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Harrisonburg Police Department to Participate in Annual DEA Drug Takeback Day

HARRISONBURG, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), in coordination with community partners Faces 4 Change and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board, is set to participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering the Harrisonburg community a safe, convenient, and anonymous way to dispose of unneeded prescription medications.

HPD Officers will have collection boxes available in the parking lot of Valley Mall, located at 1925 E Market Street in Harrisonburg. Take Back Day aims to reduce the risk of prescription drug misuse by helping Americans safely remove expired, unwanted, or unused medications from their homes, medications that might otherwise be misused.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, opioids such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, and morphine are among the most frequently misused prescription pain medications.

Since 2010, Take Back Day has provided Americans with an easy, accessible way to rid their homes of medications that could pose a threat if misused, resulting in a staggering 20 million pounds of unused medications collected to date. HPD will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should be securely sealed in their original container.

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