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12th NATIONWIDE PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY OCTOBER 22nd

Chino Hills, CA – The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will give the public its 12th opportunity in over six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal on Saturday, October 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to the Chino Hills Police Station, at 14077 Peyton Drive. The service is FREE and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Last April, Americans turned in 447 tons, which is over 893,000 pounds, of prescription drugs at almost 5,400 sites operated by the DEA. In total at 11 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners have taken in over 6.4 million pounds of pills. Sheriff John McMahon states, "It is critical that residents understand that their usual methods of disposing unused medicines pose potential safety and health hazards." These usual methods include flushing unused medicines down the toilet or simply throwing them in the trash.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will have ten stations participating with the collection of these unused prescription medications. They will be open on Saturday, October 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Chino Hills residents may visit the Chino Hills Station, at 14077 Peyton Drive, to bring their unused prescription medication for proper disposal.

For more information about the October 22nd Take-Back Day event or for additional participating sites, visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

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