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OPERATION MEDICINE DROP OCT. 29

WAKE FOREST, NC – October 24, 2011 – Following a successful spring collection, the Wake Forest Police Department will partner again with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Safe Kids North Carolina to sponsor a fall medicine drop-off event at town hall. As part of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, the police department will host Operation Medicine Drop on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside the ground floor meeting room of the Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. The room is most easily accessed via town hall's Taylor Street entrance.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft. According to the DEA, national rates of prescriptions drug abuse are alarmingly high, and many individuals abusing these drugs obtain them from friends and family, including from the home medicine cabinet.

The police department offers Operation Medicine Drop as a prescription and over-the-counter medication take back initiative that promotes proper medication disposal. By providing a safe and secure way for people to get rid of unwanted pills, tablets, and other medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse while also protecting local rivers and streams. The grassroots effort is a partnership of Riverkeepers of NC, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of NC, and local law enforcement agencies.

The police department also partnered with DEA and Safe Kids North Carolina on March 26, 2011, to conduct Operation Medicine Drop. On that day the department retrieved and destroyed over 40,000 dosage units of medication.

For more information on the Oct. 29 Operation Medicine Drop, contact Officer Adam Carlson at (919) 554-6150 or acarlson@wakeforestnc.gov.

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