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County Police to Collect Unused & Expired Medications on Sat., April 26

Effort is part of eighth National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Police Department will collect unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs and other medications from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at the [North Park County Police Station](#) located at 700 West Ridge Drive in McCandless Twp., as well as the [South Park County Police Station](#) located on Buffalo Drive between Corrigan Drive and Farmshow Drive in South Park Twp. The service is free and anonymous. No questions will be asked. No liquid medications or needles will be accepted. All medications collected will be disposed of safely and properly.

The effort is part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's eighth National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which gives the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, disposing of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash pose potential safety and health hazards.

During the last Take Back Day on October 26, 2013, more than 324 tons of prescription medications were collected at 5,683 locations throughout the United States. Since its inception in 2010, the effort has safely and properly disposed of 3.47 million pounds of prescription drugs.

The Allegheny County Police have participated in each National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. For additional information, call the North Park County Police Station at 724-935-1901 or South Park County Police Station at 412-835-5650.

The public may locate additional collection sites by visiting www.dea.gov, clicking on the "Got Drugs?" graphic, and entering their zip code or county, city and state, or by calling 1-800-882-9539. All collection sites are open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. local time on Saturday, April 26.

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