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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES DRUG DISPOSAL BOXES

SUFFOLK, VA (October 23, 2017) While the fall series of the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is officially recognized on Saturday, October 28th, Suffolk citizens don't need to wait for that day to dispose of unwanted, expired and unused prescription drugs, as they have the opportunity to dispose of them in a safe and environmentally friendly way all year long.

The Suffolk Police Department previously received a donation from CVS Pharmacy for two drug boxes. These drug boxes are available for citizens of Suffolk to bring in their unwanted, expired medication for proper disposal. One drug box is located at Suffolk Police Headquarters, 111 Henley Place, and is available 24 hours a day. The other drug box is located at Precinct 2, 3901 Bridge Road. This box is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CVS Pharmacy has been providing these drug boxes to Police Departments across the country. Tom Davis, Vice President, Professional Services at CVS Health, has previously said, "CVS Pharmacy is dedicated to collaborating with organizations like The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids and local law enforcement to prevent the abuse of unwanted and expired medication. The installment of drug collection units is part of

our ongoing commitment to prevent drug abuse and help people in the communities we serve on their path to better health."

No personal information is required for drop-off. The drug boxes can accept prescription and over-the-counter tablets and capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams and ointments, nasal sprays and pet medications. Not accepted are intravenous and injectable solutions as well as needles. Prescription medicines can be in their original prescription bottles with the label removed or can be placed in plastic bags.

Ridding medicine cabinets of these medications is an important step in combatting the opioid and heroin epidemic, which often begins with prescription medicines taken from a home medicine cabinet. It is also a way to make sure our water supply remains safe and healthy by keeping unwanted medicines from being flushed into the water supply or disposed of through trash collections.

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