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Woodridge Police Department Prescription Drug Take-Back Event

Woodridge, IL – On Saturday, October 26th from 10:00am– 2:00pm, the Woodridge Police Department will act as a receiving site for the Drug Enforcement Agency’s Prescription Drug Take Back. According to the DEA, the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Twice as many Americans regularly abused prescription drugs than the number of those who regularly used cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, and inhalants *combined*. That same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet.

During the five previous Drug Take-Back events, more than 2.8 million pounds (1,409 tons) of prescription medications have been removed from circulation nationwide. Woodridge Chief of Police Gina Grady stated that “Our residents’ participation in the Drug Take-Back will help decrease prescription drug abuse by taking unused medications out of our homes and out of our friends and relatives hands.”

On Saturday, October 26th bring your expired or unused medications to the Woodridge Police Department foyer located at One Plaza Drive in Woodridge, IL. The medications will be turned over to the DEA and incinerated. The Department will not be accepting needles or liquids. (See <http://www.safeneedledisposal.org/index.cfm?active=1> for instruction on needle disposal.)

Visit www.dea.gov for more information on this program.

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