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County Police Participating in October 27 National Take Back Initiative

PITTSBURGH – Superintendent Coleman McDonough announced today that the Allegheny County Police Department will once again participate in the Drug Enforcement Agency’s National Take-Back Initiative on Saturday, October 27, 2018. This is the agency’s 16th annual event focused on offering an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

“Prescription drugs, and particularly opioids, remain a gateway to addiction,” said Superintendent Coleman McDonough. “Most abusers of medicines get the drugs from a friend or relative, often without their knowledge – simply by opening up a medicine cabinet or taking a pill bottle that’s sitting out. The drug take back program is one of the best ways to remove temptation in your home.”

The collection will be on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at three separate collection sites:

North Park Police Station	700 West Ridge Drive, McCandless
South Park Police Station	1801 Brownsville Road, South Park
Wilmerding Police Substation	315 Station Street, Wilmerding

Any over the counter, controlled substance or prescription-required drugs can be submitted. Tablets, capsules, ointments, creams and liquids will be accepted in its packaging. There is no need to take medicines out of the original package or container. Sharpies and syringes will not be accepted due to safety reasons. The event is absolutely anonymous, and no questions, or requests for identification, will be made by law enforcement personnel to anyone submitting medications. Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection boxes.

The April event included 4,683 agencies participating from across the country. Nationwide, 949,046 pounds of unwanted medicines were collected at over 5,842 collection sites.

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