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DEA Sponsors Third Prescription Take-Back Event

(Georgetown, SC) ---The DEA is sponsoring the third Take-Back Prescription event to dispose of expired or unused prescription drugs. On October 29, 2011, a Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputy will be at Midway Fire and Rescue, 67 St. Paul's Place, in the Pawleys Island Community of Georgetown County from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Unused or expired prescription drugs can be a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse. Prescription drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or under a doctor's supervision. Most teenagers who abuse prescription drugs obtain them from their family or friends, or the home medicine cabinet. According to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more than seven million Americans abuse prescription drugs. The proper disposal of prescription drugs can save lives.

The first Take-Back event in September of 2010 collected approximately 242,000 pounds of prescription drugs that were collected at over 4,000 sites manned by law enforcement personnel in the 50 states. Of that total, 1,180 pounds were collected in South Carolina. In April of 2011, 376,593 pounds of prescription drugs were collected at over 5,000 sites over the 50 states- almost 50% more.

Please visit www.dea.gov for more information.

Anonymous tips can also be sent by using Text-A-Tip. Just text the word "GCSOTIP" to 274637 followed by your message from any text enabled cell phone. This service is for crime tips ONLY, not for the reports of crimes in progress. For crimes in progress call 911.
