



## Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

# Media Advisory

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### Operation Medicine Drop March 23 & 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to clean out your medicine cabinets and safely dispose of unused, unwanted and expired prescription and over-the-counter medication. The Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Safe Kids North Carolina coalition, will participate in Operation Medicine Drop 2016, which is held in observance of National Poison Prevention Week March 20-26.

Sheriff's deputies will set up medication drop-off points at the following locations from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 23, and Saturday, March 26:**

- Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 131 Dick St., Fayetteville
- Eastover Fire Department, 3405 Dunn Road, Eastover
- Fuller Community Resource Center, 314 Jasper St., Fayetteville
- Wade Town Hall, 7128 Main St., Wade (**March 23 only**)
- Wade Fire Department, 7130 Powell St., Wade (**March 26 only**)
- Pearce's Mill Fire Department, 168 Dedication Dr., Fayetteville
- Westarea Fire Department, 6989 Ramsey St., Fayetteville
- Stedman Fire Dept., 7595 Clinton Rd., Stedman

Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings, drug abuse, misuse, illegal distribution and environmental contamination. All unused or expired prescriptions, including 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 the N.C. 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. Shawna Leake at 910-438-4015 or email [sleake@ccsonc.org](mailto:sleake@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>.

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