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**Governor McDonnell Encourages Virginians
to Participate in First-Ever National Take-
Back Day on September 25th**

*Local Communities to Provide Safe Collection and Disposal of
Unused, Unwanted or Expired Medications*

RICHMOND – Governor Bob McDonnell today announced Virginia’s participation in the first-ever U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Take-Back Day, a program in which communities will provide collection sites to allow citizens to safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired medications, to help prevent prescription drug abuse. National Take-Back Day will be held on Saturday, September 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in more than 75 communities across the Commonwealth. More information about National Take-Back Day and a list of medication drop off sites in the Commonwealth is available online at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/takeback/index.html or www.dea.gov.

The DEA is coordinating this one-day effort with the assistance of Virginia’s Secretary of Public Safety, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia State Police, and local law enforcement agencies.

The Virginia Department of Health Professions, which houses the Virginia Prescription Monitoring Program, is spreading the word about National Take-Back Day

with Virginia’s healthcare professionals, agencies, and members of the General Assembly.

Speaking about National Take-Back Day, Governor McDonnell commented, “Drug abuse is directly related to increased crime rates, overdose deaths and emergency room visits. In Virginia, drug deaths are comparable to the number of traffic fatalities each year. We want to change the equation by taking preventative steps, including encouraging Virginians to get rid of old medications. People should not hold on to expired or unused medications, particularly in homes with children, teens and seniors which are especially vulnerable to this danger.”

Important information about National Take-Back Day:

- The program is anonymous and free
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications are accepted
- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and needles will not be accepted
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative
- Medications may be kept in original containers for disposal on National Take-Back Day

Public health officials and environmental quality experts recommend the following action steps for the ongoing disposal of medications:

- Participate in community and national pharmaceutical take back programs
- Remove unused, unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs from their original container and mix with an undesirable substance such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter then place in nondescript sealable bags or containers such as empty cans or sealable bags for disposal

Public health officials now call prescription drug abuse an epidemic. It is the number 2 category of substance abuse, behind marijuana abuse which is number 1.

Collection Sites in Virginia:

Participating Law Enforcement Agency	
Alexandria Police	Northern Virginia Locations Alexandria Public Safety Center 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria 22314

	<p>Potomac Mills Mall – Main Entrance</p> <p>2700 Potomac Mills Cir., Dale city 22193</p>
Purcellville Police	<p>Purcellville Town Hall</p> <p>130 E. Main Street, Purcellville 20132</p>
Vienna Police	<p>Vienna Police Department</p> <p>215 Center Street South, Vienna 22180</p>
Virginia State Police	<p>Virginia State Police Division HQ</p> <p>9801 Braddock Rd., Fairfax 22032</p>
Fredericksburg Police	<p>Fredericksburg Fire Dept.</p> <p>101 Altoona Dr., Fredericksburg 22401</p> <p>Fredericksburg Fire Dept.</p> <p>601 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg 22401</p> <p>Fredericksburg Police Dept.</p> <p>2200 Cowan Blvd, Fredericksburg 22401</p>
King George County Sheriff's Office	<p>King George County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>9483 Kings Hwy, King George 22485</p>
Stafford County Sheriff's Office	<p>Stafford Hospital Center</p> <p>101 Hospital Blvd, Stafford 22555</p>
Orange Police	<p>Town of Orange Police Department</p> <p>249 Blue Ridge Dr., Orange 22960</p>

Virginia State Police	Virginia State Police Division HQ 15148 State Police Rd, Culpeper 23701
Winchester Sheriff's Office Frederick County Sheriff's Office	Joint Judicial Center 5 N. Kent St., Winchester 22601 Winchester Elks Lodge 466 Front Royal Pike, Winchester 22602
Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office	Shenandoah County Governmental Building 600 N. Main St., Woodstock 22664
Participating Law Enforcement Agency	Metro- Richmond Locations
Ashland Police	Ashland Police Headquarters 601 England St, Ashland 23005
Goochland County Sheriff's Office	Goochland Company 3 Firehouse 52 Broad Street Rd, Manakin Sabot 23103 Goochland Company 5 Firehouse 2710 Fairgrounds Rd, Goochland 23063 Goochland Company 6 Firehouse 4746 Broad Street Rd, Hadensville 23067
Hanover County Sheriff's Office	Mechanicsville Transfer Station

	7427 Verdi Lane, Mechanicsville 23111
Henrico County Police	Henrico Fair Oaks Subdivision (FOS) 561 E. Park Court, Sandston 23150 Henrico Co. Public Safety Bldg 7721 E. Parham Rd, Henrico 23294
Virginia State Police Division HQ	9300 Brook Road, Glen Allen 23060
New Kent Sheriff's Office	New Kent Sheriff's Office 11995 Courthouse Circle, New Kent 23124
Richmond City Police	Social Services Office 25 th & M Street, Richmond 23223 Social Services Center at Southside Plaza 4100 Hull St, Richmond 23224
Virginia State Police	Virginia State Police Division HQ 9300 Brook Road, Glen Allen 23060
Participating Law Enforcement Agency	Tri-Cities Region
Colonial Heights Police	Child Safety Seat/VIN Etching Event 1869 Southpark Blvd, Colonial Heights 23834
Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office	Eastside Community Enhancement Center

