



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 of 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:

- Conducting periodic prescription drug collection events around the community
- Maintaining a secured prescription drop box in the lobby of our police department for 'deposits' 24/7
- NOTE: Only 'dry' drugs are accepted; no liquids or liquid containers

To be certain you are aware of the upcoming planned events, visit our Calendar of Events and sign up for notification of the next event. Additionally, we will be happy to have a member of our department speak with your group or organization about this dramatically increasing but easily prevented drug abuse.

How to Request This Service:

Call (704) 841-675

or e-mail 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.