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COUNTYWIDE PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30

NORRISTOWN, Pa.--Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County announce the annual prescription drug Take Back Day, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 30 at 26 locations throughout Montgomery County.

This spring's Take Back Day, which coincides with the DEA's nationwide Take Back Day, is a chance for Montgomery County residents to clean out their medicine cabinets of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications and dispose of them easily in a safe, environmentally friendly way. Ridding medicine cabinets of these medications is an important step in combatting the growing opioid and heroin epidemic, which often begins with prescription medicines taken from a home medicine cabinet.

"Take Back Day helps decrease the supply of unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs that research shows are often the gateway for teens and young people to begin on the destructive path of drug addiction," said Steele. "Collecting unwanted medications is just one way the District Attorney's Office and law enforcement in Montgomery County are working together to combat drugs in our communities and decrease overdose deaths, which have been climbing dramatically in recent years. We're asking all residents to do their part by cleaning out their cabinets of unneeded medications and dropping them off April 30th at one of our Take Back sites scattered throughout the county."

The participating sites, listed below, will be staffed by police officers, members of the District Attorney's Office and community volunteers. The sites will 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.

During the 2015 spring Montgomery County Take Back Day, 3,655 pounds of unwanted medications were collected at the collection sites and through the permanent boxes. That's a huge jump from the 513 pounds collected during the county's first Take Back Day in 2010, which reflects the growing awareness by the general public of the need to safely dispose of these medications, according to Steele. In all of 2015, more than 7,800 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter medications were collected and destroyed, and since the program's inception, more than 17,000 pounds of unwanted or expired medication has been collected.

This year's Take Back Day locations are:

- Abington Township Police Department**, 1166 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001
- Cheltenham Township Police Department**, 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027
- Conshohocken Borough Police Department**, 400 Fayette St., Conshohocken, PA 19428
- East Norriton Township Police Department**, 2501 Stanbridge St., East Norriton, PA 19401
- Franconia Township: Indian Valley YMCA**, 890 Maple Ave., Harleysville, PA 19438
- Hatfield Township Administration Building**, 1950 School Road, Hatfield, PA 19440
- Hatboro Police Department**, 414 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040
- Horsham Township Police Department: Giant Food Store**, 314 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA 19044
- Jenkintown Borough Police Department**, 700 Summit Ave., Jenkintown, PA 19046
- Lansdale Police Department**, 35 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
- Limerick Township Police Department**, 646 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 19468
- Lower Merion Police Department**, 71 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003
- Lower Pottsgrove Township: Sanatoga Fire House**, 2222 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Lower Providence Police Department**, 100 Parklane Drive, Eagleville, PA 19403
- Marlborough Township Police Department**, 6040 Upper Ridge Road, Green Lane, PA 18054
- Montgomery Township: Montgomery Mall**, 804 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454
- New Hanover Township Police Department**, 2943 N. Charlotte St., Gilbertsville, PA 19525
- Pottstown Police Department**, 100 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Rockledge Borough Police Department**, 1 Park Ave., Rockledge, PA 19046
- Royersford Police Department**, 300 Main St., Royersford, PA 19468
- Souderton Borough Police Department**, 31 West Summit St., Souderton, PA 18964
- Upper Dublin Police Department**, 801 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, PA. 19034-1651
- Upper Merion Township Police Department**, 175 West Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA. 19406
- Upper Moreland Police Department**, 117 Park Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090
- Upper Perkiomen Police Department**, 88 W. Sixth St., Pennsburg, PA 18073
- Upper Providence Police Department**, 1286 Black Rock Rd., Oaks, PA 19456
- West Conshohocken Borough Hall**, 112 Ford St., West Conshohocken, PA 19428
- West Norriton Township Police Department**, 1630 W. Marshall St., Jeffersonville, PA 19403
- Whitemarsh Police Department**, 616 E. Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Unwanted medications can be dropped off and disposed of throughout the year at 32 permanent Prescription Drug Disposal Boxes, many sponsored by Pennsylvania American Water in an effort to help keep our water supply safe. The complete list of locations can be found on the District Attorney's Office website at www.montcopa.org/da.

Approved for release:

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