

Ohio State Highway Patrol



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Patrol investigates substance exposure at RCI

CHILLICOTHE - The Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a substance exposure at the Ross Correction Institution, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The facility is secure with no safety threat to the public.

Today at approximately 9:10 a.m., troopers and EMS responded to Ross Correctional Institution with reports of correctional officers and inmates with possible substance exposure. Preliminary reports indicate a total of 24 individuals including correctional officers, nurses and inmates have been exposed, no fatalities. All officers, nurses and inmates are responsive and have been transported to Adena Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Several doses of Narcan were administered to victims, and an additional 300 Narcan doses are available at the facility. The contaminated cell block has been cleared, and all persons from the contaminated area have been temporarily relocated within the facility. A hazardous material decontamination team is en route for cleanup.

This incident remains under investigation.

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