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April 2012 National Take Back Initiative

The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office will once again be participating in the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration "National Take Back Initiative" on Saturday April 28, 2012 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. A total of three drop off locations listed will be available to the public. The purpose of this program is to combat the growing problem of legitimate prescription narcotics reaching the streets for the purpose of being illegally sold, distributed and abused.

Drop off locations hosted by the sheriff's office include:

Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office. 2295 Reiser Ave. SE New Philadelphia
Trinity Twin City Hospital. 819 N. First St. Dennison
Newcomerstown West Elementary School. 517 Beaver St. Newcomerstown

Newcomerstown Police Chief Gary Holland will be assisting the Sheriff's Office with collection at West Elementary School in his village while Dennison Police Chief Rob Hunt will be assisting at Trinity Hospital.

Persons with expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications are encouraged to bring them to any of the three locations listed above. 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 liquids, 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 and click on the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day icon.

Thank you.

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