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**Richmond City Sheriff's Office Providing the Richmond Community
with a Medication Disposal Unit to help combat the Opioid Epidemic
RCSO partners with CVS Health to counter drug abuse and to
encourage safe drug disposal**

Richmond, Va. (7/23/18) – The Richmond City Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant for a drug collection unit from CVS' Safer Communities Program. This unit will be located at the Richmond City Justice Center front lobby area and will provide Richmond residents with a safe and responsible way to dispose of unused, expired or unwanted medications.

We will host a launch of the medication disposal unit with Mayor Stoney and other city leaders on Thursday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Richmond City Justice Center located at 1701 Fairfield Way, Richmond Va. 23223.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Virginia had more than 1,000 overdose deaths due to opioids last year. This epidemic affects not only the individual but their families.

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office wants to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease the potential for prescription drug abuse by providing the new drug disposal unit. In addition, this proper drug disposal will help to prevent the contamination of local landfills and water supplies from unused medications.

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is proud to partner with CVS' Safer Communities Program to help communities address and prevent drug abuse.

This drug collection unit will be accessible to the public each day from 9:00am – 6:00 pm. It is our commitment to provide this service to our community to promote safety and to reduce the spread of this epidemic.

If you have questions about this event or service, please contact Alexis Carey, Communications Coordinator at alexis.carey@richmondgov.com or call (804) 514-2782.



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