	7301 Boydton Plank Rd, Petersburg 23803
Hopewell Police	Hopewell Police Department 300 N. Main St, Hopewell 23860
Petersburg Police	Petersburg Bureau of Police HQ 37 E. Tabb St., Petersburg 23803
Petersburg Sheriff's Office	Tabernacle Baptist Church – Commtty Life Ctr 444 Halifax St, Petersburg 23803
Prince George County Police	Prince George Co. Government Complex 6600 Courthouse Rd, Prince George 23875
Participating Law Enforcement Agency	Newport News-Tidewater-Hampton Roads
Chesapeake Police	Chesapeake Police 2 nd Precinct 1209 20 th St, Chesapeake 23324 Chesapeake Police 3 rd Precinct 949 N. George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake 23323 Chesapeake Police 4 th Precinct 4764 Station House Western Br, Chesapeake 23321

Virginia State Police Division HQ	1557 S. Military Hwy, Chesapeake 23320
Hampton Police	Hampton Police Department 40 Lincoln St, Hampton 23669
Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office	Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office 17110 Monument Circle, Isle of Wight 23397
James City County Police	James City/Williamsburg Community Center 5301 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg 23188
Newport News Police	Achievable Dream Preparatory School 726 16 th St, Newport News 23607 Newport News Police Headquarters 9710 Jefferson Ave, Newport News 23605 Virgil I. Grissom Library 336 DeShazor Dr, Newport News 23608
Norfolk Police	Norfolk Police Operations Center 3661 E. VA Beach Blvd, Norfolk 23501
Portsmouth Police	Fire Station #3 4001 River Shore Rd, Portsmouth 23703 Portsmouth Crime Prevention Office

	<p>45 Afton Pkwy, Portsmouth 23702</p> <p>Portsmouth Police Department</p> <p>711 Crawford St, Portsmouth 23704</p>
Smithfield Police	<p>Smithfield Police Department</p> <p>1613 S. Church St, Smithfield 23430</p>
Suffolk Police	<p>Walmart Supercenter Pharmacy</p> <p>6259 College Dr, Suffolk 23434</p> <p>Walmart Supercenter Pharmacy</p> <p>1200 N. Main Street, Suffolk 23434</p>
Virginia Beach Police	<p>VA Beach Police Fourth Precinct</p> <p>840 Kempsville Rd, VA Beach 23464</p>
Virginia State Police	<p>Virginia State Police Division Headquarters</p> <p>1557 S. Military Hwy, Chesapeake 233320</p>
Participating Law Enforcement Agency	Central Virginia
Longwood University Police	<p>Brock Commons Lankford Student Union Longwood University</p> <p>201 High St, Farmville 23909</p>
Lynchburg Police	<p>Lynchburg Police Department</p> <p>905 Court St, Lynchburg 24504</p>

Virginia State Police	Virginia State Police Division HQ 240 Third Division Loop, Appomattox 24522
Participating Law Enforcement Agency	Roanoke – New River Valley
Bedford County Sheriff's Office	Bedford County Courthouse 123 E. Main St, Bedford 24523
Blacksburg Police	Blacksburg Community Center 725 Patrick Henry Dr, Blacksburg 24060
Danville Police	Walmart Supercenter 515 Mount Cross Rd, Danville 24541
Henry County Sheriff's Office	Henry County Sheriff's Office 3250 Kings Mount Rd, Martinsville 24112
Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office	Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office 21 N. Main St, Chatham 24531
Radford City Police	Radford Fire Department 1500 Wadsworth St, Radford 24141
Roanoke Police Department	Roanoke Civic Center - Roanoke Police Mobile Command Center 701 Williamson Rd NW, Roanoke 24013
Virginia State Police	Virginia State Police Division HQ 3775 W. Main St, Salem 24153
Participating Law Enforcement Agency	Roanoke – New River Valley

Agency	
Bristol, VA Sheriff's Office	Bristol, VA Courthouse – Parking Lot 497 Cumberland St, Bristol 24201
Dickenson County Sheriff's Office	Clinchco Elementary School 198 Cardinal Lane, Clinchco 24226 Clintwood High School 141 Greenwave Cir, Clintwood 24228 Ervinton Elementary School 195 Ervinton, Nora 24272 Haysi High School 196 Tiger Cir, Haysi 24256
Smyth County Sheriff's Office	Smyth County Sheriff's Office 111 West Court St, Marion 24354
Wythe County Sheriff's Office Virginia State Police	Wythe County Sheriff's Office 245 S. 4 th St, Wytheville 24382 Virginia State Police Division HQ 1186 East Lee Highway, Wytheville 24382

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