



# East Hartford Police Department Press Release

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**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day: October 26th, 2013 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**Location: Public Safety Building 31 School St, East Hartford, CT**

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex, located at 31 School St. Locally, this event is being sponsored by the East Hartford Police, Fire and Health Departments. The program offers citizens the opportunity to safely discard unwanted, unused prescription drugs that have accumulated in their households.

Residents are advised that the collection program is limited to prescription medications, pills, capsules and caplets. Items which cannot be collected include: I.V. bags, sharps (anything with a needle or lance), Epi-pens, patches, gels, medications in tubes and liquids.

When the national results of the three prior Take-Back Days are combined, the DEA and its state, local and tribal law enforcement and community partners have removed 995,185 pounds (498.5 tons) of medication from circulation in the past 13 months.

“These events dramatically reduce the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse, sickness and hospitalizations attributable to inappropriate or outdated medication consumption and environmental damage including groundwater contamination and non-point watercourse pollution,” Mayor Marcia Leclerc said. “Medication disposal is a major public health and safety concern.”

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