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SUFFOLK POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE DAY

SUFFOLK, VA (March 26, 2014) On April 26, 2014, the Drug Enforcement Administration (Richmond District) will partner with the Suffolk Police Department, Virginia State Police, and other local agencies to conduct a statewide prescription drug take-back. 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 an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

Suffolk Police Department Investigators will be on hand at Walmart, 1200 North Main Street, and the Bennett's Creek Pharmacy, 3219 Bridge Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the collection of unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs.

This program provides an opportunity for everyone to clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances. Participants will not be asked any questions and requests for identification will not be made.

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Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container. If an original container is submitted, it is asked that you remove any identifying information from the prescription label. All solid dosage pharmaceutical products 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 hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens.

For more information, contact Lieutenant Janet Brandsasse with the Suffolk Police Department Special Investigations Unit at (757) 514-7951, or email jbrandsasse@suffolkva.us

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