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Mecklenburg County Sheriff, Deputies, Staff to Begin Receiving Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine

(CHARLOTTE, NC)- The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), in collaboration with our contracted healthcare services provider Wellpath, is pleased to announce the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations for MCSO staff members.

As we all know, this past year has been very difficult due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Here at MCSO we are grateful that a vaccine has been made available to our first responders to help combat the COVID-19 virus. Thanks to a collaboration with Mecklenburg County Public Health, doses of the vaccine have been provided and will be available for MCSO staff members beginning Monday, March 15, 2021.

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper announced all essential workers on the frontlines of the pandemic would become eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. MCSO immediately began executing a plan of action for vaccine distribution. Staff members were surveyed in December and February about their interest in participating in the voluntary law enforcement COVID-19 vaccination program. Of the staff members who completed the survey, roughly, 47% expressed an interest in receiving the vaccine.

Sheriff Garry L. McFadden says, "As we begin this phase of vaccinations, one year later, my heart is heavy for my family, friends, staff and others who were less fortunate during this pandemic. If I am fortunate enough to receive one, I will take it in remembrance of them. "

Sheriff McFadden and Chief Deputy Rodney Collins will receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine Monday at approximately 11:45 a.m., the administering of their vaccinations will be streamed live via the [Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page](#).

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