



BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Bluffton Police Provide Drug Drop Box for Safe Prescription Drug Disposal

The Bluffton Police Department now has a safe way for community members to discard old or unused prescription drugs. A drug drop box is now located in the department's lobby allowing the public to dispose of the medicines all year long. The drug drop box was purchased and given to the police department by the Lowcountry Alliance for Healthy Youth. (LCAHY)

"LCAHY's organization's mission is to unite the community to promote positive choices. We felt it was very important to purchase this box for the Bluffton Police Department allowing Bluffton citizens to have a place to go and rid their home from these drugs that can be very dangerous, even deadly, if fallen into the wrong hands," said LCAHY Board President Wendy Cummings.

"Prescription drug abuse is an epidemic among people of all ages. I have personally seen how families are torn apart due to drug overdose and drug addiction. It's unnecessary and unsafe to leave outdated drugs in the home. Often, people forget these drugs are in their bathroom cabinet and that's when these medicines can become even more dangerous by enticing users in the home who could abuse, trade or sell the pills for alcohol, marijuana or other drugs," said Bluffton Police Chief Chris Chapmond.

LCAHY was able to purchase the box through grant funds the non-profit organization received from the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program, a collaborative effort between the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (SAMHSA)

Any member of the community can place old or unused prescription drugs in the box Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.



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