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Security and Medical Staff Recognized for Response to Inmate Overdoses

Georgetown, DE — Earlier this morning, dozens of employees were recognized for their life-saving efforts at Sussex County Community Corrections (SCCC). As a result of their training and brave actions on March 8, six female inmates lives were saved after a drug overdose. The incident was successful due to impeccable collaboration between probation, security, and Connections CSP staff assigned to SCCC and Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI).

On the afternoon of March 8, several women were assigned to a work crew to perform community service in the area of Redden Road in Sussex County. They came across a package near the road and six offenders ingested its contents. The women became ill upon their return to the facility and required immediate medical attention. Medical and security staff from both SCCC and SCI responded and the paramedics followed. CPR and the overdose-reversal drug Naloxone were used to help stabilize the offenders and they were all transported by ambulance to the hospital for further observation and treatment.

“Upon taking the oath, you promised to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware as well as faithfully discharge your duties as an employee of the Delaware Department of Correction. On March 8, you faithfully discharged your duties without waiver or hesitation,” said DOC Commissioner Perry Phelps. “Thank you for your heroism in saving the lives of those six women. I know their families are forever grateful.”

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If you are a crime victim in need of assistance, you are encouraged to call DOC Victim Services at 302.857.5440.