



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

News Release

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OPERATION MEDICINE DROP 2014

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with North Carolina Safe Kids, will participate in Operation Medicine Drop 2014.

In an effort to prevent accidental poisonings and abuse, Cumberland County 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 our children.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by designated checkpoints in the county and drop off unwanted prescription drugs. On Saturday, September 27, 2014 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. deputies will be stationed at the following locations:

Cumberland County Law Enforcement Center, 131 Dick Street, Gray's Creek Fire Station No. 24, 2661 Sand Hill Road, Eastover Fire Department, 3405 Dunn Road, Eastover, Stedman Fire Department, 7595 Clinton Road, Stedman, Wade Fire Department, 7130 Powell Street, Wade, Linden Fire Department, Main Street, Linden and Pearce's Mill Fire Station, 162 Dedication Drive, Fayetteville.

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 youth view prescription drugs as safer than illegal drugs and parents are unaware of the problem. In addition, one third of our youth 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 children during "Operation Medicine Drop 2014."