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This procedure consists of the following numbered sections:

I. DRUG RECOVERY INITIATIVE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard operating procedure is to establish guidelines for Drug Recovery Initiative.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to all Punta Gorda Police Department personnel.

PROCEDURE

I. DRUG RECOVERY INITIATIVE

- A. The Punta Gorda Police Department and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office have partnered with Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC) to provide intervention to those citizens addicted to illegal narcotics who are actively seeking assistance in the recovery process.
 1. The following procedure will be utilized when a citizen enters into the Public Safety Complex or requests a call for service with the intent of turning in illegal narcotics and/or paraphernalia, and/or seeking assistance with recovery.

- a. The receiving officer will put the contraband into evidence for destruction, complete an incident report (status 8), and a property receipt. This will be done utilizing an Assisting Public call for service.
 - b. The officer will then make contact with CBHC to confirm a bed is available by having the Communications Section the Recovery Center at 941-347-6444.
 - c. Once the bed is confirmed, the officer will then transport the citizen seeking intervention to the CBHC.
 - d. Treatment at the Recovery Center is on a volunteer basis and is not a secured facility.
 - e. The Recovery Center at CBHC is for anyone 18 years of age or older. Contact CBHC to obtain referral and intervention regarding persons under the age of 18, should you encounter juveniles seeking assistance.
2. In the event a bed is not available, arrangements should be coordinated with CBHC to locate alternative placement, or place the subject with family/friends, or hospital if care is required, until a vacancy occurs.
 3. This procedure is strictly for persons entering non-detention facilities, or seeking a call for service seeking intervention.

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