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### **Troopers Save Life With NARCAN At Colman Dock**

**Seattle** – On December 3, 2017 at approximately 11:05 pm, Vessel and Terminal Security (VATS) Troopers were notified about a subject that was unresponsive inside the restroom at the Colman Dock ferry terminal. A trooper responded to the restroom and located a 25-year-old male that was unresponsive and not breathing.

The trooper immediately administered one dose of NARCAN in an attempt to reverse the effects of a suspected opioid overdose. The initial dose did not have an effect on the subject. The initial trooper and a second trooper immediately began CPR before administering a second dose of NARCAN. After the second administration, the subject became responsive. Drug paraphernalia was located near the male which helped troopers determine what had likely taken place. The Seattle Fire Department arrived and transported the subject to Harborview Medical Center for further treatment.

If it were not for the quick, life-saving actions of the troopers involved, as well as the availability of NARCAN, the outcome may have been much different.

The Washington State Patrol began issuing NARCAN to troopers in the field as a way to help combat the deadly effects of opioids. NARCAN reverses the effects of an opioid overdose and gives first responders a necessary tool to save lives. NARCAN helps protect the public, as well as troopers, who may be exposed to opioids and showing overdose symptoms.

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