



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

News Release

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OPERATION MEDICINE DROP 2014

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with North Carolina Safe Kids, will participate in Operation Medicine Drop 2014.

In an effort to prevent accidental poisonings and abuse, Sheriff's Deputies will join law enforcement agencies across the state in "Operation Medicine Drop." This campaign is designed to prevent the abuse of prescription drugs among teenagers.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by designated checkpoints in the county and drop off unwanted prescription drugs. On Thursday, March 19, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. deputies will be stationed at the following locations:

Cumberland County Law Enforcement Center, 131 Dick Street, Gray's Creek Fire Station No. 24, 2661 Sand Hill Road, Eastover Town Hall, 3863 Dunn, Road, Eastover, Falcon Town Hall, 7156 West Street, Falcon, Stedman Town Hall, 5110 Front Street, Stedman and Wade Town Hall, 7128 Main Street, Wade.

All medications, to include pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants and sedatives will be collected at the designated drop off points and disposed of.

In recent years there has been a growing threat from illegal and controlled substances resulting in deadly consequences. Fatal drug overdoses are now the second leading cause of death. In the U.S. prescription drugs have become the second most abused drug behind marijuana. There are signs that teens view prescription drugs as safer than illegal drugs and parents are unaware of the problem. In addition, one third of teenagers who use prescription drugs without proper authorization, get the drugs in their own home and another third from friends who get them from their home.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to protect our teens during "Operation Medicine Drop."