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## CCSO expands opioid outreach efforts with additional funding

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. - The Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has received more than \$242,000 from the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) to expand the agency's efforts in the community. The goal is to provide vital support and resources to those struggling with substance use disorder, particularly as it pertains to opioids.

With the funds, the Sheriff's Office would implement the following strategies.

- Holders for detention deputies to carry Narcan on their uniforms
- Community Integrated Management Services (CIMS) license and proper technology for data entry
- Wrap-around service support for Charleston County Sheriff's Office
- Opioid Community Outreach Specialist
- Technology for Opioid Community Outreach Specialist
- Opioid Outreach Distribution Supplies
- Vehicle for Opioid Community Outreach Specialist

The South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) is a result of the 2023 South Carolina Opioid Settlement agreement. This means that the cost of this Narcan does not come from local, state, or federal tax dollars.

SCORF has already funded several successful initiatives within the CCSO Community Wellness Unit under the Ritchie administration and in partnership with the Charleston Center. This includes the agency's first Opioid Community Outreach Specialist and the Naloxone Stands throughout Charleston County. For the most recent list of Naloxone Stand locations, please head to the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. The most current list is pinned to the top <u>here</u>. People can also download the <u>Charleston</u> County Recovery App <u>here</u>.

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