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### **OPERATION MEDICINE DROP MARCH 26**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – March 7, 2011** – The Wake Forest Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, and Safe Kids North Carolina to sponsor Operation Medicine Drop on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held behind the Wake Forest Town Hall along Taylor Street.

Operation Medicine Drop is a prescription and over-the-counter medication take back initiative designed to promote 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.

This year's Operation Medicine Drop will coincide with National Poison Prevention Week, March 20-26. In 2010, over 2 million doses of medications were retrieved and destroyed at nearly 200 take-back events across North Carolina.

For more information, contact Officer Adam Carlson at (919) 554-6150 or [acarlson@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:acarlson@wakeforestnc.gov).

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