



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

Miami Township, October 7, 2013 – Chief Deputy Mark A. Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, reports on Saturday October 26, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your medications for disposal to one of the following locations:

Miami Township Community Center, 3780 Shady Lane, North Bend, Ohio 45052

Symmes Township Safety Center, 8871 Weekly Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

Anderson Center, Five Mile Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines-flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash-both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Sheriff Jim Neil would like to encourage anyone who has unwanted, expired prescriptions or over the counter medication they wish to dispose of to take advantage of this opportunity and bring the medication by either location. Items that will not be accepted are IV bags, needles, and radioactive medications.

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