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### **OPERATION MEDICINE DROP MARCH 24**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – March 5, 2012** – The Wake Forest Police Department will partner with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Safe Kids North Carolina, and Riverkeepers of NC to sponsor Operation Medicine Drop on Saturday, March 24. The police department will host the medicine drop-off event 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.

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.

This marks the third medication take back initiative sponsored by the police department. Altogether, the department has collected nearly 100,000 dosage units of medication.

For more information on the March 24 Operation Medicine Drop, contact Officer Adam Carlson at (919) 554-6150 or [acarlson@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:acarlson@wakeforestnc.gov).

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