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CHINO HILLS SHERIFF'S STATION TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY ON OCTOBER 28th

Chino Hills, CA – The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be hosting a Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, October 28th as part of a national effort to rid homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs.

Prescription drugs can be brought to the Chino Hills Police Station at 14077 Peyton Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th. The service is FREE and anonymous, no questions asked. For ease of disposal, simply empty the contents of prescription bottles into a zip-top bag. For anyone unable to make the event, the Chino Hills Police Station has a permanent drop-off box located inside the lobby that is available during regular station hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City of Chino Hills recognizes the prevalence of prescription medication abuse and theft and has offered 13 "take-back" opportunities in the past seven years. In the last "take-back" event held in April 2017, a record 900,386 pounds (450 tons) were dropped off nationally at nearly 5,500 sites. The program has collected more than 8 million pounds of unused prescription drugs since it was first held in 2010.

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. Residents are reminded that other methods of prescription drug disposal, like flushing down medication down the toilet or throwing it in the trash, pose potential safety and health risks.

For more information about the October 28th Take-Back Day event or for additional participating sites, visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

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