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Glendale Police Participate in the National Take Back Initiative Day

GLENDALÉ, AZ. –The Glendale Police Department is coordinating a one-day collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation’s homes. The National Take Back Initiative Day will be Saturday, April 28th, 2012 at two Glendale Locations:

- **Walmart, 18551 N 83rd Ave., North West Parking Lot**
- **Waymark Gardens Community, 5325 W. Butler Dr., North Parking Lot**

Glendale collection sites will only be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is an opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. These expired, unused and unwanted substances in our homes can fuel diversion, abuse, or misuse and pose a risk to public health and safety. Arizonans responded overwhelmingly to DEA’s first three Take Back events, disposing of over 18,300 pounds of pharmaceutical drugs in the past two years. We welcome your support and hope you will join us in this effort to safely “Take Back.”

Clean out your medicine cabinets! Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances may be collected. No questions or requests for identification will be made. This event is open valley wide to all interested participants. Participants may dispose of medication in the original container or by removing the medication from the container. If an original container is submitted,

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the individual would be encouraged to destroy any identifying information from the prescription label. All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted, excluding glass containers. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. No inhalers may be accepted because they will explode during incineration. Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood- borne pathogens.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Glendale Police Crime Prevention Specialist, Doreen Anderson at (623) 930-4044 or via email at danderson@glendaleaz.com.

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