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April 2012 National Take Back Initiative A Local Success

On Saturday April 28, 2012 the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office participated in the National Take back Initiative sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The program was started by the D.E.A. in an effort to combat the increasing problem of prescription medication being abused and sold on the street illegally.

A total of three drop off sites were hosted by the Sheriff's Office with one being held at the Newcomerstown West Elementary School with Newcomerstown Police Chief Gary Holland participating, a second site at Trinity Twin City Hospital in Dennison with Chief Rob Hunt assisting and a third at the Sheriff's Office located on Reiser Ave. in New Philadelphia. A total weight of the pills collected was about 250 lbs.

A large amount of the medications collected were prescription Narcotics including Hydrocodone (Vicodin), Oxycodone (Percocet) and Alprazolam (Xanax). Numerous persons also dropped off other prescription pills and some over the counter medication including Pseudoephedrine tablets that are an ingredient in manufacturing Crystal Meth. The medications were picked up by the Drug Enforcement Administration for destruction.

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