



Two Inmates Revived at Marcy Correctional Facility

Officers Performed CPR on Inmates Who Were Found Unresponsive

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Marcy, NY – Officers at Marcy Correctional Facility needed to perform CPR on two inmates and administered multiple doses of Narcan after they were found unresponsive in dorms at the medium security correctional facility last week.

On Tuesday, January 14th an officer assigned to one of the facility dorms heard a commotion inside the dorm and was approached by several inmates who said a 62-year-old inmate had collapsed in the dorm. The officer found the inmate unresponsive and called for a medical response. The officer began CPR as additional staff, including a facility nurse, arrived at the dorm. Several more doses of Narcan were administered with no effect. Staff utilized an automated external defibrillator (AED) on the inmate but still could not detect a pulse. Another dose of Narcan was administered and the inmate began breathing with a faint pulse but was still unconscious. An ambulance was called to the facility and after an eight dose of Narcan, the inmate became responsive. Paramedics arrived and transported the inmate to Wynn Hospital for further treatment.

On Sunday, January 19th, an officer assigned to one of the facility dorms was making routine rounds when at 1:23 a.m., he found an inmate in the dorm bathroom in one of the bathroom stalls covered with vomit and unresponsive. The officer immediately called for a medical response and a sergeant responded to the dorm. The sergeant and officer pulled the inmate from the bathroom stall and laid him on the floor. A third officer who had arrived, administered Narcan with no effect. A facility nurse arrived at the dorm and began performing CPR with one of the officers on the scene. An AED was utilized but indicated that no shock was needed but CPR was to continue. A fourth dose of Narcan was administered and the inmate began breathing momentarily and became unresponsive again. As CPR continued by staff, two more doses of Narcan were administered and the inmate began breathing and had a pulse. An ambulance arrived at the facility and transported the 20-year-old inmate to Wynn Hospital for further treatment.

It has not been determined what initially became caused both inmates to lose consciousness or if contraband drugs were involved.

“I would like to commend all staff involved in both lifesaving incidents at Marcy. If not for the quick actions of all the officers and medical staff involved, this certainly could have ended up differently. Certainly, the past month has been trying for all staff, especially those assigned to Marcy. Far too often the good that officers do daily is overshadowed and they are unfortunately painted with a broad brush because of the actions of a few. I am confident that our members will rise above this and continue to perform their duties with the professionalism and respect for the job they have always shown.” – stated Chris Summers, NYSCOPBA President.

“Certainly, the outcome for both inmates at Marcy could have ended much differently if not for the heroic actions of the sergeants, officers, and medical staff at the prison. Their quick actions and determination not to give up lifesaving efforts resulted in both inmates being revived from certain death. The past month has been difficult, especially for the good men and women who come to Marcy every day and perform their duties admirably amidst very difficult and dangerous conditions. They come to work, work very long hours in a stressful environment with little or no complaints. It is my sincere hope that their continued efforts don’t get overlooked and forgotten.” – said Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President