## City of Cotter Cotter, Arkansas

## **RESOLUTION NO. #2018-07**

## A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NARCAN POLICY FOR THE COTTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Intranasal Naloxone Program is to address the number of opioid-related drug overdoses in Arkansas by establishing protocols, best practices, and procedures for the administration of the naloxone by certified personnel as it becomes necessary within the department's service area

**WHEREAS**, Naloxone is an opioid antagonist, is an antidote for opiate overdose, and when administered quickly and effectively, naloxone may immediately restore breathing.

WHEREAS, to reduce the number of fatalities that can result from opiate overdoses, the Cotter Volunteer Fire Department will train its officers in the proper care pre-hospital administration of intranasal naloxone. To implement a safe and responsible intranasal naloxone plan, the Department will establish and maintain a professional affiliation with a Medical Control Physician (MCP) who will provide medical oversight of its use and administration. The MCP shall be licensed to practice medicine with the State of Arkansas.

WHEREAS, to implement this policy, the Cotter Volunteer Fire Department will follow the state statute A.C.A 20-13-1604: Naloxone Access Act, and all volunteers will receive standard training administered by the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) prior to being allowed to carry and use naloxone. The Department will make available and assure that all naloxone-certified volunteers complete a refresher course each year. The Fire Chief or Assistant Chief will have final say on who will administer it with the proper training to the patient.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That it is ascertained and declared that it is necessary for the public peace and welfare of the citizens of the City of Cotter, Arkansas to adopt a Narcan Policy of the Cotter Volunteer Fire Department.

APPROVED:

eggy Hammack, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Kray, Recorder/Treasurer

