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Neosho, MO – Crowder College Technical Education Center (CCTEC) students have teamed with the Alliance of Southwest Missouri in their “Drug Take Back” program by building the first of 6 drop boxes. The first box will be located at the Joplin Police Department.

High School students in Mr. Jerry Bonebrake’s Welding Technology program built the box, while those in Mr. Doug Donnel’s Collision Repair Technology program painted it.

Ken Rhuems, Associate Vice President of Career and Technical Education, partnered CCTEC with The Alliance of SW Missouri, in an effort to give back to the community. “Servant leadership is an important component of our instruction at CCTEC. Building the drop boxes helps us to learn the importance of serving others. Not only can our students take pride in building something tangible, we know that as our communities use the “Drug Take Back Boxes”, they will very likely be saving lives. It just doesn’t get any better than that” stated Ken Rhuems.

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Picture 1 includes (L-R): Scott Chamberlain (Neosho) and Doug Donnel, Instructor.

Picture 2 includes (L-R): Jerry Bonebrake, Instructor, Tyler Tuggle (Neosho), Doug Donnel, Instructor, Robbie) Wyrick (Seneca)