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Community Relations

PRESS RELEASE

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Do you have old or unused medication that you would like to dispose of but you don't know where to take it? If so, you won't want to miss the next installment of the Pharmaceutical Take Back Program, "Operation Medicine Cabinet" offered to you by The Lee County Sheriff's Office and its partnering agency, Abby Services.

Plan to drop off your old or unused prescription, needles and over the counter medications for proper disposal at one of the following five locations from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each day:

- 1). Monday, October 3rd at the Area Agency on Aging located in Merchants Crossing at 15201 N. Cleveland Avenue, N. Fort Myers, FL 33903
- 2). Tuesday, October 4th at the Winn Dixie located at 1145 Homestead Road North, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
- 3). Wednesday, October 5th at the Tanger Outlet Mall located at 20350 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers, FL 33908
- 4). Thursday, October 6th at the Hollywood Theater, Coconut Pointe Mall located at 8021 Cinema Way, Estero, FL 33928

The final drop off date will be Saturday, October 8th from 10am-2pm and will culminate in one LARGE event held at the Lee County School Board Office located at 2855 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966. On hand at this exciting family event will be many displays and vendors including the Lee County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit, K-9 Unit, Abby Services, the Mobile Mammogram Bus, the Lee Memorial Blood Mobile, Drug Free Coalition of SW Florida, Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership, Delta Family Counseling, Insurance Center, Inc, Ask-A-Lawyer, McGruff the Crime Dog, Secure Shredding, CarFit, Child Fingerprinting and much, much more.

Prescription drug abuse can not be taken lightly. Every day in the United States approximately 2,500 youths between the ages of 12 and 17 will abuse prescription drugs for the very first time. Operation Medicine Cabinet not only provides a way for you to dispose of your medications without posing a danger to the environment, but also helps to keep these drugs falling into the wrong hands.

In the first 4 months of 2011, the Lee County Sheriff's Office hosted a series Operation Medicine Cabinet events which have resulted in the collection of over 417,000 pills, 2,600 liquids, 600 creams, 33,000 syringes, 3,200 patches, 1,200 inhalers and 100 powders; these included prescription and over the counter medications. There is no cost to turn in your medications and all participants will remain anonymous. Please, take the time to clean out your medicine cabinet - it just might save a life!