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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office recently installed a NARCAN vending machine in the Detention Center. The machine is the first in South Carolina to be installed in a detention center with the specific purpose of providing free NARCAN to residents upon release.

The vending machine holds 54 boxes and is stocked by the Charleston Center. Residents departing from the Detention Center are welcome to take as many as they would like to keep themselves and others safe from drug overdoses. Before leaving, residents in the drug and alcohol program are trained by counselors on the correct usage of NARCAN; other residents have access to training materials within housing units.

"We are doing all we can to make sure that people who leave our facility are well-equipped to re-enter society," Sheriff Kristin Graziano said. "Providing free NARCAN helps us with our mission of 'Service Beyond the Call.' If the NARCAN saves just one life, it'll be well worth it. I'm thankful to the Charleston Center for working with us on this initiative."

The Charleston Center is Charleston County's Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. For more information, visit https://charlestoncounty.org/departments/charleston-center/.

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Capt. Emma Salters of the Processing Division at the Al Cannon Detention Center inspects CCSO's new NARCAN vending machine that dispenses the life-saving nasal spray to detention residents upon release.



Residents are permitted to take as many NARCAN doses as they need.

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