



Kane County Sheriff's Office



PRESS RELEASE

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Incident: National Drug Take Back Initiative

SYNOPSIS

On October 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Kane County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its seventh opportunity in three years 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 the Sheriff's Office at 37W755 Il Rt. 38 St Charles Il. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. The Sheriff's Office is one of several sites in the county that will be participating in this initiative. If residents are not able to come to the Sheriff's Office they are encouraged to find additional sites in the community. A list of sites can be found at the DEA's Office of Diversion Control web site at <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov>. Additionally the Sheriff's Office does accept any unused or unwanted prescription medicines during normal office hours. Citizens can simply come to the front desk at the Sheriff's Office and turn these medicines in.

According to the DEA web site last April, Americans turned in 371 tons (over 742,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 5,800 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its six previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 2.8 million pounds—more than 1,400 tons—of pills.

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