



Services we provide . . .

Prescription Drug Safety

Did you know...

- More than 1,000 people die in N.C. each year from prescription drug overdose
- Prescription drugs are the second most abused drugs of choice among teenagers
- The overwhelming majority of teens obtain their abused prescription drugs from family members – typically without their knowledge.

Our department has partnered with Safekids of Charlotte Mecklenburg to reduce the chances of overdose tragedies within our community. We do this by offering a drop box in our lobby that is available 24/7 for you to deposit your prescription drugs in to. You do not have to worry about removing labels or any personal information that may be on the container it comes in as all items put into the box are incinerated.

NOTE: Please DO NOT put any syringes inside of the box, even if they are sealed and / or have never been opened. To properly dispose of syringes, you can easily make your own sharps container by placing the syringe(s) into an empty drink or laundry detergent bottle, place the cap back on the bottle, and seal the cap with heavy duty tape. Once you have done this, simply place the bottle into your household trash.



For questions about this service: Call (704) 841-6754

Or email: communitysafety@matthewspolice.org

The employees of the Matthews Police Department strive to promote a safe community by preventing crimes and reducing the fear of crime, while treating all individuals fairly and with respect. Our members will demonstrate honesty, professionalism and integrity, while building the partnerships necessary to enhance the safety of our community.