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PRESS RELEASE

TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUG DAY

Saturday, APRIL 28, 2012

10:00AM – 2:00PM

On April 28, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Barnstable 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 Barnstable Police Headquarters @ 1200 Phinney's Lane, Hyannis, MA between the hours of 10:00am – 2:00pm. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

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.

If you have any questions regarding "Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drug Day" please feel free to contact Kathleen Hinckley @ 508-778-3830.