel Chamber of Commerce.

The second session will take place on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Middle School of the Kennebunks, 60 Thompson Road, Kennebunk. This session is open to the community and is being held with the support of the RSU 21 School District.

These trainings are in response to the opiate epidemic sweeping across our country, where Maine and our communities are not immune. Maine saw 376 drug-induced deaths statewide in 2016, 317 of which were opioid related.

Our communities must work together to make a difference and help fight this epidemic. We can all potentially save a life and give hope to recovery. Participants will be trained in how to recognize the signs of an overdose, how to perform first-aid, to include chest compression only CPR, as well as how to administer naloxone (the drug which reverses the effects of opioids). The goal of this training is not only for life-saving purposes, it will hopefully help reduce the stigma attached to those with substance use disorder.

This class is limited to 60 participants; please register at [www.kennebunkmaine.us/worktogether](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/worktogether).

Anyone with questions or requests for additional information is urged to contact Chief Bob MacKenzie at the Kennebunk Police Department, (207) 985-2102 ext. 1339 or via email, [rmackenzie@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:rmackenzie@kennebunkmaine.us).

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