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PRESS RELEASE

Downey Police Collect over 440 Pounds of Prescription Drugs at Take-Back Event

Downey, CA, October 26, 2016: On Saturday, October 22nd, 2016, the Downey Police Department and members of the Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) participated in the *National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative*. As a result, community members disposed of over 443 pounds of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. All of the collected items were turned over to the D.E.A for disposal.

This initiative addresses vital public safety and health issues. According to a national survey on drug use and health, rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high. More Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than those who abuse cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined. Studies show the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends.

For more information regarding proper methods of disposing your medicine, please visit the D.E.A.'s Diversion Control Website at <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>.

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