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## Press Release

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### NEWS RELEASE Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's Take Back Day program to be conducted this Saturday September 25, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

In 2008 there were 6.2 million Americans aged 12 years and older who abused prescription drugs for non medical purposes within the past month. That's more than the number of people who abuse cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens and inhalants combined. 1 in 7 teens admit to abusing prescription drugs to get high in the past year. The goal of this program is to keep as many of these unused and unwanted drugs as possible from falling into the wrong hands. Unintentional overdose deaths involving prescription opioids increased 175 percent from 2001 (3,944) to 2006 (11,001) in the U.S

Persons with expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications are encouraged to bring them into the lobby of the Sheriff's Office located at 2295 Reiser Ave. S.E. New Philadelphia. There will be no questions asked and persons who do not wish to dispose of their medications in a prescription bottle may empty them into the container or black out their information with a black marker and deposit the whole bottle.

No hypodermic syringes or needles should be placed into the containers. These items will need to be given to a law enforcement officer to be disposed of in accordance with policy for that particular type of item.

More information about this program may be accessed at [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) and click on the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day icon.

Det. Scott Ballentine