



# News Release

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## Operation Medicine Drop March 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 – p.m.

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Safe Kids North Carolina coalition, will participate in Operation Medicine Drop 2015 on **March 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

In an effort to prevent accidental poisonings, abuse, misuse, illegal distribution and environmental contamination, Sheriff's deputies will join law enforcement agencies across the state in Operation Medicine Drop. The following locations will be drop-off points:

- Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 131 Dick St., Fayetteville
- Community Resource Center, 314 Jasper St., Fayetteville
- Eastover Town Hall, 3863 Dunn Rd., Eastover
- Linden Town Hall, 9444 Academy St., Linden
- Stedman Town Hall, 5110 Front St., Stedman
- Wade Town Hall, 7128 Main St., Wade
- Pearce's Mill Fire Department, 168 Dedication Dr., Fayetteville

All unused or expired prescriptions to include pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants and sedatives will be collected at the drop-off points for safe disposal.

Unintentional poisoning is the second-leading cause of injury in North Carolina, according to North Carolina Division of Public Health. Also, the state's death rate from unintentional poisoning is above the national average.

For more information about Operation Medicine Drop, contact Sheriff's Lt. Robert Dicke at 910-438-4015 or email [rdicke@ccsonc.org](mailto:rdicke@ccsonc.org). For more information and tips about increasing prescription medication safety in your home, go to the North Carolina Department of Insurance Safe Kids website at <http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/safekids/Default.aspx>.