

Press Release



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The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with North Carolina Safe Kids, will participate in National Poison Prevention Week beginning March 14 through March 21st, 2010.

In an effort to prevent accidental poisonings and abuse, Sheriff's Deputies will join law enforcement agencies across the state in "Operation Medicine Drop." This campaign is designed to prevent the abuse of prescription drugs among teenagers.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by designated checkpoints in the county and drop off unwanted prescription drugs. On Monday, March 21, 2011, deputies will be stationed at community town halls in Falcon, Godwin, Wade, Stedman and Linden between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 4:00 p.m. During this time, all medications, to include pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants and sedatives will be collected at the designated drop off points and disposed of.

In recent years there has been a growing threat from illegal and controlled substances resulting in deadly consequences. Fatal drug overdoses are now the second leading cause of death. In the U.S. prescription drugs have become the second most abused drug behind marijuana. There are signs that teens view prescription drugs as safer than illegal drugs and parents are unaware of the problem. In addition, one third of teenagers who use prescription drugs without proper authorization, get the drugs in their own home and another third from friends who get them from their home.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to protect our teens during "Operation Medicine Drop."

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