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Harford County Collects 800 Pounds of Unwanted Medications for Proper Disposal

Drug Take-Back Program Continues with Permanent Drop Boxes

BEL AIR, Md., (April 29, 2015) – Harford County government organized a successful Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 25, with 250 citizens turning in 815 pounds of expired or no longer needed medications. The medications will be properly destroyed without harming the environment. Drug Take-Back programs help address the alarming rate of drug overdoses by limiting the availability of prescription and over-the-counter medicines. An estimated 6.2 million Americans over the age of 12 have reported misusing prescription drugs, and three out of four heroin addicts started by abusing pain medications.

“The Drug Take-Back program furthers our local efforts to fight drug addiction, including the scourge of heroin,” said County Executive Barry Glassman. “I want to thank the citizens of Harford County and our community partners who helped make this event a success.”

Staff from the Harford County Department of Community Services Office of Drug Control Policy, the Harford County Sheriff’s Office, and Maryland State Police worked together to coordinate the April 25 event. Special thanks to the YMCA for their partnership.

The Drug Take-Back program continues year round with permanent drop boxes for prescription and over-the-counter medications now available at six locations in Harford County. Deposits can be made at any time, with no questions asked.

- Sheriff's Main Office – 45 S. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014
- Sheriff's Northern Precinct – 3724 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084
- Sheriff's Southern Precinct – 1305 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, MD 21040
- State Police Bel Air Barrack – 1401 Belair Road, Bel Air, MD 21014
- Havre de Grace Police Dept. – 715 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
- Aberdeen Police Dept. – 60 N. Parke Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001

For more information about prescription drug abuse, please contact the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy at odcp@harfordcountymd.gov or 410-638-3333.

The Office of Drug Control Policy is a division within the Department of Community Services, which works daily to meet the needs of our children, youth and families, seniors, persons with disabilities and those struggling to overcome addiction.



Photo caption (left to right): Charles Hedrick, Drug Enforcement Agency; Joe Ryan, Harford County Office of Drug Control; Deputy First Class Jodi Nikels and Deputy First Class Jerry Eaton,

Harford County Sheriff's Office; Harford County Executive Barry Glassman; Sergeant Bobby Royster and Corporal Brian O'Neil, Community Development Division of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

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