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Suffolk Police Participates in 2nd Annual National Take-Back Initiative Day April 30, 2011

SUFFOLK, VA (April 26, 2011) On April 30, 2011, the Drug Enforcement Administration Richmond District will partner with Virginia State Police, Suffolk Police Department and other local agencies to conduct a **state wide** prescription drug take-back day in order to reduce the amount of unused prescription drugs present in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The event, National Take-Back Initiative Day, is a collaborative effort to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. A national take-back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

Suffolk Police investigators will be on hand at the Walmart located at 1200 North Main Street and the Bennett's Creek Pharmacy located at 3219 Bridge Road from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to collect unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs.

This program provides an opportunity for everyone to clean out their medicine cabinets. Controlled, non- controlled, and over the counter substances may be collected. No questions or requests for identification will be made. Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container. If an original container is submitted, we ask that you remove any identifying information from the prescription label. All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. Intravenous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

For more information on this event, contact Lt. Tim Duncan, Special Investigations Unit with the City of Suffolk Police Department, at 757-514-7951 or e-mail tduncan@suffokva.us.