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SALISBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Press Release

The Salisbury Police Department has recently received a grant from CVS Pharmacy, which has allowed for the placement of a Medication Disposal Box to be accessible for public use within the agency. The Medication Disposal Box has been positioned in the lobby of the Police Department, located at 130 East Liberty Street, and is available for public use between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Most types of prescription medications may be disposed of through the new Medication Disposal Box. There are some items, such as liquid medications and syringes, however, which are not safe for placement into the Disposal Box and cannot be accepted. A complete listing of prohibited items is provided at the drop site in the Police Department lobby.

The Police Department has, for many years, participated in the nationally recognized Operation Medicine Cabinet events. During these organized events, citizens have delivered hundreds of pounds of unused medications, which were collected and subsequently destroyed pursuant to DEA approved guidelines. The department's new Medication Disposal Box will allow for the safe and proper disposal of medications on a consistent basis, rather than having to wait for the next project. The Police Department will routinely remove medications from the box, after which they will be logged and destroyed.

I am very thankful for this grant opportunity from CVS Pharmacy and am also excited to offer it as a new service to our community. The illegal use of prescription medication is a growing problem throughout the nation. Likewise, the number of incidents in which children are found to be in possession of medications, that have simply been taken from their home medicine cabinet, is also on the rise. Many times, those medicines are outdated and are no longer being used by the person to whom they were prescribed. Therefore, it is our hope that this Medication Disposal Box will help reduce those incidents and, as a result, also lower instances of overdose and other related injuries.

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