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NEWS RELEASE

Drop off prescription drugs, food donations Oct. 23 for Drug Take Back Day

Durango, CO: Do you have unused or expired prescription medications? Dispose of them safely during Drug Take Back Day, hosted by the Durango Police Department, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Police Substation, 545 Wilson Gulch Drive in Three Springs.

Participants are also encouraged to bring food donations for Manna Soup Kitchen. Useful items include canned goods (fruits, vegetables, meats and meals) and packaged meals (ramen, pasta, oatmeal, cereal, granola, etc). Personal hygiene products are also very helpful!

The police department will adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations to maintain the safety of participants and police department employees. Please remain in your vehicle and hand medications to employees. Wear a face mask when pulling up to hand off medications.

Studies indicate most of the prescription drugs that are abused come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, so clearing out unused medicine is essential.

Tablets, capsules, patches and other solid forms of prescription drugs will be accepted during Drug Take Back Day. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

At its last Take Back Day in April, the Durango Police Department collected close to 120 pounds of unwanted medications, which was a record amount of expired, unwanted and unused prescription medications.

Helping people dispose of potentially harmful prescription drugs is just one way DEA is working to reduce addiction and stem overdose deaths. Learn more at deatakeback.com or call 800-882-9539.

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