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RIVERSIDE POLICE PARTNERS WITH KAISER HOSPITAL FOR NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies around the nation, will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" on Saturday, October 28, 2017. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, located at 10800 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside, in the northwest parking lot.

This initiative seeks to prevent pill abuse and theft through the collection of potentially dangerous and expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The Riverside Police Department is partnering with Kaiser Permanente Hospital and will be collecting these types of drugs for proper disposal. The event is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This program addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many people are not aware that medications that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. In addition, many people do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medications, often flushing them down the toilet or



throwing them away, both offering potential safety and health hazards. The Riverside Police Department will collect the unwanted pharmaceuticals and turn them over to the DEA who will safely destroy the drugs.

For more information regarding the National Take Back Initiative, visit [http://www.dea.gov/diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback](http://www.dea.gov/diversion/usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback), or contact Detective Michael Bucy at (951) 353-7221.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday, October 28th
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Turn in your unused or expired prescription medication for safe disposal.

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Visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539 for a collection site near you.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Día Nacional de Devolución de Medicamentos Recetados

el día sábado, 28 de octubre
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Entregue sus medicamentos sin usar o vencidos para ser desechados de forma segura.

Para Desechar

Sin usar
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Visite www.dea.gov o llame al 800-882-9539 para para buscar un sitio de recolección cercano.