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PRESS RELEASE

HOPKINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TAKE-BACK DAY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

Hopkinton, MA – On Saturday September 26, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Hopkinton Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another 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 Hopkinton Police Headquarters at 74 Main Street Hopkinton, MA. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

DEA in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States conducted National Prescription Drug Take Back Days. Nearly, 4,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the nation participated in these events, collecting more than 309 tons of pills.

Unfortunately we can NOT accept any needles or liquids.