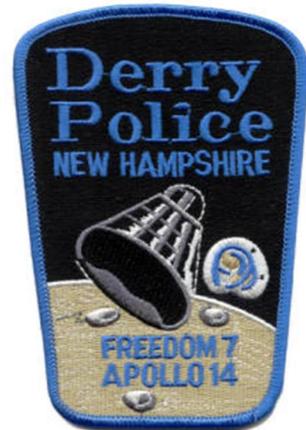


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PRESS RELEASE

DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The Derry Police are taking back unwanted prescription drugs on Saturday September 27, 2014 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Derry Police Department parking lot, on Municipal Drive.

Derry, NH – On September 27, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Derry Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Derry Police Department parking lot, on Municipal Drive. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that linger in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Contact person for the event Officer Daniel Komenda 603-432-6111